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PROP WASH

Meet Donn Thane HSRCC Safety Officer and Training Coordinator

During my teen years, friends and I were into control line flying planes starting with the rubber band assembled p-19 with a cox 0.49. Went through many rubber bands before really getting the control line flying mastered. We graduated to a flying wing a friend had and put many laps with the 30" wing powered by a McCoy 19. I put aside the planes for college and family for many years and finally got back into RC planes 10 years ago. I flew park fliers at local baseball and soccer fields, mainly small 15-30" park flier planes. I expanded my plane collection to an original GWS Slow Stick. I also added a Radian to the plane collection which we flew at a wildlife sanctuary east of Beal Air Force Base.

Starting at the Point Express flying field last year was my first experience with a paved runway and open space with no trees to worry about. A learning curve that has been a challenge. I also have had fun flying at the dry lake beds east of Dayton. My flying horizon has greatly expanded since I moved to Nevada.

Swap Meet and Fun Fly

In case you missed the swap meet hosted by Paul on the 10th of May, it was really something. It was by far the biggest event we have had at the Pony Express Airpark in my over 25 years as a member. Our parking was full on occasion and all the tables were full, sellers had a pickups and trailers parked at the South end of the shades, cars, pickups and trailers were parked beyond the Clubhouse in line with sunshades while cars filled in Northeast of the sunshades. Paul set out a number of tables in front of the Clubhouse full of airplanes, speedboats, sailboats, even a car or two, plus parts for anything. There was something for everyone.

Paul shared these details at the May 13th Club Meeting: HSRCC acquired 2 estates in time for resale at our 2025 Swap Meet and Fun Fly Event. The first giant estate was from past member Guy Leight. The estate included 36 planes, 3 sailboats, 1 speedboat, 1 quadcopter, 10 radios, 1 bin of propellers, 3 lg bins of parts, 2 toolboxes with tools, 6 glow engines, 2 large bins of plane wheels and 1 large box of covering. The second estate from Justin Scheller included 8 planes, 2 radios and 1 large bin of hardware. Proceeds from the Swap Meet are not complete as there are still many items for sale. The featured flyers were the Qualy brothers that flew the Folker Drl tri-plane.



For a video by Dan Etcheto click:
<https://youtu.be/Xn8HHNOEKS4>

Swap meet continued...

President George Kohler had these comments: *"Wow, what a turnout we had today. That's the largest Swap meet I've ever seen since I've been in the club, and a lot of really good planes and accessories exchanged hands. I want to thank all of you officers who had a hand in making this thing a success. From picking up all the merchandise, unloading it, and organizing it for the sale, and then the clean up afterwards, you guys really showed your loyalty to not only the event, but most of all to the club and its membership. Without this kind of participation, these events just wouldn't happen as there's very few members who offer their time and labor to get things done as we all know. And Paul, you are the man!! Everything went off without a hitch, and that wad of money you showed me early in the morning obviously proved you know how to wheel and deal to move merchandise. Again, thanks guys for making the swap meet a true success."*

Treasurer Tim Ahl had this to say: *"It turned out really well. And a big thanks to Paul for all his effort. Very happy that the winds didn't hit gale force before we were done."*

Rollout Party and Fun Fly



Tim, Donn and
Alan Kabitzing



Rich E's Grumman
Wildcat



Conga Line



Is that a Commander
and a Saber?



Cars Galore



Wes has his hands full!



The wind hasn't come up yet.

Interesting Aircraft

It is so interesting where you find interesting aircraft, this one comes from AVIATION WEEK & SPACE TECHNOLOGY 7/20/25. U.S. startup Poseidon Aerospace has emerged from stealth mode with plans to develop a family of wing-in-ground-effect (WIG) seaglidors for uncrewed cargo missions.

Founded in January 2023 and based in the San Francisco Bay Area, Poseidon plans to develop a demonstrator with a span of 13 feet and a 45 pound pay load cargo drone as a demonstrator and follow up with a full scale 50 foot span 2 ton payload autonomous seaglider for cargo missions between islands and coastal cities.

Flying within a wingspan above the water, a WIG vehicle experiences a significantly increase in aerodynamic efficiency, as flying close to a surface changes the pressure distribution around a wing, increasing the lift component and reducing the drag component, therefore improving the lift-to-drag-ratio.

Poseidon's first product, the 13 foot Seagull cargo drone, was designed to fly at 10-15 foot altitude, while the 50 foot Heron would fly 30-50 feet. The electric powered Seagull was designed to fly 120 miles; a pair of diesel engines gave the full size Heron a range of 1,500 miles. The startup plans to deliver its first Seagull to a customer from Greece, as soon as this summer. They have over 200 islands that are populated.



The 13-ft.-span, electric-powered Seagull subscale model has conducted flight tests.



The 50-ft.-span full-scale Heron is planned to service coastal and interisland routes.

Washoe Waterdog Happening

It was a spur of the moment when things began to happen. Washoe Lake was beautiful, and we were windless happy. One float plane took off and then another. No big deal. Flying basically a counter clockwise circular pattern, a few more joined in. Low and behold, we had six float planes in the pattern at once. From my perspective, we unofficially officially broke the record for float planes flying over Washoe Lake at one time.

From a group of some twelve flyers or so, a set of circumstances began to form up. Dave V - Beaver, Rich E - Super Cub, Rich D - Beaver, Adam - Beaver, George - Kingfisher, and Tony with his Twin Timber were flying. So now you are duly entered into the record of RC history for this date. Congratulations!

Coming Events

June 14 - Family Picnic and Fun Fly
Lake Lahontan Float Fly is scheduled for June 20 - 22
July 26 - Biplane Fun Fly

Recovering

Darrel Hallmark just underwent knee replacement surgery. We wish him a quick recovery so we can see him out flying with us again.

SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

I have been reviewing the AMA training guidelines for new fliers and reviewing the Air Park guidelines for safe flying, I have found a few points for safety that need to be pointed out a few pilots at the air park. 1). All flying is to be north of the centerline of the runway. Today I discussed this with one of our members and he said he was unaware of this restriction. He thanked me and remaining flights were north of the runway area. 2). Gas planes that are running are to be placed on the starting line to the entrance of the taxi area. A few folks have been taxiing to and from their stand beyond the control line and need to walk their planes to the line. Once again.....Safe flying is everyone's responsibility. Donn Thane, HSRCC Safety Officer

FIELD MARSHALL REPORT—CLUBHOUSE ANNEX



Tim and I drove to Modern Storage Containers last week to look at storage containers. We put down a deposit on a used 20 foot container (20 foot long x 8 feet wide x 8 1/2 feet tall). We scheduled delivery for Wednesday May 21.

On Monday May 5 Tim, Donn, Richard Ebner and I built a pad for the container. Richard brought 1 yard of #2 base in his trailer. After we shoveled it out we decided to have 5 more yards of #2 base delivered by the yard in Mound House. The dump driver did a real nice job placing the material. We had some surplus material which we used around the entrance to the clubhouse. The container will need sanding and painting. We also need to decide on ventilation and possibly a skylight. Alan Clark, HSRCC Field Marshall



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.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 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!