



# SIERRA SILENT SOARERS

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

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

JUNE JULY 2005

Hi everyone,

Well Lee did it again. He managed to put together another outstanding Gamblers' Gala. I guess he did something right, the wind gods were polite and the clouds kept at bay from our beautiful flying site. It was truly amazing how every thing went smoothly. The winches ran far better than expected. Line problems were at a minimum.

I think that this was due to all the great support and efforts of all that volunteered. Ron Marston created a great design on the shirts this year and Adam did another fine job on the awards. Special thank to Dan Hickey for all that he did by supplying the land, quads, tent and his Great Spirit. Once again Shannon provided the barbeque and all the other goodies for us to enjoy. I don't want to forget to thank Jean, Jeanne and Andrea for their help dealing with all of us fliers, we can be an ornery bunch!



CD Lee Cox pilots his Sharron while Ron Brown clears a path to the landing zone, at the 2005 Gamblers' Gala.

I would like to thank Charlie and Rich for running the radio impound so efficiently. Thanks to our landing judges Tom and Dan and all our winch operators and winch masters. Give yourselves a hand, it took a lot of cooperation and effort to pull this event together.

The biggest thanks of all, of course, goes to Lee Cox, the creator and CD of the Gamblers' Gala. Another outstanding job Lee. Thanks for all of your hard work and effort.

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## S3 OFFICERS FOR 2005

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



## LETTER FROM THE PREZ (CONT'D)

In closing, I want to thank everyone who attended, with out your support this would not have been possible. Until next time, I'll see you out at the flying field.

See you all soon.

May the thermals be partial to your plane and not your competitors.

S3 President, Pete Casti

## TREASURER'S REPORTS

### Period ending June 7, 2005

Opening Balance:	\$2,827.09
Income	
S3 club dues Karpchuk/Kirstine	\$60.00
April contest fees	\$25.00
May contest fees	\$60.00
Total Income	\$145.00
Expenses:	
Reimb. Lee trailer parts	\$29.00
Reimb. Kremers turnaround	\$15.00
Total Expenses:	\$44.00
Closing Balance:	<b>\$2,929.09</b>

### Period ending July 4, 2005

Opening Balance:	\$2,929.09
Income	
June contest fees	\$55.00
Total Income	\$55.00
Expenses:	
Desert Threads 72 shirts	\$831.79
Total Expenses:	\$831.79
Closing Balance:	<b>\$2,151.30</b>

All treasurers reports submitted by Jim Brady.

## JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order June 7 at 7:36 pm by Pete Casti.

Minutes of the may meeting accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report was read by Jim Brady (see above).

### Correspondence:

John at Hobbies of Reno has asked for information about our club that he can hand out. He also wants us to participate in the Jr. Air Races in September at the Lazy 5 park on the Pyramid highway. The Jr. Air Races has been held at Silver Knolls (?) park in Stead in past years, but the area is now too developed to safely fly anything bigger than a park flyer.

Ron Madison says the Lazy 5 park is an excellent place to fly, and there is room there to set up a winch.

### Old Business:

Adam still needs to order spare motors for the winches, as approved at the last meeting, and Lee still needs to order solenoids.

Lee bought some Spectra line to test for the winches. It looks like it is NOT the line to use. It gets kinky, and is a safety hazard - it will cut through a glove. We will use the braided line instead.

Motion made to trade Lee braided line for Spectra line. Motion passed.

### New Business:

None.

### Gamblers' Gala Contest Business:

Lee has a volunteer list and is taking sign ups. 14 entries as of June 7, only one of them from our club.

Jim, Adam, and Pete volunteered to be the main winch operators, and Ron Marston volunteered to be a back-up operator.

Trailer is needed. Adam has one, and Oli has one.

Food will be handled again this year by Shannon Hickey.



## MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D)

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Award plaques will be done again this year by Adam Kremers, Tom Black, and Ron Marston.

Signs for the road need to be made.

PA system is needed. Oli supplied one last year and can get one again.

Generators - need to be quieter than last year for the winches. The beautiful serenity of the valley, with the majestic Sierra mountains framing the green pastures, and clear blue skies with birds chirping, is not fully appreciated when the noise of the generators is blaring away in your ears.

Special events - should we do a dash for cash? or a golf ball drop? Pete will coordinate whatever event we decide to do.

A motion was made to have Adam buy a new charger for the club. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

## JULY 2005 MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting called to order July 5, 2005 at 7:41 by Pete Casti.

Minutes from the June meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report was read by Jim Brady (see page 2).

### **Correspondence:**

None.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business:**

None.

### **Gala Contest:**

Adam purchased two 6v motors (for backup winch motors), a new charger (for the winch batteries), and 18" stakes for the modified turnarounds.

Solenoids have not yet been purchased.

Golf ball drop is a go. Marston will bring lots of golf balls. Pete will be in charge and get Dixie cups and streamers.

Port a-potties have been ordered.

Shirts are done.

We will set up 3 winches, and run 2 at a time, with one extra as a back up.

We will make a hay house to muffle the generators.

First pilot to fly in the contest will get a free T-shirt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

All meeting minutes submitted by Ron Marston

## JUNE 2005 CONTEST REPORT

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Our June contest finally sported some great flying weather for a club contest. We had a good turn out with 11 pilots on hand. The contest consisted of flying five rounds with the pilots choosing a particular task for each round. The tasks progressed from very easy to more challenging, with an increase in points as the difficulty increased. The catch was that the pilot's had to choose all of the tasks before they flew their first round. We have flown this contest before and it is always a challenge to predict what the sky is going to do later in the day. The most difficult of the tasks was to fly a 10-13 minute round with no flight points if you came up even 1 second short of the 10 minute mark. Several pilots chose this task and were shut out of any points when they came up a bit short. Your humble CD was on my way to a great finish until I got to the last round. I was one of the pilots that had chosen the 10-13 minute option, however, for some



Oliver and Adam at the June contest.



## JUNE CONTEST REPORT (CONT'D)

as yet unexplained reason (stupidity actually) I had told my timer that I was flying a 6 minute round instead. I was in easy 10 minute air, specked out when the 6 minute mark drew near, so I spiraled down from high altitude to make a 92 landing only to realize that I was supposed to fly at least 10 minutes...result.... ZERO! This lapse in judgment cost me at least 4 places in the final total.

Lee Cox who chose to fly 5 six minute rounds was the winner with Jim Brady and Ron Brown taking 2nd and 3rd respectively. All in all everyone seemed to enjoy the contest and especially the great weather.

Submitted by Adam Kremers

June contest scores:

Place	Pilot	Score
1.	Lee Cox	1000
2.	Jim Brady	983
3.	Ron Brown	964
4.	Ron Marston	871
5.	Oliver Lieder	862
6.	Adam Kremers	851
7.	Pete Casti	810
8.	Arthur Marston	784
9.	Jim Kirstine	778
10.	Ron Madison	655
11.	Dan Hickey	DNF



Mr.. Ron Madison about to launch his Falcon at the June contest



Jim Kirstine and Ron Brown at the June contest

## JULY 2005 CONTEST REPORT

The July 2005 contest was held at Laura Springs ranch as a dry run for the Gamblers' Gala contest which would be the next weekend. Lee Cox was the CD, and the format was the same as Saturday's format for the Gala: 5 rounds, with a 4 minute, 6 minute, 10 minute triathlon, and two more 6 minute rounds.

12 pilots flew in hot weather that was calm in the morning and windy in the afternoon. Hey, what else is new for a July S3 contest. After the scoring was done, Jim Brady emerged as the winner, with Oliver and Jim Kirstine taking a close second and third place. All three top finishers did very well on their 10 minute triathlon round.



Adam launching the Bubble Thing with Arthur, Leonard, Rich, and Oliver at the July contest



## JULY CONTEST REPORT (CONT'D)

There was some confusion about the triathlon round. The name implies three flights, or three of *something*, but apparently it is a single flight that is scored with a variable point system that assigns more points for even number flight times than odd.

There's a nice picture of Ron Brown's Compulsion launching into a hawk's airspace (below). It looks like the plane is veering to the right to avoid the hawk. I'm not sure if the pilot was intentionally steering clear of the bird, or if the turn was due to the launch parameters of the plane still being fine tuned. In any case, it makes a good picture.



Ron Brown's Compulsion on the winch seems to veer away from a hawk

No major carnage took place at the contest that I can remember, and a good time seemed to be had by all in attendance.



Serious sandbagging at the July contest. The backsides of: Oliver, Leonard, Owen, Pete, Jim Brady, Adam, and Tom



Pete launching his super nice Puma P13 with Arthur retrieving at the July contest

July 2005 contest results:

Place	Pilot	Score
1.	Jim Brady	2028
2.	Oliver Lieder	1892
3.	Jim Kirstine	1840
4.	Ron Marston	1536
5.	Ron Brown	1518
6.	Adam Kremers	1448
7.	Arthur Marston	1433
8.	Lee Cox	1197
9.	Tom Walters	874
10.	Pete Casti	862
11.	Leonard MacKey	633
12.	Dan Hickey	298

## GAMBLERS' GALA 2005 REPORT

Well it's over and we have managed to survive the 3rd Gamblers Gala Contest. I want to express a special THANKS to Charlie Maschal and Ron Brown for their help on Thursday and Charlie Maschal, Ron Brown, Jim Brady and Jim Kirstine for helping out on Friday. We managed to have everything set up or marked out so we knew where to put everything on Saturday morning. Oliver came out after work on Friday and set up his motor home and started putting the sound system together.



## GAMBLERS' GALA 2005 REPORT (CONT'D)



Dan Hickey, talking to Jim Brady. Dan owns the property the Gala contest is held on.

Starting at 7:45 am on Saturday at Hickey's barn we picked up all the tables, chairs, tents and generators for the contest. The



Charlie Maschal and Rich Castillion manned the radio impound.

same crews were there with the addition of Dan Hickey, Ron & Arthur Marston, Adam Kremers, Pete & Andrea Casti, Tom Walters, Rich Castillion, Jeannie Brady and Jeane Cox. The girls managed to get all the pilots signed



Andrea Casti and Jeannie Brady smile for the camera.

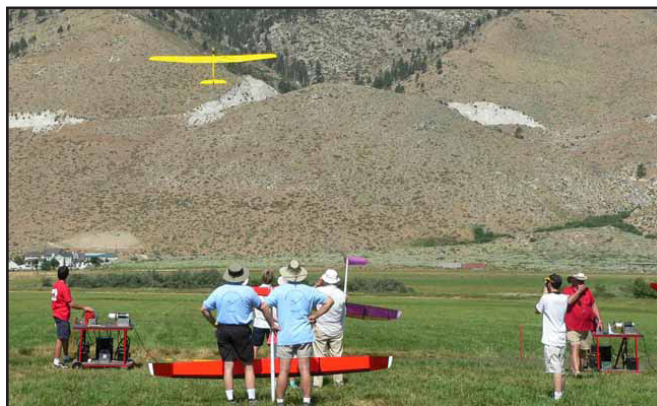


Andrea, Jeane Cox, and Jeannie keeping the contest running

in and the pilots' meeting started at 8:45 am so the first flight was shortly after 9:00 am. Jeannie and Andrea handled calling up all the pilots to fly and did a great job. My wife, Jeane, handled all the scoring which thanks to Oliver and Janet was done inside their air conditioned motor home using a computer furnished by Ron Brown and a printer furnished by Jim Brady... A BIG THANKS, girls, as all went very smooth.



Jeff Lee and Arthur Marston helping with the winches on Sunday



Oliver manning a winch on Saturday



## GAMBLERS' GALA 2005 REPORT (CONT'D)



A worn out crew takes a break on Sunday afternoon: Ron Brown, Adam Kremers, Pete and Andrea Casti.

All the winch crews did an outstanding job as we had only a few moments when lines tangled or broke (unlike the Spring Thing). Gotta love those chutes. One of our newer members, Jeff Lee, came out on Sunday and worked as a timer and then was a big help in taking things down.

At last count we have not hit the break even mark on shirt sales. We still have quite a few shirts still for sale. Jeannie and Jim Brady have the shirts so if you are interested in making a purchase for a good cause call them to place your order. As expected, the shirt design by Ron Marston was great!

We had an unexpected visit at the Gala on Sunday. Rich Hanson, Vice President for District 10 of the AMA, and his wife spent most of the day watching the contest. I received an email from Rich complimenting us on a well run contest.

Lee Cox CD



Lee runs the raffle, while AMA VP Rich Hanson watches.



Lee tries his luck at the golf ball drop event after the contest Sunday.



Dixie cup attached to the spoiler of Ron Marston's plane, for the perfect golf ball ejector. A great idea, unfortunately he overshot his target.



Jim Brady plots his strategy for his golf ball. Jim tried to come in low for more accuracy in his drop, but got too low to tip the plane, and was unable to drop his ball.



The winners of the 2005 Gamblers' Gala contest.



## 2005 S3 CONTEST SCORES (NORMALIZED TO 1000 POINTS)

Pilot	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Total
Chris Adams	0	940	0	0	0	0	0	0	940
Jim Brady	0	906	808	983	<b>1000</b>	0	0	0	3697
Ron Brown	0	986	976	964	749	0	0	0	3675
Pete Casti	0	973	605	810	425	0	0	0	2813
Rich Castillion	0	0	DNF	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee Cox	0	904	678	<b>1000</b>	590	0	0	0	3172
Lyn Disbrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dave Hagander	0	0	887	0	0	0	0	0	887
Dan Hickey	0	0	355	DNF	147	0	0	0	502
Jim Kirstine	0	0	<b>1000</b>	778	907	0	0	0	2685
Adam Kremers	0	930	705	851	714	0	0	0	3200
Oliver Lieder	0	<b>1000</b>	844	862	933	0	0	0	3639
Leonard MacKey	0	728	0	0	312	0	0	0	1040
Ron Madison	0	DNF	681	655	0	0	0	0	1336
Arthur Marston	0	900	696	784	707	0	0	0	3087
Ron Marston	0	981	660	871	757	0	0	0	3269
Charlie Maschal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Howard McCluskey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Walters	0	0	471	0	431	0	0	0	902

## 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	cancelled	Jim Brady	-----	3/12
April	5/07	Pete Casti	cancelled	4/13
May	5/22	Adam Kremers	cancelled	5/14
June	6/12	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 25, 26, 2005

Visalia Fall Soaring Festival October 1-2, 2005







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### **NEXT CLUB MEETING:**

Tuesday, August 2, 7:30 pm • Round Table Pizza • McCarran and Mira Loma

**NEXT CONTEST: SUNDAY AUGUST 21**



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