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PROP WASH

Frozen Finger Fun Fly

This years FFFF was a complete surprise to me, it might be the biggest one yet. When I opened the gate at the field at 7:45 AM there was a breeze blowing but nothing you couldn't handle. The first flight of the year goes to Alan Clark, our new Field Marshall, with his Aero Scout. He was soon followed by the Aero Scout and Kingfisher squadrons with a Consendo or Timber slipped in there for variety. As you can see from the group picture, there was an ominous cloud lurking above the field, this is never a good sign. The wind kept increasing and flyers kept flying. We only had two minor incidents, both on the field, which will recover to fly again.

My surprises kept coming as more flyers kept showing up, around thirty flyers or so with different aircraft from Paul's Simitar to Dennis Lampson's 110 inch Sig Rascal from Gardnerville. Dennis showed us how to fly in gusty wind. The twin 4-stroke pulled it around like no bodies' business. Hovering, split "S"es, loops, aileron rolls, and real downwind speed. I have never seen a standing ovation upon landing from fellow flyers before at a FFFF. It was only pertinent that Dennis should win the drone drawing also.

Chris Mahoney turned his electric Vanquish loose and the twin 6 volt batteries didn't seem to have any trouble with the vertical maneuvers. Chris flies that plane pretty well. It was a pleasure watching a good pilot fly a good plane in the wind. Another flyer putting his Ultimate biplane through its paces was Jasen Fontana from Kings Beach. Flying a biplane and landing in this kind of wind we had today is no easy job. Great job Jasen.

Those pilots that braved the conditions today made this event make my day, thanks for coming. A lot of folks helped with this event. Tim and Alan helped me put up the flag, Larry took the pictures, and as always Marion Panter supplied those delicious cookies, and Nicky Fuller supplied the HOT Chocolate. Rich E and Alan took down the flag in windy conditions, and flyers locked the gate when they left. Last year we had 18 inches of snow on New Years Day, this year we had wind, wind, wind, so next year it should be sunny and balmy, wanna bet.





Gardnerville field maintenance



Gary and Vonnie



Car parking before it got three rows deep.
Look at the flag



First flyer 2025 Alan Clark

Correction to the last Newsletter !

Rick Taylor won the Buccaneer rather than Kevin Kelley at the Christmas Dinner Party raffle.



Bill V of the Kingfisher squadron

HSRCC 2025 Events Schedule

- (April 3 - Washoe Waterdogs Float Flying Begins)
- April 19 - Spring Roll Out Party – Board
- May 3 - Swap Meet & Fun Fly - Paul Ciotti
- June 14 - Family Picnic & Fun Fly - Board
- July 26 - Biplane Fun Fly - George Kohler
- August 9 – Fossil Fuel Fun Fly - Lance Morrison
- August 23 - Electric Airplane Fun Fly - Gary Fuller
- Sept. 6 - Night Fun Fly - Richard Dugmore
- Sept. 20 - Glider/Old Timer Fun Fly- Don Morse
- October 11 – Mystery Event - JT Consiglio
- Nov. 8 - Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot - Paul Ciotti
- December 6 - Christmas Party – JT Consiglio

Maiden Flight Day

Sunday, December 15 must have been recorded Maiden Flight Day somewhere as three examples showed up at the field. Larry flew his electric Sopwith Biplane and did a good job, This a really nice plane. Next was Alan with his flying wing. Alan had never flown a flying wing and stayed with it until the landing. Nothing was hurt seriously so he made a second flight, now he was an experienced flying wing flyer and greased the landing. Our third pilot was Donn with his new Super Cub. From all reports, he did just fine. Glad it was a successful nice day for all.



Not a bad door prize, Barbara!

Interesting Aircraft

Built in the 1930's for Shell Oil Company to search for oil in Alaska, the Rocheville Arctic Tern, was the "all purpose thing" used in Alaska. Can you imagine sitting in an open cockpit when it was 20 below when you took off. This three seat midwing monoplane amphibian used a Lockheed Sirius wing and a Vegas tail. Two passengers fitted in the pods under the wings.

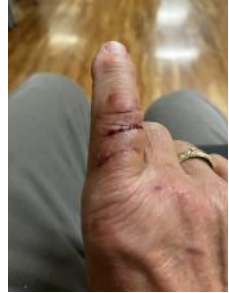
Speed was 117 mph with a range of 652 miles and it had a ceiling of 19,000 feet. Power was supplied by a 450 hp Wasp Junior engine. It was lost in 1933 due to engine fuel starvation.



This would make a different "scale model" should you build one. There was another aircraft named the Arctic Tern, a later aircraft that looked like a Cessna 180. This is the fun one to build. Good Luck!

SAFETY REPORT

We had a propeller incident lately that was with a 4-6" APC propeller on a pusher type flying wing. The flying wing was launched by Club member Tim Ahl. Even though the Aircraft had a launching point, the prop cut the Tim's finger during launch causing a trip to the ER. Safety guidelines for this type of incident would be to not launch the aircraft from the fuselage with the throttle on. Keep body parts as far away from the propeller as possible. Launching planes like this could be considered High Risk, High Hazard situations. The pilot should plan to mitigate a throttle up situation by launching from the wing tip, leading edge or catapult set up. Another somewhat standard technique is to throw it up and out into the air with no throttle and as soon as it leaves your hands, give it full throttle and off it'll go.



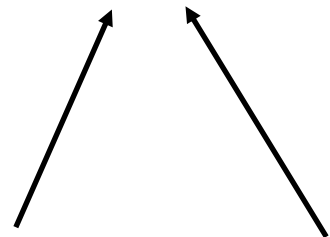
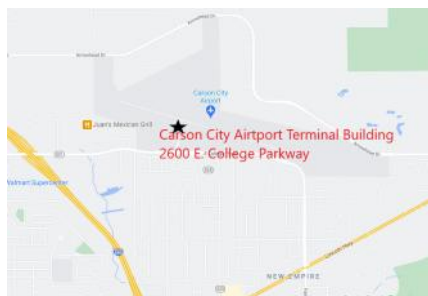
Dues
Please note dues are payable now at \$50 for the year. After January 31, they will be \$75 for the year. Pay online at hsrcc.com or by check to Tim Ahl.

Heads up members , the gate code and website access code will be changing in early February. All Paid up members will be notified at least a week in advance of the gate code change so watch your email for this notification.

CLUB MEETINGS

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 1:00 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!