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## PROP WASH

A little caution goes a long way

I'm not sure who took this picture, but apparently the rattler was under the table for some time before it was noticed. With weather turning a little cooler, this will occur a lot less. It didn't bother anyone and no one bothered him. It bothers me just seeing the picture.

We are more than likely to be hit from a spinning prop and I would rather take my chances with that than have the coiled friend beneath my feet.



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## Electric Fun Fly

Twenty-nine electric aircraft enjoyed one of the most beautiful days of flying on Saturday, September 16th. I saw three in the sky at once with Consendos making a good showing. There were two jets, Pitts biplane, Radians, Adam's Italian sucker, P-51's, a Timber regular size and a mini one, the Enterprise, Klingon Bird of Prey, a Pulse, an Unlimited II (new to me), a night flyer with lights out, a Sukhoi, a Valiant, a couple T-28s, a P-80 jet, 1 Old Timer (not pilot, almost) P-47, FW 190 and finally a Flying wing. All these aircraft were flown by the eleven pilots enjoying themselves. A couple of dust clouds during landings but no "real" crashes.

We had a wide range of raffle prizes. The first selection was a trike gear set of retracts, followed by a OS 15 powered Dumas Air Boat, a small P-51 stick built, the little foam Apprentice, a short kit Thermal glider, a beautiful balsa Laser cut short kit for a 72 inch Spook old timer, and a 4-channel 2.7 Futaba radio with a receiver.

Thank you Tim and Paul for making "Old Glory" stand in the sunshine and Paul for the picture.

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## Coming Attractions

October 10th Meeting: Officer Nominations

November 11th: Turkey Shoot/Ballon Bust, Contact Paul Ciotti

November 14th Meeting: Elections

December 13th - Christmas Party at the Fandango Casino - George Kohler hosting

January 1, 2024 - Frozen Finger Fun Fly - Gary Fuller hosting

## Night Fun Fly

Some eight pilots enjoyed the clear black void for pursuing their aircraft. My top three planes were Tim's Night Flyer that he received from George, Paul's Bat Plane (I could only see the outline) and third was Richard D's small red, white, and blue high wing. It was good to see the couple from Reno that flew the aircraft with the Saito 4-stroke humming in the dark sky.

Along with the spectators present, one of the must unusual sights in the night sky was when we could see Elon Musk's Starlink satellite train go over in low orbit. (Either that or a night flying stealth aircraft towing a line of balloons behind it. It was quite a sight.) We saw about a dozen phosphorus images in a train, trail across the sky. Elon Musk plans to use these (and a lot more) to offer a link for even rural places worldwide. For more info, search the Space X Starlink website.

I'm looking forward to Richard's third annual night flying next year. Thanks for the excellent photos Tim and Kirk



Ron and pilot Dave showed up with a new aircraft at the Electric Fun Fly. It was the Ultimate II, quite a nice large foamie!

## Interesting Aircraft

The Bleriot 125 was an unusual passenger aircraft when displayed in Paris in 1938. Basically built of a wooden fuselage, it was a high wing design with a twin fuselages. Each fuselage carried six passengers and a toilet and baggage compartment. Interesting point, it had five vertical stabs.

With a wingspan of 96.5 feet and a gross weight of 16,000 pounds, it was not a light weight for its time. It had a maximum speed of 137 mph and a range of 621 miles. No ceiling was indicated.

With a crew of three they carried 12 passengers. One of the pictures I ran across was an RC scale model of this type of aircraft, I wonder how it flew.



## Float Flying

As the last days of September have slipped by, we really enjoyed these days before the official days of float flying off Washoe comes to an end on September 28. Some nine flyers enjoyed some of the greatest flying weather. Little to no wind, bright sunshine, and lots of planes to watch.

In addition to the regular gang, it was good to see David V and his Tidewater as we watched John L hover his helicopter, hoping he would soon have a larger helicopter as a recovery vehicle. The good weather seemed to bring out the twins from the little Twin Otter, the Goose, the Albatross and the Twin Timber. The sound of twin props off the water was a happy time.



We might soon be replacing floats with wheels or Heaven Forbid, skis before you know it.

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## SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Hello Everyone,

Hope you all have been having a fun flying season. Not much to report although we did have one gentleman that thought it was ok to fly south of the runway.

After a little coaching he understood our requirement (and that it is safest) is to fly north of the centerline on the runway. If there is any question about our safety rules they can be found on the website at [www.hsrcc.com](http://www.hsrcc.com)

Thanks

Larry Raley, HSRCC Safety Officer

## FIELD MARSHALL REPORT

Last month I reported that we would need to make a few minor runway repairs, the shade structure needs re-painting and the car track needs work. Since then a few cracks collapsed on the far side of the runway. We quickly filled in the cracks with asphalt and applied sealer over the patch which worked very well. We will need to fill and seal some additional cracks later this month.



The shade structure has been re-painted with premium paint as well as all the tables under the structure. The tables were not part of the original price quote but they did them anyway and left us the extra paint that we can use to paint the 2 wooden tables at the flight line and the big wooden sign in front of the clubhouse (volunteers please). I think the painters did an excel-

lent job and I would recommend them for any future painting needs.

Regarding the car track, we purchased a roll of drainage tubing the same as what's used to outline the track so we can replace any damaged tubing. Tim has already started the project and I'd like to ask him if any volunteers are needed.

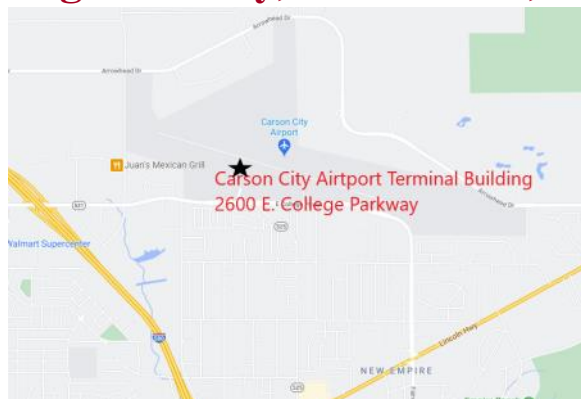
Last I would like to mention that the road to the train station has been resurfaced which will make our drive to the field a much smoother one. A few club members had asked when our part of the road would be done. The answer is our road is a separate road from the V&T road and not part of their resurfacing project. And to be clear, our road is a side road off the V&T road. Traffic to and from the train station has the right-of-way.

Paul Ciotti, HSRCC Field Marshall

## CLUB MEETINGS

If you are a new, old, or prospective club member please join us for our monthly meetings. We try to hold them the second Tuesday of the month in the evenings.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 6:30 pm**



I want to especially thank David Vandenberg for assisting me with the HSRCC Newsletter. He is my "right hand" man and does most of the layout, second proofreader, and computer assistance. Thanks a bunch Dave!