

# SIERRA SILENT SOARERS

NORTHERN NEVADA'S R.C. SAILPLANE & ELECTRIC FLYERS CLUB

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2005

Greetings,

A long time has slipped by since our last newsletter. With the holidays and extra work loads it has been hard to sit down and conjure up suitable words for this newsletter. Finally I have sat down to write, and inspiration pours over me as I think about last years flying season.

A beautiful contrast has developed in my mind, as I look out the window at 2 feet of snow, and think of the warm days of Spring fling. Quickly I am brought to the fun of our Gamblers Gala contest. Green grass, warm breezes and the ever threatening sunburn developing on my nose. Then I see everyone smiling, walking about with their planes, timers following behind with stop watch ready in hand and lanyard slung around their neck. The best part of this vision is the reminder that at every flying contest, everyone is a friend. Whether it be our monthly contest, Gamblers



Pilots at the last contest of the year: Ron Brown, Tom Stowers, Jim Brady, Adam Kremers, Pete Casti, Lee Cox

Gala, or Visalia, there is always a friendly smile on every person you meet.

I can't help but to get excited about this year's flying season. It sneaks up on us so quickly. Already next month is our Awards Banquet and Raffle. Then before you know it, our first flying contest will be here. I know it has been mentioned before but, we really should have a designated fun fly day each month as well as a contest day. I am anxious to get out and fly.

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## S3 OFFICERS FOR 2005

- President . . . . . Pete Casti
- Vice President . . . . . Lee Cox
- Secretary/Newsletter Editor . . . . . Ron Marston
- Treasurer . . . . . Jim Brady
- Public Relations Officer . . . . . Adam Kremers



We have some fun things coming up this season: Lee has declared that he will CD another Gamblers Gala. This is a fun contest that should not be missed. We will have our regular monthly contests, that are always fun to attend as well. I would also like to put on some sort of slope get together or contest this summer. I have been kicking around the idea and know that many of you would like to do something like this too. If any one is interested I am open to any ideas or help putting it together.

This year's officers have been elected. The only change is that Lee Cox has been elected as vice president. Congratulations Lee! All the other officers remain the same.

So here's looking at a fun year flying with friends.

Your President one more year,

Pete Casti.

## TREASURER'S REPORTS

### Period ending August 2, 2004

Opening Balance:	\$792.24
Income	
S3 club dues Sparricht	\$30.00
July Contest fees	\$40.00
2004 Gala receipts	\$2,063.00
Additional T-shirt sales	\$169.00
Total Income	\$2,302.00
Expenses:	
2 bags of ice for Gala	\$6.00
T-shirts Desert Threads	\$594.86
Total Expenses:	\$600.86
Closing Balance:	<b>\$2,493.38</b>

### Period ending September 7, 2004

Opening Balance:	\$2,493.38
Income	
T-shirt sales	\$42.00
August Contest fees	\$50.00
Total Income	\$92.00
Expenses:	
Trailer reg. (Lee Cox)	\$15.00
Cattlemans Gift Cert. Tom Black	\$50.00
Total Expenses:	\$65.00
Closing Balance:	<b>\$2,520.38</b>

## TREASURER'S REPORTS (CONT'D)

### Period ending October 5, 2004

Opening Balance:	\$2,520.38
Income	
T-shirt sales	\$15.00
September Contest fees	\$61.00
Total Income	\$76.00
Expenses:	
Small trailer reg.	\$15.00
2004 website fees	\$110.00
Total Expenses:	\$125.00
Closing Balance:	<b>\$2,471.38</b>

### Period ending November 2, 2004

Opening Balance:	\$2,471.38
Income	
October Contest fees	\$25.00
Total Income	\$25.00
Expenses:	
Spectra 80lb retriever line	\$53.00
Total Expenses:	\$53.00
Closing Balance:	<b>\$2,443.38</b>

### Period ending December 7, 2004

Opening Balance:	\$2,443.38
Income	
Dues: Adams	\$30.00
Dues: Brady	\$30.00
Total Income	\$60.00
Expenses:	
None	
Total Expenses:	\$0.00
Closing Balance:	<b>\$2,503.38</b>

### Period ending January 4, 2005

Opening Balance:	\$2,503.38
Income	
Dues: MacKey, Casti, Brown, Maschal, Cox, Disbrow, Lieder, Schliekert	\$240.00
Total Income	\$240.00
Expenses:	
3M scale plane for raffle	\$225.00
NIB Jade for raffle	\$150.00
Total Expenses:	\$375.00
Closing Balance:	<b>\$2,368.38</b>



## AUGUST 2004 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Adam Kremers in the absence of the prez and vice prez at 7:38 pm.

Minutes approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report was read by Jim Brady.

### **Correspondence:**

None.

### **Old Business:**

Lee Cox was applauded for his outstanding job as CD of the 2004 Gala contest. The club made approximately \$1,630.20 of profit from the contest. Possible improvements for next years contest were discussed: Brown: People still couldn't hear the PA at the far end of the field. Arley: 50 ft circle in front of radio impound area to keep clear for RF detector, which did catch 3 on radios. Turn around posts need to be modified; all were bent at the Gala, maybe steel cables will help. No complaints registered on the RCSC.

Will need volunteers for field setup on Friday the 16th at 9am.

### **New Business:**

We are doing the Gala again in 2005. A motion was made to get a \$50 gift certificate for Tom Black, who donated time and materials for the Gala awards. Motion passed.

Adam's mom made a nice duffle bag for the club tent.

Nothing official is planned for sloping at Red Rock during the Air Races in September.

Dan Hickey donated a 200A stand up charger that needed minor repairs, which Adam has already done.

Ideas for spending club money were discussed: Spare long shaft starter motor for winch, another big charger, batteries, hydrometer, vinyl letters for trailer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

## SEPTEMBER 2004 MEETING MINUTES

The newsletter editor does not have minutes for the September meeting.

## OCTOBER 2004 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order October 5, 2004 at 7:40 by Adam Kremers in Pete and Ron's absence.

No minutes were read. It's Pete's fault (I don't know why, but that's what it says in my notes).

Treasurer's report was read by Jim Brady.

### **Correspondence:**

None.

### **Old Business**

Big discussion about how to encourage people who don't want to fly competitively in contests, but want to learn to fly a glider. Pete suggested we do an instructional fun-fly for the Rancho flyers. Adam thought it would be a good idea to set up the winch once a month for a Fun-fly, during good weather months. A schedule should be set in advance. Charlie thought it would be good to assign responsibility to a club member like a CD. Dan Hickey said the trainer cord set up at the power club open house is very popular. Marston said it might work if we advertise it and schedule it. We will discuss it more when we set the schedule in January.

We need new flyers to put up in the hobby shops. Marston will get it done someday.

Batteries: one is charging at a high rate. May need to be replaced, or just needs the terminals cleaned.

Winches: Some discussion about trying a braided Spectra line for the retrievers. We already use a braided line for the winch. Motion made by Ron Brown to let Lee purchase Spectra line. Motion passed.

Turn around posts: the lines keep getting caught on them. Suggestions:

Brown: at SULA there was a radius on the pole so line would slide off it.

Marston: Everything needs to be smooth with nothing to catch the line anywhere.

Hickey: A rigid tripod could help the bending problem.

Kremers: I will come up with something



## OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D)

improved for the next flying season.

Disbrow: If a cowboy can't rope it, it's good.

### **New Business:**

Dan Hickey said our landings at the Gala are too easy, compared to the landings at Visalia. Oliver will put together a report of the Visalia experience.

It was suggested we should move the last contest of the year to the first week of October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37

## NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:43 on 11/02/04 by president Pete.

Minutes will be published in the next newsletter (this one).

Financial Statement was read by Jim Brady.

No Correspondence.

### **Old Business**

Adam has trailer. He pulled the batteries and put them in his garage on a charger. They will be tested at the beginning of the season. Toung knows someone at Nevada Battery, where we bought the Trojan batteries.

### **New Business**

There's a new RC hobby store in Minden. Ron Marston will create flyers for the hobby stores.

Raffle: Discussion about how much money to spend on raffle prizes took place. Adam made a motion to spend the same amount as last year (\$650). Motion passed. Adam will do solicitations and purchases for raffle. Oliver will talk to Kirk at New Creations.

Fun-fly was discussed. Should be once a month, and should be put in a flyer to put up at the hobby stores. We should bill it as a training day with mentors.

Vinyl sign on trailer was discussed. Jim will tell

## NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D)

Lee to check into it.

Nominations for Officers: The following were nominated:

President: Pete Casti

Vice President: Lee Cox

Treasurer: Jim Brady

Secretary/ NL: Ron Marston

Public Relations: Adam Kremers

Nominations stay open until December.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

## DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes taken for the first part of the meeting by Oliver, in Marston's absence.

Meeting called to order at 7:43 on 12/07/04 by president Pete.

No minutes were read.

Treasurer's report was read by Jim Brady.

### **Old Business:**

Nominations for officers were closed, and nominations from last month were accepted. The only change from last year was the position of Vice President: Ron Madison was replaced by Lee Cox.

Raffle: Who will take charge? Adam will help but wants assistance. Lyn Disbrow offered assistance. Pete and Ron Brown will also help.

### **New Business:**

Gala date was discussed. Looks like the third weekend in July is going to be it.

Raffle: the club purchased a 3M Fiesta sailplane from Dave Roberts (RRC) after some discussion, for \$225, for the raffle.

A motion was made to up the raffle amount to \$800 (from \$650). Motion passed.

2005 contest schedule:

The following members agreed to CD contests



## DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D)

for the 2005 flying season:

March: Jim Brady  
April: Pete Casti  
May: Arley Simpson  
June: Adam Kremers  
July: Lee Cox  
August: Ron Marston  
September: Lyn Disbrow  
October: Oliver Lieder

Lee suggested the CDs need to assign help/backup for each contest, for set up, break down, scoring, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52.

## JANUARY 2005 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 on 1/03/05 by President Pete Casti.

Minutes were read from the November and December meetings.

Treasurer's report was read by Jim Brady.

### **Correspondence:**

Pete said Arnold is still going out of business (has been for many years), but he rearranged the store (on Wells) and has some good airplane stuff and a guy who knows airplanes. Arnold is a good guy.

### **Old Business:**

Raffle: Do we have tickets? If someone has a roll, contact Adam or Pete. Adam has a ducted fan and plane kit he will sell to the club for \$90.

Batteries are on the charger and appear to be in good shape.

Fun-fly/Training day/Instruction day/Free flying day:

It will be the first Saturday of the month. I will put it in the newsletter. CDs (FFD's) Adam and Pete volunteered. Oliver needs to contact the

## JANUARY MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D)

field owner to get approval to be on the field twice a month.

### **New Business:**

Most improved pilot: we voted on most improved. Come to the raffle/banquet/award ceremony to find out who won!

Ron Marston will create the awards again this year.

Gala: landings same as last year? Date? Third weekend in July (16 and 17). Cash raffle will remain. Do we want to do a regular raffle? If so, someone motivated and responsible needs to be in charge of it. Anyone want to volunteer? If so, work needs to start on it right away.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33.

All meeting minutes submitted by Ron Marston

## AUGUST 2004 CONTEST REPORT

Arthur and Ron Marston were the CDs for the August contest. Format was five rounds. The first 2 rounds were a one minute add-em-up. (That's not a typo) The last 3 rounds were a 20 minute add-em-up.

Eleven S3 pilots signed up to fly, and nine made it through. There was a lot of trepidation and gnashing of teeth over the one minute add-em-up, which turned out to be unwarranted. Getting a plane down safely from a full launch in about 30 seconds was not as challenging or dangerous as many first thought.



Ron Madison and Pete at the August contest.



## AUGUST CONTEST REPORT (CONT'D)

Conditions were HOT, no wind, with thunderstorms coming up later in the afternoon.

Jim Brady and Ron Marston had a mid-air collision. Both planes landed safely, but Marston's 1/4" carbon skeg sliced through the top of Brady's right wing tip. Jim has since made an expert repair on the wing, and 's probably stronger than it was before the collision.

August contest scores:

Place	Pilot	Score
1.	Ron Brown	1000
2.	Pete Casti	996
3.	Jim Brady	966
4.	Oliver Lieder	961
5.	Lee Cox	862
6.	Ron Marston	798
7.	Arthur Marston	792
8.	Adam Kremers	757
9.	Ron Madison	276
10.	Dan Hickey	DNF
11.	Charlie Maschal	DNF

Submitted by Ron Marston

## SEPTEMBER 2004 CONTEST REPORT

Lyn Disbrow was the CD for the September contest. It was nice weather in the morning, with the wind picking up in the afternoon. many club members used this contest as an opportunity to practice for the Visalia contest which was only a couple of weeks away.

Ten pilots flew. Adam flew his rounds back to back so he could leave early for a non-airplane related commitment. That turned out to be the strategy to use, because the wind picked up later, making it harder to get times. Adam had great times and ended up winning the contest!

I was flying my scratch built 120" RES ship, which was dialed in nicely for Visalia. On my last launch into a strong headwind, a little too much zoom at the top caused my right panel

## SEPTEMBER CONTEST REPORT (CONT'D)

wing joiner, which was 1/4" carbon, to shear clean in half, which sent the plane spiraling into the ground. Bummer. I did not fly in Visalia.



Ron Brown explaining the size of the fish he caught last week to Oliver.

September contest results:

Place	Pilot	Score
1.	Adam Kremers	1000
2.	Ron Brown	985
3.	Oliver Lieder	981
4.	Arthur Marston	921
5.	Pete Casti	916
6.	Jim Brady	914
7.	Leonard MacKey	702
8.	Ron Madison	610
9.	Ron Marston	DNF
10.	Dan Hickey	DNF

Submitted by Ron Marston



Arthur and Ron Marston survey the damage of the 120" lawn dart.



## OCTOBER 2004 CONTEST REPORT

The Wulfe Hirth/Dick Stevens memorial contest had to be rescheduled twice, due to bad weather. It was finally held on Saturday, October 30. Only five pilots were able to attend, and only four were S3 members, and only three of them finished the contest. Perhaps we do need to look at moving the scheduled time for this last contest up a couple of weeks.

Pete Casti won the contest, and Adam tragically lost his beautiful Bird or Time to the winch in the wind (I hope I remember that right).

Results for the October contest:

Place	Pilot	Score
1.	Pete Casti	1000
2.	Jim Brady	940
3.	Ron Brown	784
4.	Tom Stowers	?
5.	Adam Kremers	DNF



Adam, Lyn, and Pete enjoy tacos at Jim's BBQ.



Adam launching his BOT at Visalia.

## S3 CONTEST SCHEDULE FOR 2005

S3 contests are usually held the third Sunday of the Month from March to October, at the Washoe Valley flying site (2.2 miles South of Bower's Mansion on the West side of old 395).

Month	Date	CD	Fun Fly	SVSS Contests (Sac)
March	3/20	Jim Brady	3/05	3/12
April	4/17	Pete Casti	4/02	4/13
May	5/15	Arley Simpson	5/07	5/14
June	6/19	AdamKremers	6/04	6/18
July	7/10	Lee Cox	7/02	7/09
<b>Gambler's Gala</b>	7/16 - 7/17	Lee Cox		
August	8/21	Arthur/Ron Marston	8/06	8/13
September	9/18	Lyn Disbrow	9/03	9/10
October	10/09	Oliver Lieder		10/08
				11/12

### Other Flying Events

Spring Fling (Sacramento) June 21, 22, 2005  
 Visalia Fall Soaring Festival October 1-2, 2005



## 2004 S3 FINAL CONTEST SCORES (NORMALIZED TO 1000 POINTS)

Pilot	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Total
Chris Adams	597	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	597
Jim Brady	0	836	0	884	797	966	914	940	5367
Ron Brown	725	851	DNF	<b>1000</b>	846	<b>1000</b>	985	784	6191
Pete Casti	701	957	0	917	915	996	916	<b>1000</b>	6402
Lee Cox	683	850	0	643	<b>1000</b>	862	0	0	4038
Lyn Disbrow	0	850	DNF	0	0	0	0	0	850
Scott Hall	DNF	DNF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dave Hagander	938	<b>1000</b>	0	774	0	0	0	0	2712
Dan Hickey	0	0	0	0	310	DNF	DNF	0	310
Mike Karpchuk	510	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	510
Adam Kremers	714	905	741	716	504	757	1000	DNF	5337
Oliver Lieder	<b>1000</b>	962	856	956	0	961	981	0	5713
Leonard MacKey	DNF	0	0	0	0	0	702	0	702
Ron Madison	DNF	843	343	586	0	276	610	0	2658
Arthur Marston	522	919	<b>1000</b>	0	562	792	921	0	4716
Ron Marston	701	989	693	990	573	798	DNF	0	4744
Charlie Maschal	0	0	DNF	0	0	DNF	0	0	0
Howard McCluskey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arley Simpson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

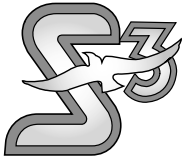
## FINAL CONTEST STANDINGS FOR 2004

Place	Pilot	Total Points (lowest score dropped)
1.	Pete Casti	6402
2.	Ron Brown	6191
3.	Oliver Lieder	5713
4.	Jim Brady	5367
5.	Adam Kremers	5337
6.	Ron Marston	4744
7.	Arthur Marston	4716
8.	Lee Cox	4038
9.	Dave Hagander	2712
10.	Ron Madison	2658
11.	Lyn Disbrow	850
12.	Leonard MacKey	702
13.	Chris Adams	597
14.	Mike Karpchuck	510
15.	Dan Hickey	310

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PETE CASTI  
FOR EARNING PILOT OF THE YEAR!**







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### **NEXT CLUB MEETING:**

Tuesday, February 1st, 7:30 pm • Round Table Pizza • McCarran and Mira Loma

**RAFFLE - PIZZA PARTY - AWARDS CEREMONY!  
NEXT MEETING! FEBRUARY 1ST! BE THERE!**



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