



SIERRA SILENT SOARERS

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

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

APRIL 2001

Hello All,

This months letter is going to be really short (OK stop cheering). First of all I would like to thank Jim Nelson for serving as the S3 Secretary for the last 7-8 years and as treasurer for the last 3 years. Jim resigned at the last meeting stating he needed to slow down a bit. I hope he'll have time to come join us flying though. In the meantime Jim Brady will act as treasurer and Lyn Dysbrow will serve as secretary until elections. Thanks a bunch to these two guys for stepping up.

The S3 will also be opening a checking account soon to make our finances a little easier to handle.

Also, the project in Washoe Valley that is designed to increase the open spaces for the parks system is starting to move forward. Some land in the foothills is in the process of being transferred to the county. I'm attempting to obtain a plot plan to see what land (if any)

would possibly be suitable for a flying field, stay tuned.

Finally, I'm the CD for the April funfly. I'm going to hold the funfly at my house in Antelope Valley located in one of the valleys North of Reno. I have about 200 feet of smooth dirt to fly from and 10 acres to fly over. It is suitable for zagsis, skimmers, hand launched gliders and just about any sp400 size plan to fly from. I'm going be cooking hotdogs and supplying beer and drinks for all. I'll have a map at the next meeting and will email directions to the S3 list. I hope you can make it.

See you there,
Adam Kremers

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S3 OFFICERS FOR 2001:

President	.Adam Kremers
Vice President	.Dave Hagander
Secretary	.Lyn Disbrow
Treasurer	.Jim Brady
Safety Officer	.Lyn Disbrow
Newsletter Editor	.Ron Marston



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2001 S3 MEETING

March 6, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Adam Kremers at 7:43PM.

Old Business

Renewal of AMA Charter and non-profit status was discussed.

New Business

We need new winch batteries and chargers. Discussed several types of batteries and chargers and decided to get 2 good chargers, 2 12V winch batteries and 2 6V retriever batteries for about \$700. Moved and passed.

Jim Nelson resigned as Secretary/Treasurer and Jim Brady will be Treasurer and Lyn Disbrow will be Secretary. There was a good turnout for first fun-fly (10-12 pilots). First contest will be in two weeks at Washoe field. Dave Hagander will be CD.

A group of ZAGI fliers are flying at Rancho San Raphael quite often.

Steve Wright has a Davis Wind Meter in like new condition for sale \$100.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09PM.

Submitted by Lyn Disbrow

FOR SALE

Hobie Hawk, excellent (or new) condition, with Airtronics 6 ch. Vanguard radio, CH. 20, also comes with free unbuilt TwoTee kit - \$300. Call David Moore at (775) 425-2424.

CONTEST REPORT

Dave Hagander was the CD for the March contest. It was a beautiful day in Washoe Valley, and it was a great contest. Five rounds were flown (I think), with the first round being a 3 minute blind, and the other four being 6 minutes each, for an add-em up to reach 24 minutes. Landings were scored normally on the tape. See contest results elsewhere in this newsletter.

FLYING AT RANCHO SAN RAFAEL

I have been trying to get out as much as possible to fly my smaller electric planes. I have been going to Rancho in the late mornings. Rancho is an excellent place to fly right now. The huge cow pasture at the north/north-east end of the park has been groomed, and the ground is great for belly landing planes. Also, the wood fence between the big dirt area and the pasture is gone! I suspect a new one will go up in its place soon enough, but for now, there is a lot of room to take off, fly and land.

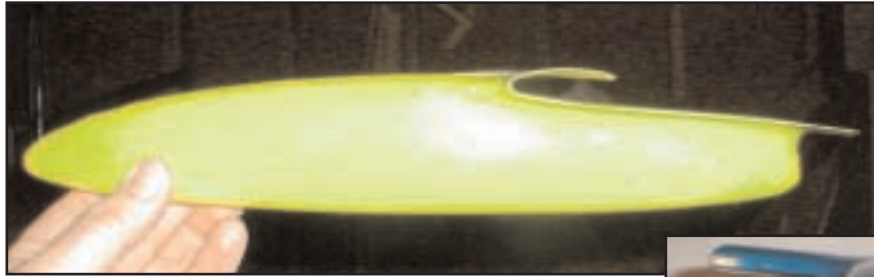
In the last month or so, I have been running into a whole bunch of RC pilots there; guys flying Zagis and many other electric planes. I saw a beautiful sp400 Bearcat last time out there.

I think there is a definite growing interest in electric RC planes in Reno. I have been handing out old newsletters to just about everyone I see there who is flying or just watching. Maybe we can generate some club membership? Check out Rancho San Rafael if you get the chance

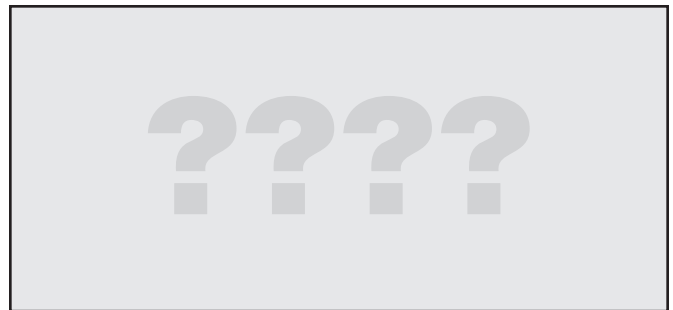
Ron Marston



PHOTOS:



Some shots of Chris Adams' latest very cool fiberglass fuse/pod. More to come from Chris on this.



This could have been a picture of your latest airplane, *if only you had sent it to the newsletter editor.*



Ron Marston's scratch built low wing slowflyer:
Speed 280G, 9.2 oz ready to fly



Low wing slowflyer in the air at Ranch San Rafael



Stick an Astro 010 in a mini hand launch fuse (courtesy of Chris Adams), build a wing and tail out of \$2.00 worth of balsa, and you have a sweet 10oz aerobatic motor glider. (This is version 2)



S3 FLYING EVENTS FOR 2001

MONTH	S3 CONTEST DATE/CD	FUNFLY DATE/FFD	SVSS CONTESTS (SAC.)
March	3/18 Dave H.	3/3 Jim B.	3/10
April	4/22 Oliver L.	4/7 Adam K.	4/7
May	5/20 Jim B.	5/5 Oliver L.	5/5
June	6/17 Adam K.	6/2 Ron M.	6/9
July	7/15 Lee Cox	7/7 Adam K.	7/7
August	8/19 Lyn D.	8/4 Dave H.	8/4
September	9/23 Larry G.	9/1 Lyn D.	9/8
October	10/21 Dave H.	10/6 Ron M.	10/6

OTHER FLYING EVENTS

SPRING FLING (SACRAMENTO)

June 23-24

WALLOWA ALPINE SOARING IN OREGON

July 20-22

S3 SEPT AIR RACE SLOPE BASH

Sept. 15-16

VISALIA FALL SOARING FESTIVAL

Oct. 5-7

S3 CONTEST SCORES FOR 2001 (SCORES NORMALIZED)

Pilot	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Total
C. Adams	951.12								951.12
B. Avery	682.02								682.02
J. Brady	922.47								922.47
R. Brown	969.99								969.66
L. Cox	893.82								893.82
L. Disbrow	DNF								n/a
B. Gillis	984.27								984.27
D. Hagander	1000.00								1000.00
A. Kremers	DNF								n/a
O. Lieder	913.48								913.48
R. Marston	802.25								802.25
H. McCluskey	DNF								n/a
P. Russell	986.52								986.52
T. Stowers	908.43								908.43





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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Tuesday, April 7, 7:00pm • Round Table Pizza at Mira Loma and McCarran in Reno

**NEXT S3 CONTEST IS APRIL 22
FUNFLY AT ADAM'S PLACE SATURDAY, APRIL 7**



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