



SIERRA SILENT SOARERS

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

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

MARCH/APRIL 2004

Hi everyone,

Our first contest is out of the way and the wind didn't blow us out. It was great to see such a large turnout. We had lots of members as well as non members show up. Dennis Brackett even drove all the way up from Bishop Cal. to take advantage of the good weather and fly with us.

Lee has put up the official web page for our big Gamblers' Gala contest in July. See it at <http://www.sierrasilentsoarers.com>. Looks like it will be a lot of fun.

At the last fun fly, Adam was out retrieving another member's plane and noticed that the South West end of our flying site, in Washoe Valley, had residential plot markers staked out for development. I do believe this is a tell tale sign that the lower field we fly in may be no more eventually. I'm sure we will look further into this with the land owner, but I would like to encourage every one to keep a lookout for an



Fearless leader Pete about to test the new 6V winch, with fearless past president Adam on the retriever. The new winch works GREAT!

alternative site. One preferably with soft landing features and huge bomber thermals that my plane will do well in. So, if you know any one with land or who would like to purchase a large chunk for the club, please let us know.

I would also like to encourage anyone who is interested to please help our overworked newsletter editor and submit an article. He has to come up with fresh ideas every other month. This is very taxing. Go ahead and submit an article about any thing flying related: current projects, recent outings, neat ideas, building or flying techniques etc. It will only be appreciated.

S3 OFFICERS FOR 2004

President Pete Casti
Vice President .. Ron "Dick Cheney" Madison
Secretary/Newsletter Editor Ron Marston
Treasurer Jim Brady
Safety Officer Lyn Disbrow(?)
Public Relations Officer Adam Kremers

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LETTER FROM THE PREZ (CONT'D)

Thanks go out to the following:

Adam, for getting a new winch motor and installing it for us. It works great!

Lee, who is in the process of obtaining new retriever line to keep those winches running smooth.

Leonard and Ron for maintaining our web site and making the Gamblers' Gala page so nice.

Until next time, Keep looking up. Don't blink or you may loose your plane.

Pete Casti, President

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Period ending March 3, 2004

Opening Balance:	\$1,059.89
Income	
Raffle ticket sales	\$1,220.10
2004 Dues Karpchuk	\$30.00
2004 Dues Adams	\$30.00
Total Income	\$1,280.10
Expenses:	
Reimburse: Adams - trophies	\$15.00
Reimburse: Marston - plaques	\$23.00
Reimburse: Kremers - raffle	\$458.75
Reimburse: Lieder - awards	\$94.00
Round Table Pizza	\$230.00
Total Expenses:	\$820.75
Closing Balance:	\$1,511.24

Period ending April 6, 2004

Opening Balance:	\$1,511.24
Income:	
2004 Dues Roy Weaver	\$30.00
New member: Mark Schliekert	\$30.00
New member: Jack Cooper	\$30.00
March contest fees	\$75.00
Total Income	\$165.00

Expenses:

Reimburse: Marston - Gala ad	\$36.00
AMA charter and insurance	\$150.00
Total Expenses:	\$186.00
Closing Balance:	\$1,490.24

Submitted by Jim Brady

MARCH 2004 MEETING MINUTES

The newsletter editor/Secretary has inadvertently misplaced the minutes from the March Meeting. He apologizes and will publish them when (or if) they are found.

APRIL 2004 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm

No minutes as there was no newsletter

Treasurers report was given by Jim Brady (see left)

No correspondence

Old business

Pete has sent in our club charter and insurance payments to the AMA. They have cashed the check but we haven't received the forms back yet. He also paid the state for our non-profit status but haven't received anything back from them either.

Adam bought a new winch motor to replace the non functioning one. He installed it along with the real ball setup and it was tested at a fun fly held on Sunday the 4th of April. The new winch has much more power and worked well.

Adam also purchased a new tire for the trailer replacing the one that shredded on the way to Laura Springs. He also got a new 12 Volt charger as the one we had failed and it was out of warranty. The company sold us a new one at a large discount.

Lee said that he wants to have a winch and retrieving school for those that will run the winches during our Gambler's Gala. This is to insure that we don't have any accidents



APRIL MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D)

or preventable mishaps. We will do it at the monthly contests running up to the Gala.

New Business

Lee mentioned that we will need two more tall retriever rings before the contest. Adam Volunteered to make them.

At the fun fly held on April 4 at our Washoe site it was noticed that there were new survey (parcel) stakes throughout the field. It looks as though we may not have that field much longer. Adam said he would again look into other possible places in Washoe Valley now that a significant portion of the land has been designated as open space.

It was discussed whether we want to do a slope fly during the Air Races. Jack Cooper is planning on doing something in Carson. It was suggested that we do a joint event however no decision was made as we usually do it after the races at Red Rock and he was planning on something in Carson. It may warrant further discussion.

meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Arley Simpson showed us his new Great Planes Fokker DR 1 powered by a geared Hacker B-50S. He also brought his NIB Fusion sailplane.

Submitted by Adam Kremers



Mike with a nice looking "New Timer" arf

MARCH 2004 CONTEST REPORT

Contest Director Report 20 March 04

For the first contest of the year the weather served up a fine dish of sunshine, warm air, mostly clear skies, and mostly calm conditions except for some afternoon wind. The format for the day consisted of four rounds with the first round as a 4 min (1pt/second) flight, the second and third rounds were a 12 Min add-em-up with a 10% bonus for time flown in the third round (1pt/second 2nd round / 1.1pt/second, 3rd round), and the fourth round we flew a Discrete Triathlon, something I created a few years ago to make scoring painless and flights challenging. Landings were to the traditional 50' tape that sweeps out a 100' diameter circle.

No one grumbled about the format and most people found it fun and I think a bit strange. I enjoyed it with the exception of scoring it. Doing the 10% bonus in the third round, adding the second and third round times, and taking into consideration over-flights made it tedious.

Some long-missed people (Dave Hagander) showed up along with some new ones including Dennis Bracket from SVSS and Sean Hill one of S3's relatively new members. This was really Sean's first contest with us, and his last, since he is moving away.

Overall it was an uneventful contest as no one landed on top of any power lines. I think Lee set his plane down on old 395 but someone grabbed it before it became road kill.

The competition was tight and more than one person missed a place in the standings by a narrow margin. For example, Dennis Bracket edged out Ron Brown by flying more time in the bonus round of the add-em-up. Had Ron flown 30 seconds longer in the second round and left himself 30 seconds longer to fly in the third, he would have had 3rd place due to the extra bonus points in the third round. Pete (The Rock) Casti edged out Ron (Pterodactyl Man) Marston by only 1/2 second earning



MARCH 2004 CONTEST REPORT (CONT'D)

Pete 6th place. I managed to squeeze Dave Hagander out of first place by a landing and some bonus round points. I really didn't think I was going to be able to catch Dave because he had nearly 100% of the points available and I still had an 8min round to fly after the wind came up. Somehow, I managed to hang it out and I kept flying right past 4 minutes knowing that I had to make 8 to catch Dave. I was just over the power lines with over a minute to go and a little bump came along and began sucking my Millennium up, saving me from an early landing.

Despite the scores, everyone had a good time. Scotty received 0 points for his first round because he was having so much fun he didn't want to come down. He flew his new V-tail Spirit, and flew it well, until he had an excess of 16 minutes.



Scotty Hall with a nicely built plane, maybe a Spirit Elite? (not the arf)



Jim Brady with his newly rebuilt Compulsion

I want to thank everyone for setting up and taking down the equipment and for just coming out to fly. Flying just would not be as much fun without everyone else.

Oliver Lieder, March 2004 Contest Director (CD)

MARCH 2004 CONTEST RESULTS

Place	Pilot	Score
1.	Oliver Lieder	2146.8
2.	Dave Hagander	2013.5
3.	Dennis Brackett	1559.9
4.	Ron Brown	1557.1
5.	Adam Kremers	1533.0
6.	Pete Casti	1504.8
7.	Ron Marston	1504.3
8.	Lee Cox	1465.2
9.	Chris Adams	1280.9
10.	Arthur Marston	1121.4
11.	Mike Karpchuk	1095.5
12.	Ron Madison	DNF
13.	Leonard MacKey	DNF
14.	Scott Hall	DNF
15.	Sean Hill	DNF

NEW MEMBERS

S3 welcomes two new members:

Mark Schliekert
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Jack Cooper
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Hope to see you both at the flying field!



MID WINTER ELECTRIC REPORT

Over the President's day holiday back in mid February I attended the Mid Winter Electrics held each year by the Silent Electric Flyers of San Diego. I have attended this event for the past five years as it is a great place to see the newest technologies in electric flight and to find some good deals from the many vendors. However, this year the number of vendors was down significantly apparently due to new restrictions placed on the event by the city of San Diego. But if you were in the market, there were still plenty of items to choose from, with quite a large emphasis on park flyer and lightweight 3D planes.

This year I would guess that more than 60%-70% of the planes that flew, were using Lithium-polymer (li-poly) batteries. This is probably double the number at last years event. As always there were some amazing 3D demos using both planes and helicopters.

It also struck me how many large planes there were, 99% of them being ARF's. It has always disappointed me a little how few scratch built or even kit built planes attend the MWE. This event could really use the presence of people like Ron Marston and Ed Putnam with there unique and truly scratch built planes, I guarantee they would be big hits down in San Diego. That being said the most impressive plane (to me anyway) was a scratch built (using only 3 views) Hawker Typhoon. This plane had retracts and tipped the scale at over 15lbs. I believed it used a large Hacker motor with a li-poly pack.

Some other large planes worth mentioning were a large Gee-Bee Y (just like Ron Marston's) and a large Gee Bee R, both owned by Craig Allen of Hi-Torque motors. Even though it rained pretty hard for a while on Saturday, the event was well attended and seemed to run smoothly. If you ever get a chance to attend, take it.

Adam Kremers



MWE pics: (from the top down) A shot of the pit area, a Hawker Typhoon, Gee Bee R, Gee Bee Y with Gee Bee R.



2004 S3 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ron Brown	725	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	725
Pete Casti	701	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	701
Richard Castillion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee Cox	683	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	683
Lyn Disbrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bill Gillis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Hall	DNF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dave Hagander	938	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	938
Dan Hickey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Karpchuk	510	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	510
Adam Kremers	714	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	714
Oliver Lieder	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000
Leonard MacKey	DNF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ron Madison	DNF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arthur Marston	522	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	522
Ron Marston	701	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	701
Charlie Maschal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Howard McCluskey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

S3 CONTEST SCHEDULE FOR 2004

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	3/21	Oliver	3/13
April	4/18 (rescheduled to 4/24)	Pete/Leonard	4/10
May	5/16	Arlee	5/08
June	6/20	Adam	6/19
July	7/11	Lee	7/10
Gambler's Gala	7/17 - 7/18	Lee	
August	8/15	Arthur/Ron Marston	8/14
September	9/19	Lyn Disbrow	9/11
October	10/17	Oliver	10/9

Other Flying Events

Spring Fling (Sacramento) June 26, 27, 2004

Visalia Fall Soaring Festival October 2-3, 2004





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Have you paid your dues yet? If your name is grayed out on the roster, you need to pay!

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Tuesday, May 4, 7:30pm • Round Table Pizza • McCarran and Mira Loma

**SECOND CONTEST OF THE YEAR HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED!
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2004**

Quote of the month:

I believe what I am after is not a perfect model or a perfect score or a perfect flying buddy... but a relationship with the sky. I seek a model that dances with me, a partner in understanding... one who can help me grow and enjoy this fascination with the air and its effects. Reading air, sensing its mood and enjoying the changing rhythms of the dance keeps me coming back for more air time.

I want a capable dance partner that challenges me and works with me to create an ever changing routine in the sky.

When I connect with a model and the sky, all else fades away and a great joy settles in.

- Guy Russo (borrowed from the NWSS Eagle newsletter)



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