



SIERRA SILENT SOARERS

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

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2003

Hello all,

Elections will be held next month and I think it is time for a change in leadership. So this will be the last time you will be subjected to my "Letter from the Prez" ok...ok....ok...stop cheering. I have enjoyed the last three years as S3 president and I hope you have been satisfied with the way S3 has progressed. We have really upgraded our equipment and we were able to host a contest that was very well received by our fellow fliers. In fact, at the last meeting it was decided to go ahead with the 2nd annual Gambler's Gala contest next summer.

Remember that memberships are coming due, so don't hesitate to send in your dues to our stalwart treasurer. Dues are what keep us going and allow us to keep up the equipment and put on our monthly contests. Speaking



A disgusted Adam Kremers walks away from the power lines with his electrocuted plane. Note the exploded carbon in the wing.

of which, our last contest of the flying season is this month, so come on out and fly or just watch, then join us a Jim Brady's house for an end of the season BBQ, should be good fun.

Now I have to get back to finishing my new wings (you'll see why in the picture above) so I have something to fly for the last contest.

Thanks again for all of your support,

See ya,
Adam

S3 OFFICERS FOR 2003:

President Adam Kremers
Vice President Pete Casti
Secretary/Newsletter Editor Ron Marston
Treasurer Jim Brady
Safety Officer Lyn Disbrow
Public Relations Officer Phil Kalenowsky

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TREASURER'S REPORTS

Period ending September 3, 2003

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Opening Balance: | \$1062.72 |
| Income | |
| Remainder of Gala receipts | \$51.84 |
| August contest | \$25.00 |
| T shirt sales | \$79.00 |
| Total Income | 155.84 |
| Expenses: | |
| Cattlemens gift cert. Black | \$50.00 |
| Winch purchase Gillis | \$230.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$280.00 |
| Closing Balance: | \$936.56 |

Submitted by Jim Brady

Period ending October 8, 2003

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Opening Balance: | \$936.56 |
| Income: | |
| Orange t-shirt | \$10.00 |
| September contest fees | \$70.00 |
| Total Income | \$80.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| Trailer registration | \$34.00 |
| Generator Exchange | \$70.00 |
| Winch cart dolly and ramp | \$49.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$153.00 |
| Closing Balance: | \$836.56 |

Submitted by Jim Brady

SEPTEMBER 2003 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of 9-02-03 was called to order by Adam Kremers at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved
Treasurers report was read.

Old business:

Trailer: Lee had both trailers registered, and got new plates for both. Both will go to Lee's P.O. box. Total cost was \$34.00.

Winch motor: Lee or Jim will take the

questionable winch motor to Generator Exchange to have it tested. It may have one coil grounded out. (it had a bad brush spring).

Tom Black called Adam to thank him for the gift certificate for his help making the Gala trophies.

New business:

Jr. Air races will be Sept 20, and rocket launching in the desert on 9/26.

Meeting adjourned around 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Ron Marston.

OCTOBER 2003 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m., 10/07/03 by Adam Kremers.

Minutes from last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report was read by Jim (see above).

No Correspondences.

Old business:

A report was given of the Junior Air Races (see elsewhere in this newsletter).

The winch motor was discussed. It has been fixed but we may need to adjust the timing to get a little more umph out of it.

We need to buy a new solenoid for the retriever. The old one is really old and not working reliably.

Web site: the S3 web site is now being hosted on a new server called Lunar Pages. Leonard generously donated the fee last year, and S3 will be paying the fee from now on (\$97/year)

Visalia report was given (see elsewhere in this newsletter).

New business:

Dues were discussed. We decided to leave them as they are (30.00/year).



OCTOBER 2003 MINUTES (CONT'D)

Gambler's Gala: Should we do it again? We decided YES! we should. Decisions to be made in the coming months are whether it should be AMA sanctioned, and whether we want to move it back a week, or keep the same date, or whatever.

Nominations for Officers: The following people were nominated for office for 2004:

President: Pete Casti

Vice President: Ron Madison

Treasurer: Jim Brady

Secretary/newsletter: Ron Marston

Public Relations: Adam Kremers

Nominations are open until the November meeting, when we will cast our votes and elect the officers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by Ron Marston

AUGUST 2003 S3 CONTEST REPORT

Bill Gillis was the CD for the August contest, but did not show. Adam Kremers took over the task and came up with a pretty good contest. 14 pilots flew in great conditions. The thermals were booming in the afternoon. I flew the Mystic after the contest for 25 minutes. Of course, I couldn't find that kind of lift during



Pilots and planes at the August contest in Washoe Valley



Lee working on the winch line with Arthur on the retriever.

the contest, but all lift is good lift, and I'll take it when I can get it, contest or no.

Oliver won the contest, with Ron Brown taking second and (new member) John Baird taking third. Thanks to Adam for a great contest.

Submitted by Ron Marston

SEPTEMBER 200 CONTEST REPORT

Oliver was the CD for the September contest. The weather was great - warm and not too windy. The format for the contest was four rounds - you pick the time of either 2, 4, 8, or 16 minutes for each round. Sounds easy, but you get more points for flying a longer round, and you only get those points if you land within 10 seconds (on either side) of the time you choose. That means you can decide at 3 minutes into your flight to go for a 4 minute flight, or, if you're feeling lucky, you can go for 8 minutes. If you make it to 8 minutes and you're feeling really lucky, you can go for 16 minutes. But, if you land at 13 minutes (like I did) you only get as many points as you would have gotten with a 4 minute flight, because you didn't land within 10 seconds of 16 minutes.

This makes life interesting, and separates the men pilots from the boy pilots. I watched Oliver scratching for lift at 3 minutes into his last round, and rather than go for the 4 minute score he kept looking and ended up with a 16 minute flight, that he really worked for.



SEPTEMBER CONTEST REPORT

Chris Adams won the contest with two 16 minute flights, and Oliver took a close second, also with two 16 minute rounds (2 was the max you could have).

The excitement for the day had to be when Adam flew a little too close to the power lines on the North side of the field, and used his wing to bridge two of the high voltage lines. Carbon fiber is a conductor at high voltages; it also apparently has a lot of resistance, which generates a lot of heat, which catches planes on fire, and causes the carbon fiber to explode from the inside of the wing, and make lots of gray smoke.



Adam's fried plane

Sorry Adam. We all got a good show at the expense of your airplane. I believe Adam has already built a new set of wings for the plane.

I had a bad aileron servo in my Mystic, and ended up sharing the Super Vee with Arthur. I got one 16 minute flight on it (and one 13 minute), the longest contest flight I've ever had on that plane. Proof to Arthur that the broken/repaired/broken/repaired/etc. Super Vee is fully capable.

Despite the electrocuted plane, it was overall another great contest. Thanks to Oliver.

Submitted by Ron Marston

VISALIA 2003 REPORT

Seven S3 pilots flew in the Visalia soaring contest on October 3- 5. Chris Adams, Jim Brady, Lee Cox, Adam Kremers, Oliver Lieder, Arthur Marston, and Ron Marston all made the five hour drive to compete against some of the best pilots flying today.

Over the weekend I saw lots of nice planes and equipment, and lots of nice flying, both in the contest and after. Saturday and Sunday morning the field was buzzed a full scale plane that got down to about 40 feet on one pass, and actually did a touch and go on another, both with the motor off!



This is the full scale plane that buzzed the field Saturday morning.

The Hi Torque guy (Craig) had a nice Great Planes Shoestring, and a Ryan STA 120, both direct drive electric, and a pizza box plane that was nothing more than a square of Coroplast



S3 members at the Hi Torque pit in Visalia.

L to R: Lee, Jim, Craig (Hi Torque guy), Adam, Arthur, Ron Marston



VISALIA 2003 REPORT (CONT'D)

with a vertical fin on the rear and a motor/prop with wheels on the front. They all flew nicely. Someone was launching rockets Friday night from his tent (below). This guy was also flying a parkflyer Sopwith Camel under the roof of the main covered area of the field.



This guy was launching Rockets from his tent Friday night at Visalia.



Ron Marston launching Arthur's Super Vee in Visalia.



Adam Kremers launching a borrowed RES plane at Visalia.

The contest itself went smoothly, and the weather was warmer than last year. The thermals came and went. No one lost their plane at the contest, but Jim Brady had a fatal accident with his at Los Banos the day before.

Lee Cox ended up scoring highest of the S3 crew, with a placing of 84th in Open class (out of 217 pilots registered).



Lee Cox getting a landing at Visalia.

Arthur Marston flew well at his first Visalia, and got three landings for the contest (three more than his dad got), and scored higher than a couple of other S3 pilots.

On Sunday morning Arthur's mom came to the field to watch him fly, and she's probably regretting it now. A too fast downwind landing caused an overshoot that sent the Super Vee into her shin, with enough force to require 10 stitches. She's doing fine now.



Arthur getting a landing at Visalia.



VISALIA 2003 REPORT (CONT'D)



Adam just missing the bullseye in Visalia with Oliver timing.



Jim Brady getting a landing at Visalia.

On Sunday, after the scores had been totalled, they did a middle of the pack fly-off. They chose the ten pilots whose scores were right in the middle. Oliver, Jim Brady, and Ron Marston all placed in the middle of the pack and participated in the fly-off. After all ten flew, there was a three way tie, with Oliver still in



Oliver wins the middle of the pack fly off and a Jade airplane in Visalia

contention. Oliver won the fly-off of the fly-off, and walked away with a Jade 113" glider kit.

Saturday evening had lots of free fun flying, including a big Diablotin towing a blow up doll, which had a ton of drag, and looked like it was going to pull the plane down. It was the funniest thing I saw at the contest this year.

Submitted by Ron Marston



Kinda hard to tell, but this is a Hacker powered Diablotin towing a full scale female blow up doll. You see the coolest stuff in Visalia.

JUNIOR AIR RACES

The Junior Air Races was September 20. Electrics, Control Line, and IC powered planes were present. Adam, Phil, and Ron and Arthur Marston showed up. No wind this year, but not a huge amount of space to fly. I had a difficult time landing my Jerry, and upset a control line flyer who felt I flew to close to them.



The Junior Air Races at the North Valleys Complex in Stead.



MISCELLANEOUS PICTURES



Ron Madison and Pete Casti trying to slope at Slide Mtn. Beautiful views but no wind this day..



Is it a model or is it real? It's a real Warthog flying at the Reno Air Races.



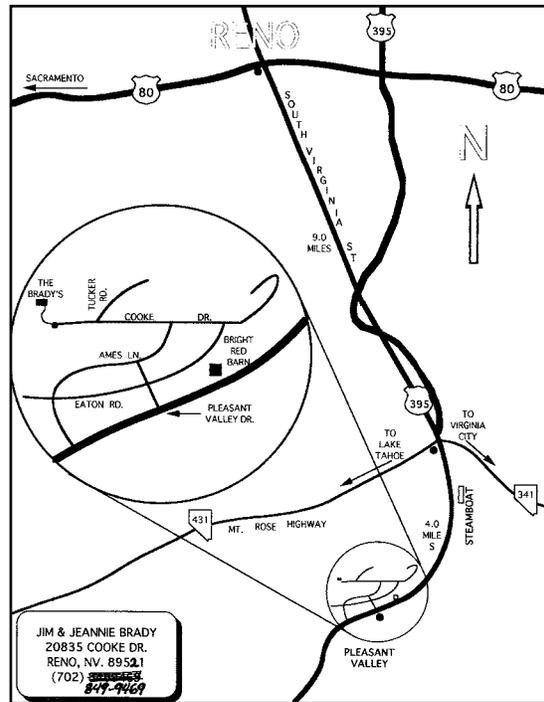
Sloping at Red Rock. Adam, Ron Madison, and Arthur Marston flying in killer air.



Ron Marston with his 010 Snitch at the Cold Springs dry lake. Newest version weighs 9.2 oz. RTF with a 1200 mah 3 cell Lithium battery.



Check out the beautiful and **huge** prop/spinner on this Sea Fury, seen at the Reno Air Races.



BBQ at Jim's house after the October contest!
 Don't miss the last contest of the year, the
 Wolf Herth memorial contest.



2003 S3 CONTEST SCORES (NORMALIZED TO 1000 POINTS)

| Pilot | March | April | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Total |
|--------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Chris Adams | 0 | DNF | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1000 | 0 | 1000 |
| Jim Brady | 851 | 0 | 311 | 909 | 0 | 579 | 892 | 0 | 3542 |
| Ron Brown | 853 | DNF | 876 | 793 | 0 | 878 | 714 | 0 | 4114 |
| Pete Casti | 797 | 666 | 542 | 787 | 0 | 358 | 388 | 0 | 3538 |
| Richard Castillion | DNF | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lee Cox | 850 | 159 | 760 | 1000 | 0 | 504 | 354 | 0 | 3627 |
| Lyn Disbrow | 672 | 0 | 0 | 599 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1271 |
| Bill Gillis | 550 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 550 |
| Scott Hall | 435 | 0 | 333 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 770 | 0 | 1973 |
| Dave Hagander | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1000 |
| Dan Hickey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | DNF | DNF | 0 | 0 |
| Mike Karpchuk | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | DNF | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adam Kremers | 913 | 983 | 848 | 844 | 0 | 650 | DNF | 0 | 4238 |
| Oliver Lieder | 998 | 1000 | 1000 | 780 | 0 | 1000 | 915 | 0 | 5693 |
| Leonard MacKey | 445 | 339 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 387 | 303 | 0 | 1474 |
| Ron Madison | 0 | DNF | 334 | 683 | 0 | DNF | 368 | 0 | 1385 |
| Arthur Marston | 0 | 0 | 365 | DNF | 0 | 446 | 476 | 0 | 1287 |
| Ron Marston | 721 | 1000 | 381 | 686 | 0 | 782 | 688 | 0 | 4258 |
| Charlie Maschal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Howard McCluskey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tom Walters | 361 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 609 | 0 | 970 |

S3 CONTEST SCHEDULE FOR 2003

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 | S3 Contest Date | Contest Director | SVSS Contests (Sac) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| March | Rescheduled to 3/30 | Adam Kremers | 3/08 |
| April | Rescheduled to 4/27 | Pete Casti | 4/12 |
| May | 5/18 | Lee Cox | 5/10 |
| June | 6/15 | Lyn Disbrow | 6/07 |
| July | 7/13 (cancelled for wind) | Arley Simpson | 7/12 |
| Gambler's Gala | 7/19 - 7/20 | Lee Cox | |
| August | 8/17 | Bill Gillis | 8/09 |
| September | 9/21 | Oliver Lieder | 9/12 |
| October | 10/19 | Dave Hagendar | 10/11 |

Other Flying Events

Spring Fling (Sacramento) June 21, 22, 2003

Visalia Fall Soaring Festival October 3-5, 2003





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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Tuesday, November 4, 7:30pm • Round table Pizza • McCarran and Mira Loma

**LAST CONTEST OF THE YEAR: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
BE THERE!**



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