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## PROP WASH

### Biplane Fun Fly

Eleven biplanes showed up for the Biplane Fun Fly on Saturday, July 29. I saw three biplanes in the air once although biplanes flew most of the day. The weather was spot on for flying. Guy flew his beautiful Silver Tiger Month with a 4-stroke he got from the Holman estate, I am prejudiced about Tim's Andrews Aeromaster, David B flew a splendid Navy Stearman, and I and enjoyed watching George fly the Wolfe Samson out of Past President's Tom Howell airplane group.

Don had Past President Louis Scheel's P6E for sale and a couple of display aircraft as I didn't see him fly. Many of us enjoyed Mrs. Panter's home baked Snickerdoodle and Peanutbutter cookies. Thanks George for taking this on.



Pilots and Planes

## Lake Lahontan Fun Fly

After meeting Paul and Tim at the Silver Springs Junction, Paul led us toward Fernley before we turned onto a dirt road up over the hill toward the flying sight. We came down the back side of the hill along a dirt and rock road to the parking area. It wasn't much of a parking area as the trailers fill most of it up. I managed to park facing up a sandy hill so as to not get stuck in the sand when I wanted to leave.



The actual beach was about thirty yards down a sandy road(?) or track where the pop ups were situated. There were about seven pop ups right along the narrow beach. HSRCC member Adam Kremers was there and was kind enough to let us squatters have a place to sit among his aircraft, and with Paul's planes it worked out alright. Thanks Adam.

I didn't count, but the best I could guess there were about fifteen pilots and some twenty or so aircraft. I expected to see some new planes, but with the majority being electric foamies, I spotted a quarter scale Cub belonging to Past President Ray English beside the two big ones we saw at Washoe Lake the guys from Fernley brought out a couple of times. New Waterdog Richard Verano flew his TurboTimber and Ray's Cub a number of times. Paul and Adam had some good flights.



There take off area was approximately fifty feet wide if you went straight out to the lake or flew to the right and lifted off before the trees about a hundred yards away. Landing was another story. On the left side of the beach was a scattering of bushes with a small clump on trees on the a peninsula, but there was a gap you could try for. Landing farther out seemed to be the way to go. The recovery boat (jet ski) did a yeoman's job recovering disabled aircraft. I was there some two and a half hours and saw six or seven crashes.

It left me with a real strong impression that we should be very thankful with what we have at Washoe Lake.

A special thank you goes out to our friends from Fernley and their help. Thank you John Johnson.



John Johnson, Host



Recovery Vessel

Flight Line, Floats



Lake Lahontan + tree





## Interesting Aircraft

The Convair B-58 Hustler was a high speed strategic bomber capable of Mach 2 flight. It incorporated a 60 degree delta wing and was powered by four GE J79 engines. Armament consisted of a single 20 mm rotary cannon with 1200 rounds. It had no bomb bay but carried nuclear devices in a pod under the fuselage.

The B-58 first flew on November 11, 1956. 116 were built. The crew consisted of a pilot, radar navigator, and a defense systems operator. The aircraft was retired from service on January 31, 1970.

It was not an easy aircraft to fly. Because of the 60 degree delta wing, it needed a 14 degree angle of attack to take off with a speed of 234.2 mph. It also had "fuel stacking" problems. This was fuel sloshing forward and backward when accelerating and decelerating causing the CG to shift. This could cause the B-58 to abruptly pitch up or bank resulting in loss of control.



Convair B-58 Hustler

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## An Interview with Hoot Gibson

Vince Euse shared this video of an interview with Hoot Gibson (air racer/astronaut) regarding the Galloping Ghost crash at Reno. He also talks about safety as a Space Shuttle Commander. Worth your time to watch the entire video. <https://youtu.be/9l6RY4yuCQ4> (you may have to copy this into your address bar)

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## A thought....

We must learn to honor excellence, indeed demand it, in every socially accepted human activity, however humble the activity, and to scorn shoddiness however exalted the activity. An excellence plumber is infinitely more admirable than a incompetent philosopher, and the society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because philosophy is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbers nor good philosophers, and neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water. John Gardner

## Happenings

August 26th Electric Fun Fly, Contact Gary Fuller  
September 9 Night Flying, Contact Richard Dugmore

## SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

No Accidents, or injuries to report ! Good job everyone for keeping it safe.  
See you all at the field.

Larry Raley, HSRCC Safety Officer

## FIELD MARSHALL REPORT

We have a number of significant projects slated for this season.

#1. The cracks that were previously in the runway have reappeared (as expected). The slurry coat was a worthwhile addition to the maintenance of the runway but certainly not a long term fix. We will need to apply cold patch asphalt sealer later this season. I've priced 5 gallon buckets of sealer at Home Depot at about \$40 and estimate we would need about 4 buckets.

#2. The shade structure needs repainting and after getting a few estimates from local pros it is scheduled to be done early September using the best quality paint for \$3,000 but a recent development with the painter's proposal and some unanswered questions may lead to a change in the schedule. Once we finalize the agreement the club will be notified. When the work begins we will not be closing the field for flying but we will not be able to use the shade structure so you might need to bring your own shade and you will not be able to park near the shade structure.

#3. Although most of us don't use the car track, it is part of our park and we are responsible for it. To tidy it up all we need to do is re-attach the black tubing. Most of it is reusable and just needs to be repositioned and fill in the gaps with new tubing. A 100' roll should be more than enough and costs \$120 at the Depot.

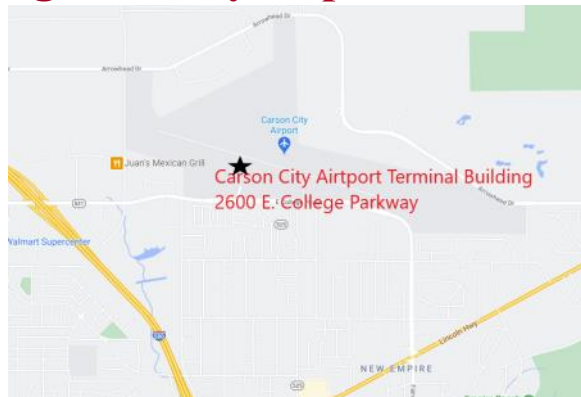
#4. A little bee called Miner Bees have invaded the park. These bees can chew through rock and asphalt and are undermining the entire runway. I was able to consult an exterminator friend and purchase some professional insecticide from him and treat the entire area. Most of them are gone and once we fix the runway cracks, that should keep the bees from coming back.

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, September 12, 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!