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At the club's last meeting, it was voted on and approved to cover our monthly events in a new and more streamlined way. The club is now asking those members that have volunteered to host an event, to please take photos or have another member shoot the photos for them, due a write up covering the events activities and along with the event photos email them to Dan Etcheto. (etchetod@gmail.com)

With Gary Fuller retiring from the newsletter editor position after many years of service, we are trying our best to fill the void until we can hopefully find a member who is interested in the position. Graciously for now Dan Etcheto has volunteered to assume the newsletter position, but this will only be for a limited amount of time.



Our club constitution mandates that we must have a monthly newsletter in order to keep our members abreast of all club activity. If there is no one that takes the position by the time Dan steps down, then we will regrettably make an amendment to our constitution resolving the need for a club newsletter editor position.

With that said, our 2026 July Bi-Plane event was a big success and went off without a hitch. The gates were open and the Flag was on display before 8 o'clock. I brought a couple dozen fresh glazed donuts to help us seniors keep our energy up and they didn't

last long. And while it was still cool, Paul was already at work unloading the container and setting things up to make some sales and some sales he did make.

A big THANK YOU to you Paul, for taking on the responsibility of collecting, repairing, organizing and the selling of all the aircraft we have collected over the years. It has made a profound difference in the

club's bank account, which truly helps the club keep its dues at a reasonable rate, allow for repairs and upgrades when needed and provide us with a wonderful Christmas party with raffle prizes each year.

We had 15 total "Bipes" of all sizes, with Gas, Glow and electric power in attendance (there are photos attached for all to see). The Biplane pilots got off to an early start about 7:30 and agreed to share the sky with other aircraft throughout the day. We all knew that the heat was coming!! The weather was actually bearable until around 12:30, then the heat took over and most everyone took off. We had a perfect wind speed coming from the west all day, which made for some perfect landings and a few not so perfect.



A really good thing was, there were no crashes or incidents to report throughout the day, so Donn, our safety officer, had it pretty easy. And, Alan, our field marshal and resident Engineer, made sure no one littered or defaced the field and that the sun shade structure was structurally sound.

I overheard him and Tim talking about a yard stick Bi-plane I believe. (you know how those engineers think) You will see from the photos that there were some really nice planes in attendance. The Boyz from the Reno club came down with their

trailer just stuffed full and proceeded to pull out some heavy iron, which all were of trophy quality. One was a freshly built P-6 WW1 Biplane with the coolest paint scheme on the nose. And as usual, they rode them all hard and put them away wet.

Also in attendance was Brad Amussem representing Fernley's airmen with his nice scale British SE-5 Biplane, what a great little aircraft with very nice detail and graphics. (Shawn, I am looking forward to you getting yours in the air when you are ready).



Our newest and only flying female member, Sherrie Scaffidi, was out to spectate and learn a few things to do and not to do from the old timers. Sherrie, myself and the club truly appreciate the desire and commitment you are showing as a new member and we are waiting to celebrate your first solo.

Well that wraps up my coverage of the July 2026 Bi-Plane event and if you were unable to attend, then I hope you enjoyed the read. I personally want to THANK all of you who did attend and a special THANK YOU to those who dug out your Bipes, blew the dust off (not you Adam, I saw the red WACO) and got them in the air. Without all of you, this event would not exist.

And last, but not least, a big THANK YOU to you members who pitched in and helped with the event, especially you Tim, who as always, are one of the last men standing when the dust has settled. Until next year, keep your wings level and if you have a plane you really, really, really love...buy two!!!

— George Kohler





To those who knew him, Gary informed me that Bob Jones passed away. Blue skies Bob.

Next Event: Aug 8th Fossil Fuel Fun Fly

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, 2600 College Parkway. We try to hold them the second Tuesday of the month in the evenings.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2025, 6:30 pm

