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## PROP WASH

### Biplane Fun Fly

On Saturday July 27th, President George hosted the third annual Biplane Fun Fly. The sun was out so the first thing I saw was Old Glory welcoming me to the field when I arrived around 8 AM. Larry said he had already put in a couple of flights on his Waco. The next plane I saw fly was Bob Heitkamp's Mamba. After that, Dan O's foam Waco entered the pattern. Soon George joined in with his Pitts Python. All together there were eleven biplanes present, and a helicopter and a few Consendos churned up the air as well.

Speaking of churning up the sky, there was a little wind blowing when I arrived and most flyers handled it well. Richard D's Ace biplane did just fine. My little foam Navy N2N hunkered down on the table with a few lead weights as company. I saw three planes in the air a couple of times without any serious smack downs. The sky was nice and blue with a couple of puffs here and there for orientation. The breeze was a welcome companion to keep it very comfortable. After the breeze brake, Mother Nature said "I can do better than that", and most of us quit flying around 9:30 AM. It is always nice to see biplanes in the air. Thanks for the pictures Paul.



Larry's Waco Biplane resting between flights



Gary's Navy N2N Biplane



Don M's Stearman and the stronger wind arrived about the same time



Heitkamp's 6 cell Mamba Biplane



George's Pitts Python



Dan O's Waco Biplane

## Swizzle Sticks

In the latest MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS (Jul/Aug), an article appeared about the "Balsa USA Stick 40 Plus." It has a 58 inch wingspan and was originally build for a 40 glow engine. That pretty much looks like the old Swizzle Stiks I used to fly in the 70's in Alaska. The article mentions "On the market since 1977, this all-wood RC kit has been upgraded with laser-cut parts and can be built as a tail-dragger or with tricycle landing gear."

A few years ago the HSRCC held a Swizzle Stik Fun Fly at the Pony Express Airpark. I can't remember how many Stiks showed up, but I do remember some unique models. Ray Brindos from Gardnerville had trike gear retracts on his Stik, Bob Jones had a twin motored Stik named a Crap-O-Stik with Snidely Whiplash sitting up front on a toilet, and Les Harris had a 8 foot Stik running a 35 cc gas engine.

Over the years I am sure the cost for this kit has risen as Balsa price now is \$118. Not a bad price since the wing ribs are already cut and you get landing gear and the pre cut stab. I have been building "Swizzle Stiks" since way back as I have lots of wings (if you need one) and a Lowe's close by. Do we want to have another Swizzle Stik Fun Fly next year? Maybe combine it with the Aero Scout to form the SWIZZ/SCOUT DEIGN FLY IN. Something to consider.



Twin Swizzle Stick over the Mendenhall Glacier (AK) in the 70's



HSRCC Swizzle Stik Fun Fly Gary Fuller aircraft



Lockheed engineer HSRCC member Roger C and his Stik



Les Harris' eight foot 35 cc Swizzle Stik



Past HSRCC President Bob J and the Crap-O-Stik



Harold Siegfried's Swizzle Stik. Note the sub rudders on the horizontal stab

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## Washoe Waterdogs

A new member joined the Washoe Waterdogs, Adam Kremers. There was some smoke in the valley from the California fires I thought I would drive out to the Lake just for fun. When I got there, the smoke was less than at Carson City. While we were flying, Adam joined us. He flew a Sea Wind and a Beaver.

He managed to use his Senior Life Saving skills to recover his Sea Wind, either by a head carry or across the chest carry, but I assured him that we do not have an initiation ritual. Welcome to the Waterdogs.

## Boys & Girls Club Kit Build and Field Trip Activity with HSRCC

We completed the builds as hand launch gliders with one as a RC powered craft. The students got some stick time on the simulator in preparation for their first flights.

On Aug 6th nine boys came out to our field and six were able to fly with a buddy box. Paul facilitated a comprehensive ground school and took up a few students with our aging club Apprentice and I used my Ultra Stick with a couple students. Thanks Paul for your willingness to share our hobby.

We had several demo flights including George's recently acquired Saber Jet and Paul's Bat Plane along with a few others. This was a very successful activity with much positive exposure for our club. Joe, Duane and myself spent many hours with the boys over several weeks constructing and educating the young men. The staff at the B&G Club were quite impressed and stated they would like to do this again.

A special thanks to everyone who helped and supported this activity!  
James Consiglio VP, HSRCC.



Final Day at Boys & Girls Club

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## Sharing a Positive Experience with an RC Hobby Supplier

HSRCC Member Larry Gilman shared this note with us. We thought it was one worth sharing so here it is, thanks Larry.

*I had an experience with one of our suppliers, and I'd like to pass it on to the membership.*

*Robart is now the company providing ZAP Ca. I attempted to order some foam safe, but the software would not accept my home as an address it could recognize for shipping, therefore I did not complete the purchase.*

*Today, Saturday, I received an email, that I had items remaining in my cart. I simply replied that I wasn't permitted to complete the purchase as it would not accept my home address.*

*A few hours later I received an email from the vp of marketing advising that they were trying to fix the software glitch. A second email was received, asking if I would try again. The purchase went through.*

*When does anyone receive a response from a company, let alone a vp of sales on a Saturday. Robart is one of those few companies*

*Larry Gilman*

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## SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Current AMA Membership:

Reminder that anyone who flies at the Pony Express Airpark must have a current AMA membership. The park is open to both club members and non-members. Anyone who flies must be current with the AMA. It is not my goal to actively request proof of current membership. Our secretary does notify our board when a club member is not current. I know about 15 members out of the 100 total members. I will introduce myself to pilots I do not know, welcome them to the field and explain dues must be current. I do not want to be the membership police. I just want pilots to understand the requirement.

Maiden flights gone bad:

Over the last month there have been several maiden flights that resulted in uncontrolled flights that posed a concern to other pilots and spectators. I reviewed the club safety rules and the AMA safety rules. There is no language specific to maiden flights. I am not suggesting we promulgate new rules. I am requesting your cooperation when doing a maiden flight or a flight after major repairs to your airplane.

This is what I am asking from you:

- Let everyone at the field know you are performing a maiden or test flight
- Wait until no one else is flying
- Have a spotter with you

Have a great flight! Thank you for your cooperation.

Alan Clark, HSRCC Safety Officer

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## "Water Dog Pool Noodle Distressed Craft Recovery Platform"



### or "Noodle Fetch"

I did sea trials at Washoe Lake. I was able to recover a rubber ball and a piece of pool noodle. This is my first attempt at a scratch built watercraft. I welcome (?) your feedback.

Alan Clark

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## Coming Events

August 24 - Electric Airplane Fun Fly (The field will be closed to non-electric aircraft from 9:AM - 11:AM) . Anyone that flies an electric aircraft is eligible for a raffle ticket for prizes to be given away. Gary F

September 7 - Carson City Airport Open House -James Consiglio

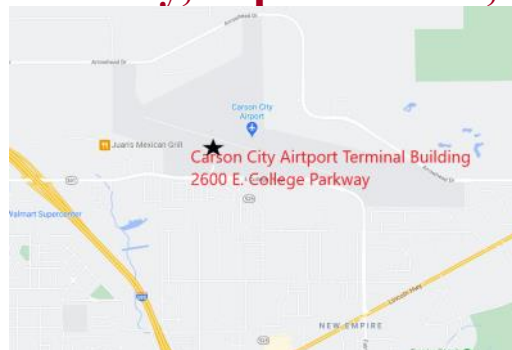
September 7 - Night Fun Fly - Richard D

October 19 - Glider/Old Timer Fun Fly - Don M

## 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, September 10, 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!