



SIERRA SILENT SOARERS

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

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

MAY/JUNE 2002

Hello all,

I have have heard from a couple of people that the reason we don't see a few of the old familiar faces at the contests anymore is because we require flyers to be S3 members and that they must be a current AMA member. I'm not sure where the confusion lies, but here is the situation as I see it. We do encourage non-members to fly at our contests, in fact, we set up a fee structure specifically for non-members. Currently it costs \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members to fly at the contests. Some may argue that charging more for non-members is a deterrent in attracting new flyers. The logic behind this fee structure is to encourage semi-regular or regular non-members that attend contests to join S3. The reality is that it does cost money to maintain and replace equipment. If the cost is deterring people from participating, maybe we should look at restructuring our dues and fee structure. I'm also not suggesting that we pry

money out of everyone who shows up and wants to give flying a try. Under supervision of an AMA member, I believe beginners can fly without joining AMA.

As far as requiring AMA membership to fly at contests, this is something that we must do. We are allowed to use our current field as long as we maintain liability insurance for the property owner. This policy we get through the AMA and it only costs us \$20/year. I'm pretty sure we would not be able to get a non AMA insurance policy for only \$20/yr. A provision in the policy requires flyers to be current AMA members. Would I prefer not to pay \$48 year and still have insurance coverage? of course! However the reality is that rc planes can and have caused property damage and injuries to people. Unfortunately it is a necessary expense that there is no way around. Personally I think \$4 a month(\$48/yr) is a reasonable price to pay for the use of our current field.

Do you have another point of view, or suggestion? If so, please forward your view to our valiant editor for publication in the newsletter.

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S3 OFFICERS FOR 2002:

- PresidentAdam Kremers
- Vice PresidentDave Hagander
- SecretaryRon Marston
- TreasurerJim Brady
- Safety OfficerLyn Disbrow
- Newsletter EditorRon Marston



LETTER FROM THE PREZ (CONT'D)

That way you won't have to endure another letter from the President.

See ya
Adam Kremers

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Period ending May 7, 2002

Opening Balance:	\$1651.01
Income:	
2002 dues	\$36.00
April Contest fees	\$35.00
Total Income	\$71.00
Expenses:	
Reimbursement Hag Registration	\$15.00
Hobbies of Reno - Spirit Elite	\$139.00
parts for connect cables	\$300.00
Reimbursement Oli for Canopy	\$214.00
Total Expenses:	\$401.66
Closing Balance:	\$1320.35

Period ending June 4, 2002

Opening Balance:	\$1320.35
Income:	
Dues Karpchuck	\$10.00
May Contest fees	\$25.00
Total Income	\$35.00
Expenses:	
None	
Total Expenses	\$00.00
Closing Balance:	\$1355.35

Period ending July 2, 2002

Opening Balance:	\$1355.35
Income:	
June Contest fees	\$25.00
Total Income	\$25.00
Expenses:	
None	
Total Expenses	\$00.00
Closing Balance:	\$1380.35

Submitted by Jim Brady

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2002 MEETING

Meeting was called to order June 6 at 7:40 pm.
Jim gave the Treasurers report (see above).
Minutes not read (I wasn't there).

Old Business:

Trailer - Lee looked at a trailer in the paper. After discussion, it was decided to wait for something that better suites our needs.

Air Races Weekend is Sept. 13, 14, 15, still as a per request from outside flyers.

Non-profit paperwork - in progress by Adam

New Business:

Red Rock cleanup BLM won't help, but Reno Disposal will take away junk if arranged. Adam will check into it. - Watch for Rattle Snakes

Jim Harper has sold High Sierra Models.

Nevada State Fair - New category for models. Submission due by July 19. Ask Mike for info.

Show and Tell - Arley has a Aquila XL built but not covered. 150" span. Will have it done for Spring Fling in Sac.

Chris Adams had a new HLG - pod and boom design 295gms with 3 servos, including one for flaps.

Adam had a new Mega brushless motor 15/16/7. Slightly lighter than a speed 400 will swing an 8/6 prop direct on 8 cells.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris and Ron

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2002 MEETING

Meeting was called to order July 2 at 7:40 pm.

No treasurer's report given, but we have \$25 more than last month.

Minutes not read (I was late and no one really wanted to hear them anyway)

Old Business:

S3 Website - Bill has server space and may be able to get a domain name for us to put up the new website. I think we decided previously the domain name should be "RenoS3"

Trailer - still looking for a good deal for a trailer. We need something 6'x10' or 6'x12'.

Red Rock clean up. Reno disposal will supply a dumpster free. We will do it before the Air Races in September.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Marston



APRIL 2002 CONTEST REPORT

The April contest was flown on schedule on the 21st, with eleven pilots attending. Bill and I were the CDs. We flew a 3, 5, 7, 9 minute contest with a standard 100 pt. landing to the tape.

There was no major airplane carnage that I can remember. Results are to the right.



Bill launching his Mystic at the April contest



Dave launching his Sharon with Lee retrieving and Adam timing



Oliver launching with Ron Marston and Jim Brady

April contest scores

<u>Place</u>	<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Score</u>
1.	Bill Gillis	3643
2.	Chris Adams	3487
3.	Pete Casti	3399
4.	Oliver Lieder	3353
5.	Ron Brown	3315
6.	Dave Hagander	3050
7.	Lee Cox	2885
8.	Adam Kremers	2670
9.	Jim Brady	2565
10.	Ron Marston	2503
11.	Ron Maddison	2005

MAY 2002 CONTEST REPORT

Pete Casti and Ron Maddison were the CDs for the May 19 contest that was rescheduled due to poor weather.

Oliver had a Sapphire he had just purchased on E-bay. On its first flight, full flaps caused a stall at maybe 60 feet up. Unfortunately it wasn't enough altitude to recover from, and it went in hard. A definite candidate for the Order of The Arrow Award.

Lee lost radio contact with his plane due to a low receiver battery (?) and it went down south of the field. He was able to retrieve it, repair it, and finish the contest, AND WIN the contest!

May contest scores:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Score</u>
1.	Lee Cox	3412
2.	Jim Brady	3342
3.	Adam Kremers	2841
4.	Ron Marston	2623
5.	Pete Casti	2360
6.	Ron Maddison	1948
7.	Oliver Lieder	DNF



APRIL/MAY CONTEST PICTURES



Lyn, Jim, Ron Maddison, Bill, and Adam hanging around at the April contest



Lee and Pete hanging around at the May contest



Dave shows his son Austin how to properly store wings in a wing bag

JUNE 2002 CONTEST REPORT

Lee Cox and Jim Brady were the CDs for the June contest. The contest was held on Sunday the 30th. The contest consisted of a 5 round add-em-up totaling 25 minutes. The maximum allowable round was limited to 7 minutes. Scores were 1 point per second plus a possible 100 points per round for landings in a 50 foot diameter circle. A perfect score would be 2000 points for 5 rounds. Penalties of 5 points per second were subtracted for any rounds exceeding 7 minutes and also for over flying the entire 25 minute flight time.

The contest went smoothly and quickly and was finished by about 12:35. I don't think that there was even one snag or tangle with the winch the entire day. We also beat the weather by finishing before the afternoon winds came up.

Jim Kirstine came down from Tahoe and took first place flying Oliver Lieder's old cast-off Multiplex Milan. There were no casualties and fun-flying was pursued by many until about 2:15 when we finally broke down the winch, canopy & etc.

Editors note: Since Jim Kirstine is not a member of S3, his score will not count toward final standings. The second place score (Ron Brown's) will be used to calculate the normalized points

June contest scores:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Score</u>
1.	Jim Kirstine	1884
2.	Ron Brown	1870
3.	Jim Brady	1855
4.	Ron Marston	1677
5.	Pete Casti	1655
6.	Lee Cox	1439
7.	Ron Maddison	735



SLOPE SOARING AT RED ROCK

Here are some pictures taken by Jim Brady at the Red Rock slope in April. It was pretty cold and the wind was howling at 35mph with gusts to 60mph. It was a challenge to launch the planes and keep them flying forward. Only planes that penetrated well could be flown.



Ron Marston flying his CR Fun One (recycled from Bill)



I think this is Tom Walters watching Adam's BD-5.



Adam Kremers flying his BD-5 (upper right corner)

SIERRA SAGEBRUSH FLYERS OPEN HOUSE

The Sierra Sagebrush Flyers had their open house and BBQ on May 11 in Gardnerville. S3 pilots attending were Chris Adams, Jim Brady, Ron Brown, Adam Kremers, and Ron Marston. Chris flew his hand launch and amazed many of the wet power pilots with his ability to stay in the air without a motor. Adam Kremers flew his Mirage, which always flies well. Adam also wooed the audience with his rocket-glider.



Adam hanging out in the pit area at the Gardnerville Field

I flew my Twister which is a good example of a great flying plane with only an \$8 motor. Unfortunately I hit a fence post while landing it so I only got one flight on it. I have since repaired it. The wing had already been repaired several times so I opted for a replacement. Robert Cavazos sells replacement wings for \$50.00. The first one he sent me was damaged by the Postal service. After the usual runaround from them Robert sent me a new wing (no charge). Cavazos has great customer service.



Adam and Ron flying at the Gardnerville open house





Ron Marston showing his electric Lazy P-51. Specs: wing area 750in², 83 oz RTF on 12 CP2400s, Aveox 1015-1.5Y, 4.4 - 1 gearbox, 14/7 apc e-prop.

I also flew my Thunder Tiger Lazy P-51. Even though I didn't fly it too impressively, some guys were impressed that a plane that size could be electric.

I saw some beautiful wet power planes flying. All the Sierra Sagebrush Flyers pilots out there were gracious hosts and I am thankful they invited us out there. It's a great field to fly at with a great bunch of guys.

SPRING FLING 2002

S3 made a strong appearance at this year's Spring Fling in Sacramento on June 22-23. Ten members made the trip over the hill to participate in a contest with better than average weather and poorer than average attendance.



S3 members at Spring Fling 2002

Attending members in the picture above, from left to right: Ron Maddison, Pete Casti, Arley Simpson, Dave Hagander, Jim Brady (kneeling) Lee Cox, Lyn Disbrow, Adam Kremers, Chris Adams (kneeling) Ron Brown.

Final scores for the contest are available on the SVSS website at:

http://www.svss.org/spring_fling_2002.htm.

Here are some of the highlights:

Ron Brown took first place in the RES class. Congratulations Ron!

Dave Hagander took a respectable 7th in Open class.

Chris Adams flew his hand launch in the Two Meter class. He was second after the first day, and ended up 5th at the end.



The Reno Thermal Mafia 2002

On a less happy note, Arley Simpson brought his Aquila XL to Spring Fling for its maiden flight on a winch. I can only guess how many hours of building went into this airframe. This plane is huge! 150 inch span and about 112 oz, if I remember correctly.

Half way up the winch, the spar failed at the wing joiner, and the wing folded.



Arley at a meeting holding his Aquila XL. It required 4 or 5 rolls of Monocote to cover.



SPRING FLING 2002 (CONT'D)

On another unhappy note, Jim Brady lost sight of his new Artemis Friday afternoon before the contest even started. I suspect everyone who's flown in a contest has lost track of their plane for at least a moment. You take your eye off it for just a second or two, and suddenly it's gone! Where is it? Where the hell is it! Oh, there it is. Wait, is that my plane? Sh#t, I can't tell! Okay, that must be it....It's too easy to think someone else's plane is yours when they are just specs in the sky.



Jim Brady with the remains of his Artemis at Spring Fling

The newsletter editor would like to take this empty space up by humbly apologizing for this newsletter being so late.

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MISCELLANEOUS



Adam's new Turbo Bee. Should be very cool



Arthur Marston with a pusher plane designed and built by his dad (Note: Sign up to be the newsletter editor and you too can put pictures of your family in to fill up space.

FOR SALE

As far as I know, all of this stuff is still for sale.

Tom Black is selling his Little Big Winch. It is new condition. Call Tom for details.

Radio Gear for sale:

JR PCM 9 Heli system - #J9C-4SHR PCM complete w/ 5 servos batteries and charger asking \$175

JR Max 6 -#J6FC2 MAX6 FM PPM fixed wing six channels, dual rates, reversing, etc. complete w/4 servos and manual asking \$75.00

Century VII PCM Heli system - #N7C-4SAH w/ 4 servos, batteries, manual, charger asking \$125

Call Chuck at 858-3000 Ext 297 after 6:00 pm



S3 CONTEST SCHEDULE FOR 2002

MONTH	S3 CONTEST DATE/CD		SVSS CONTESTS (SAC.)
March	3/17	Bill and Dave (rescheduled to 3/30)	3/9
April	4/21	Ron Marston and Bill	4/13
May	5/19	Pete Casti and Ron Madison	5/11
June	6/16	Jim Brady and Lee Cox	6/15
July	7/21	Adam and Arley	7/13
August	8/18	Bill and Dave	8/10
September	9/23	Oliver and Ron Marston	9/14 (Lee Cox is CD)
October	10/21	Jim Brady and Bill	10/12

OTHER FLYING EVENTS

SPRING FLING (SACRAMENTO)
VISALIA FALL SOARING FESTIVAL

June 22-23
 Oct. 4-6

2002 S3 CONTEST SCORES (NORMALIZED)

Pilot	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Total
C. Adams	0	957.18	0	0					957.18
J. Brady	950.89	703.27	979.48	896.79					3530.43
R. Brown	715.78	909.96	0	1000.00					2625.74
P. Casti	603.00	933.02	691.68	885.02					3112.72
L. Cox	DNF	791.93	1000.00	769.52					2561.45
L. Disbrow	0	0	0	0					0
B. Gillis	645.75	1000.00	0	0					1645.75
D. Hagander	1000.00	837.22	0	0					1837.22
M. Karpchuck	0	0	0	0					0
A. Kremers	720.33	732.91	832.65	0					2285.89
L. MacKey	0	0	0	0					0
O. Lieder	961.35	920.40	DNF	0					1881.75
R. Madison	388.81	550.37	570.93	393.04					1903.15
R. Marston	627.10	687.07	768.76	896.79					2979.72
H. McCluskey	0	0	0	0					0
H. Siegfried	0	0	0	0					0
A. Simpson	0	0	0	0					0
T. Walters	0	0	0	0					0





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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Tuesday, August 1st, 7:00pm • Round table Pizza • McCarran and Mira Loma

NEXT CONTEST IS SUNDAY, JULY 21ST BE THERE!



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