



# SIERRA SILENT SOARERS

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

DECEMBER 2000

## LETTER FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT:

Hello from the President

Well in case you didn't know, I was elected (well...maybe installed) as the new President of S3 in an election that went considerably smoother than the other presidential election we are now overly familiar with. My name is Adam Kremers and I have been a member of S3 for about 3 years. My full time job is being the technician at Fleischmann Planetarium on the UNR campus where I have worked for about 16 years. I started in R/C about 25 years ago with R/C boats, eventually getting into aircraft. My first plane was an ACE ace-high glider with a Cox .049. It flew 3-4 times about 30 seconds at a time, the end always being a crash. I was one of those people that tried to teach themselves to fly. After a 10 year break, I put together a Gentle Lady glider (again with an .049 pod) that I was able to teach myself how to fly, I was hooked. Although I have had several gas powered models (AKA slimers), I now pretty much fly only electric planes and gliders.

I would like to thank all of the officers for doing a great job the past few years. I am looking forward to the next year, and hope we can define and implement some goals for S3 in the upcoming year. What these will be exactly, I don't yet know, but would like to hear ideas from the membership. In looking at the membership list I realize that there are a fair number of you I have never met. I would invite EVERYONE in S3 to come to a meeting or one of our monthly contests. Even if you don't actively fly anymore or haven't yet learned, please come out and just visit. Maybe we can re-ignite your interest or get you some instruction so you can enjoy this terrific hobby. I would really love to see more of you at the contests and fun-flies, we really do have a great time!

Sincerely,

Adam Kremers

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### NEW S3 OFFICERS FOR 2001:

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



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Sierra Silent Soarers  
October 3, 2000**

The meeting was called to order by President Oliver Lieder at 7:55 PM. The minutes of the September 5th meeting were read and approved with no corrections. The treasures report by Jim Nelson showed a cash balance of 466.61 as of October 1st, 2000.

**Old Business**

The demonstrations at the air races were deemed to be successful.

The air race slope event had better wind and more flyers on Friday. Conditions were just OK on Saturday with a large group of spectators.

The soccer fields at the new park at Stead are probably unusable on weekends do to their being used by soccer players.

**New Business**

Members were reminded that dues will be due and elections will be held at next months meeting.

The date of the Wulff Hirth (i.e. Dick Stevens) Memorial Contest was discussed with no conclusion reached.

Bill says that the Visalia shirts will be ready tomorrow.

Planes donated by Dave Richards will be made flyable and will be raffled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM

Respectfully submitted

Jim Nelson  
Secretary

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Sierra Silent Soarers  
November 7, 2000**

The meeting was called to order by President Oliver Lieder at 7:32 PM. The minutes of the October meeting were read. The statement that Dave Richards had donated planes to be raffled was incorrect.. It should have read that Tom, Ron and Oli will donate planes purchased from Dave Richards for the raffle. The minutes were approved with this correction. The treasures report by Jim Nelson showed a cash balance of \$404.92 as of November 1, 2000.

**Old Business**

It was decided that the \$50 annual fee could be paid any time before the first contest.

The Wolf Hirth (Dick Stevens) Memorial contest will be the last contest of the year. Our contest season runs from March to October inclusive. If the October Wolf Hirth contest is blown out with bad weather it will be rescheduled for later in October. If that proves to be impossible then it will be flown in March of the following year. The October 2000 contest was the Wolf Hirth contest for this year.

**New Business**

Elections, Adam Kremers accepted the job of President with Ron Marston becoming the newsletter editor.

It was suggested that we look for a different meeting place as the food and the service are getting bad.

The power club will be having its annual auction this Saturday, November 11, at The Carpenters Hall on Terminal Way by the taxidermy shop. The auctioning starts at 10 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Nelson  
Secretary



## AIRPLANE REVIEW:

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Lyn Disbrow with his new "Miss 2"

About a month ago I bought a 'Miss 2' from Arnold on Wells Ave. It is a Hobby Lobby 'Old Timer' looking park flier (page 18 in the new catalog). It took only an evening or two to put the parts together and install the motor and radio gear. I used a Speed 400 with an Olympus 1.85:1 gear drive, an 8X4.5 folder and spinner and an 8X500ma battery in a brick form factor. I put the battery as far forward as I could and did not have to use any nose weight. Flying weight with Hitec 555 and 2 HT55 servos is 26 ounces which is 4 ounces less than advertised.

Well, it seemed that when I had time, the wind was blowing or it was dark. When I was working or had other things to do, the wind was calm but this evening when I got home about 3:30 the wind wasn't blowing so off to Rancho I went with just the Miss 2, transmitter and a spare battery. I set it down on the North-South gravel road by the bathroom parking lot and opened the throttle. It took off in about 25 feet and climbed quite well to about 75 feet and I cruised around at about half throttle and sure enough I got a bump and turned into it.

The plane started to climb so I cut the motor off. It wasn't quite strong enough to hold altitude but I made about three 30 foot circles and didn't lose but about five feet. A couple circles later, the thermal dissipated. By this time it was about 4:00 and the sun was almost

down to the mountain. I have never caught thermal so late in the day and so cool at Rancho. I put full power to it again and it loops from level flight and will do a sloppy barrel roll with a little extra speed. This plane will not perform with a 400 Skimmer direct drive but it looks neat, will take off and do touch and goes, is ARF, and for \$109, I think it is worth the price.

All in all, it is a real neat little airplane and would make an excellent first trainer for newbies with dual rates in low. I stalled it a couple times, both power on and power off. Power on, it dropped a wing because of torque as you would expect and power off, it was real clean. It may be just a bit nose heavy and need a bit more down thrust because I had to use a bit of up elevator trim and the nose when up about 15 degrees from power off glide to full power.

Tomorrow afternoon IF the wind isn't blowing, I will fly it again and get it trimmed a little better and just maybe catch a thermal. :-)  
See you there

Lyn

BTW: A couple cars stopped by and I talked to the people (no kids to light up with a little stick time) like I always do in the park where I fly. LD



## CONTEST RESULTS, OCTOBER 2000:

October CD: Lee Cox

1st	Dave Hagander	4392
2nd	Bill Gillis	4066
3rd	Larry Green	3824
4th	Lee Cox	3729

Totals for the year have not been compiled yet. Stay tuned to find out who the winner is!

## FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Greetings from the new newsletter editor! First, I want to let you know I'm planning to publish this newsletter electronically, as a PDF, and e-mail it to anyone in the club that wants it. Please let me know if you want it e-mailed to you.

I also want to post it on the Scrollsender web site, (if Chris is willing), so anyone can check it out.

If you want it printed out on paper and mailed to you the good old fashioned way, don't worry. That is not going away.

You've all heard before the whining of the newsletter editor for input from club members. Well, I'm not going to whine. I am going to beg, though. PLEASE, PLEASE, send me stuff to put in the newsletter. Share your experiences with everyone in the club. I would especially like to put as many photos as I can in each newsletter. I'll take whatever you got.

Also, I want to update the member list/frequency list. Let me know if your situation is different from the information in this newsletter.

Ron Marston

## REMINDERS:

Dues are due for the next season. What a small price to pay for all that comraderie, airplane talk, and club contests. Plus this super cool newsletter. You can now pay in advance for all the contests in the upcoming year. \$50.00, which includes dues. What a deal!

The club award ceremony/pizza party/raffle is coming up soon. (February 6, 2001) Plan on being there.

Please help with donations for the raffle if you can. You know that plane that's been sitting in the box, untouched for the last year; well... donate it!

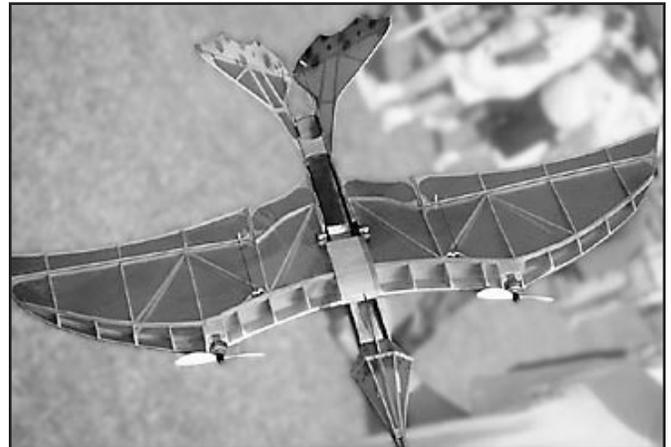
Next Club Meeting:

Tuesday, December 5, 7:00pm • Round Table Pizza at Mira Loma and McCarran in Reno.

## OTHER STUFF:

### **New Years Day Slope Freeze Fly.**

Talk to Mr. Gillis for details.



Ron Marston's Pterodactyl at Visalia. Scratch built, twin speed 280s, 42" span, full function, about 16oz all up. Did not fly well at Visalia (technical difficulties), but flies beautifully now.



# hitec Mid-Winter Electric Festival

the Silent Electric Flyers of San Diego, Hitec RCD and Model Airplane News

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Come to warm, sunny San Diego, California for 4 days of Electric aircraft flying at beautiful Mission Bay. What a great family vacation destination, just minutes from the world famous San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park, Sea World, San Diego Aerospace Museum and world class shopping malls.

## Events

- Scale Event
- Funtec Sky Scooter Pylon Racing
- Funtec Sky Scooter All-up, Last down
- Show us yer Sky Scooter bashing contest
- Speed 400 Pylon Racing, 7 cell
- Electric Sailplane Limited Run Motor Event

## Demonstrations

- ▶ F5B 7-10, 27 cell Sailplanes
- ▶ F5D 7 cell Pylon
- ▶ Aerobatics
- ▶ Electric Ducted Fan Jets
- ▶ Electric Helicopters

## Prizes

Come and join us for the best electric event on the West Coast featuring \$1000 of Hitec Product in the pilots raffle and \$1000 in Hitec Product for the Event Prizes.

## Vendors

Hobby People, Dymond Model Sports, Diversity Model Products, Peak Electronics, Astroflight, Jet Aircraft Factory, RCS Sailplanes and more. Special Thanks to Model Airplane News.

## When

Friday thru Monday  
Feb. 16, 17, 18 & 19, 2001  
Monday is open flying,  
all are invited to fly for FREE

Indoor Flying  
Feb. 16, 17 and 18  
2:00 – 7:00pm

Mexican Fiesta Dinner  
Saturday Night

## How Much

\$10 a day or  
\$25 for all 3 days  
(Monday is FREE)  
Indoor Flying is FREE  
Mexican Fiesta Dinner \$15

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HITEC RCD, Inc. 12115 Paine St., Poway, CA 92064 **Questions?** Call Glen at (858) 748-6948 x310

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**DUES ARE DUE!**

