



June 1, 2024

Your Board Members and Officers

President: George Kohler
 Vice President: James Consiglio
 Treasurer: Tim Ahl
 Secretary: Dave Vandenberg
 Safety Officer: Alan Clark
 Field Marshall: Paul Ciotti
 Newsletter Editor: Gary Fuller
 Web Master: Dan Etcheto

PROP WASH

Roll Out/Fun Fly

If you weren't able to visit the Roll Out/ Fun Fly we had on April 20th at the Pony Express Air Park, then you really missed something. Paul and his crew including Tim, Steve P, TJ, and Vince 1, hope I didn't miss anyone, got the job done. There were well over 50 aircraft including, jets, biplanes, gliders, warbirds, multiple motors aircraft, and even drones. They ranged in size from a miniature WW I Albatross to a giant Jet with a seven foot fuselage.

The weather started out a little cool with the sun playing hide and seek only to brighten the day as we closed on noon, enjoying hot dogs and chili. Three aircraft were special to me and included Ed Putnam's BAE 146 commercial four engine jet with ducted fans (2) with the audio of an actual tower recording of a "live" runway taxi approach for clearance. I remember that plane from about a couple of years back and it looked just as good now as it did then.

Then there was Ernie's framed up Sig's Smith Mini Plane that he was completing. Craftmanship was in full flower on this effort. If you feel that big is better, then you should have witnessed Bob Heitkamp's big Futura jet that seemed like it was the size of my Subaru.

A special thanks goes to Ray Brindos for bringing his turbine jet and firing it up to taxi for us. They have their own sound, thanks Ray. And last but not least are my friends that take and send me pictures for the Newsletters. They make up a lot of "thousand words.."



About half of the planes for Roll Out 2024



← Cris had his big glider out

Gary's Aerosport "Killer Bee" →





Besides his glider Cris brought a P51



Lots of planes and cars



Ray Brindos' "Strega"



Ray Brindos talking with Bob Heitkamp and Roger Collins next to Ray's L-39

Dean Church Memorial

Family and friends gathered at the Pony Express Airpark on Saturday May 11th to honor the passing of club member Dean Church with a Celebration of Life. A memorial with photos was setup on one table where family shared memories. Two of his airplanes were flown during the gathering in honor of Dean's passing.

Many of Dean's relatives came from Oregon where he graduated from high school in 1954 and then going on to Oregon State University. The table held quite a bit of aviation memorabilia including a few solid models. Those of us who got some of his RC models will be flying them for some time to come.

Coming Events

- June 15 - Family Picnic & Fun Fly
- June 21 - Celebration of Life, Bob Sullivan, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 5:30pm
- July 27 - Biplane Fun Fly

Swap Meet



"It is a naked model, framed up, no covering."

Interesting Aircraft

The new Lanier Paraplane in 1935 was a fixed gear high wing commuter aircraft manufactured by the Lanier Aircraft Company with a reported speed of 165 mph using an Aeronca airplane Lycoming engine 150 hp. The idea was to develop a STOL aircraft through anti-stall, anti-lateral slip-off, anti-spin, and anti-slid during turns. It was referred as "bird like" maneuverability at slow speeds. Normal take-off and landing speed was 30 mph.

The idea was to adopt the vacuum principle for inherent stability, especially at stalling conditions. Low speed was achieved by placing an open concave (vacuum cell) in the center section of the aircraft most often blending into the fuselage. Later on these were moved to the leading edge of the wings.

The Paraplane had a wingspan of 20 feet 7 inches, length of 21 feet, useful load of 500 pounds, achieving a ceiling of 23,000 feet. Five Lanier Paraplanes were built.



Walter van Tilborg Collection

1000aircraftphotos.com



Washoe Waterdogs

Mother Nature welcomed 8 flyers to her beach (all two feet) for a day of float flying. All of us had multiple flights and we finally called it a day and headed home. No crashes or recoveries so everyone was smiling. People at the Pony Express Airpark complained it was too windy but look at the lake!



Rich E joined us with his Cub, a nice way to start the season

SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Fellow members. I enjoyed the swap meet and was fortunate to pick up a blue Corsair electric plane. I learned several things from this experience. Swap meets are a great thing and if you buy a blue plane you will have a hard time seeing it against a blue sky. This was my first low wing plane and it flew (note the past tense here) differently than my trainer. This resulted in a hard landing up on the hill in the sagebrush. Those present referred to it as a crash (I prefer hard landing).



Picture of the hard landing results

My first walk of shame and I am proud to have that monkey off my back. No worries on my part. Fellow pilots present explained to me I took on a little too much. I will be back! Before I left, Paul Ciotti sold me another plane (high wing) and I parted out the Corsair for a future project to be named later.

Happy to report no incidents or warnings since my last report. Be safe and have fun. Alan Clark, HSRCC Safety Officer

FIELD MARSHALL REPORT

We will need to have a work party sometime in the next 2 weeks. We could use 4 or 5 volunteers to help fill and seal the runway cracks that I didn't have time to do last fall. The clubhouse roof also needs sealing. I'd like to get this done before it gets too hot.

You may have noticed quite a few dog poops around the park and it appears that some irresponsible dog owners may have been using the airpark as a dog park. My security camera notified me of some human activity on a very windy evening last week. What I saw was 2 people in the park with 2 dogs off leash leaving. I was at the field in the evening last Thursday and Friday when I saw the same 2 people drive up to the gate but when they saw me they left. What was really disturbing was seeing 2 additional vehicles do the same thing. One couple even got out with their dogs, realize I was there and drove away. I haven't seen anyone since so I hope the problem took care of itself.

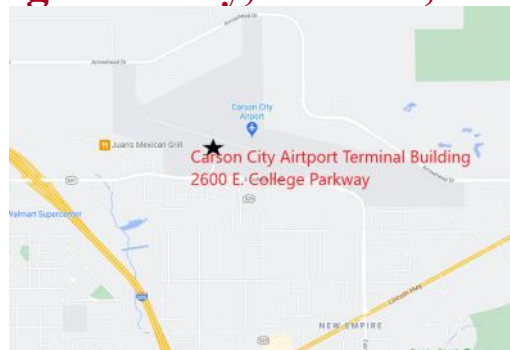
A concern was raised that those using the Airpark should not park perpendicular to the tables at the shade structure but directly in front of the table they intend to use. Pulling straight in will help to provide the most room for others. If you are not flying, park elsewhere.

Paul Ciotti, HSRCC Field Marshall

CLUB MEETINGS

If you are a new, old, or a 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, June 11, 2024, 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!