



# SIERRA SILENT SOARERS

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

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

MAY/JUNE 2003

Hello all,

Our Gamblers Gala contest is fast approaching. Lee has been hard at work keeping us on track for a successful contest. As the time approaches, I hope that each of you will step up and put forth some time and effort to help make the contest a smooth running one. Up 'till now it has been mostly a "several man" effort, and as more last minute things need to be taken care of I hope we can count on all of you to spare a little time and effort. So drop Lee an email or give him a call and see what you can do to help.

OK....I know there must be some of you out there building something, bagging things, carving wood, designing stuff, creating sawdust, fiber glassing do-dads, vacuum molding widgets; etc. Well I want to hear about it! Even if it is a small project and only a



Pete Casti, Ron Madison, and Adam Kremers at the Gardnerville open house in May, talking about what could go in the next newsletter.

paragraph, send it to me to be included in my next letter. Or better yet write an article and get it to our stalwart editor for the next newsletter. I know you must be getting tired of my thoughts. (I know I am) So let's hear some of yours.....PLEASE! I'm running out of things to say!.... and if we don't get some contributions, the next letter from the Prez is going to be about my dog. ;-)

See ya  
Adam

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### S3 OFFICERS FOR 2003:

President .....	Adam Kremers
Vice President .....	Pete Casti
Secretary/Newsletter Editor .....	Ron Marston
Treasurer .....	Jim Brady
Safety Officer .....	Lyn Disbrow
Public Relations Officer .....	Phil Kalenowsky



## TREASURER'S REPORTS

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### Period ending May 5, 2003

Opening Balance:	\$1004.37
Income:	
T-shirt sale	\$10.00
April contest	\$40.00
Total Income	50.00
Expenses:	
Reimbursement Adam	\$150.00
(AMA insurance Evans site	60.00)
(AMA insurance Hickey site	60.00)
(AMA club charter	30.00)
Total Expenses:	\$150
Closing Balance:	<b>\$904.37</b>

Submitted by Jim Brady

### Period ending June 2, 2003

Opening Balance:	\$904.37
Income:	
May contest	\$40.00
Total Income	\$40.00
Expenses:	
Nevada Battery - Winch cables	\$21.71
Total Expenses:	\$21.71
Closing Balance:	<b>\$922.66</b>

Submitted by Jim Brady

## MAY 2003 MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting of 5-6-03 was called to order by Adam Kremers at 7:42 pm

Minutes of previous meeting were approved  
Treasurers report.

### Old business:

Adam reported that the winch carts were ready to be powder coated, he will get with Dave to take them to the powder coater. Lee has started on the winch modifications, he has ordered new line, hardware, foot switches, disconnects and solenoids for the upgrades.

As of meeting time there have been 9 entries for the July contest though we expect more in the coming weeks. Lee has ordered parts for a new frequency board and is working with Ron Marston. Lee also mentioned that Oliver is looking into a way to detect if radios are on in the impound area.

Oliver Lieder reported that Jack Jordan has donated two radios to the club. A 4 channel and 6 channel transmitter. Jack stated that he enjoys reading the newsletter and it was unanimously approved to include Jack on the newsletter mailing list for his generous donation. Thanks Jack!!

It was mentioned that the Gardnerville RC club's open house would be on May 10th and that S3 members were more than welcome to attend with their aircraft.

Also mentioned was the upcoming Spring Fling in Sacramento next month and that interested people should sign up soon.

Meeting adjourned around 8:50 pm

Submitted by Adam Kremers.

## JUNE 2003 MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting called to order at 7:41 pm, 6/03/03 by Vice President Pete Casti (in Adam's absence).

Minutes from last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report was not read as the Treasurer was MIA.

No Correspondences.

### Old business:

Oliver ordered parts for an RF detector to be used for the Gambler's Gala to check transmitters.

New winches - will be coated by Friday (6/06). Adam has some blue carpet to cove them with. Other than that they are about done.



## JUNE 2003 MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D)

They have dual solenoids, a shut off switch on the retriever, all new 30# braided line and heavy duty swivels. Nice job Lee.

Lee is looking for two 1 7/8" trailer hitch balls to be donated.

The old club trailer is still in tact - may be used as a RES winch after the big contest.

### **New business:**

We need to bring Gala contest entry forms to Spring Fling in Sac. to promote our contest. Leonard obtained the pilots list from last year's Spring Fling and mailed flyers to all of them.

**All S3 members should sign up for the Gala contest and fly in it. You will also be expected to help out as needed.**

Leonard has a scoring program from RCSE he can use for the contest.

The July contest will be at Laura Springs, and will be a dry run for the Gala contest.

Carson Valley Days is this Saturday, June 14. The Sagebrush Flyers will have a float in the parade. S3 has been invited to participate. There will be a temporary runway at Lampee Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Submitted by Ron Marston

## APRIL 2003 S3 CONTEST REPORT

Submitted by Pete Casti

The contest was great!

I had to stick to a simple format in order to beat the pending weather of strong winds. The contest moved along nicely and the single landing tape made for some interesting high traffic landings.

## APRIL CONTEST REPORT (CONT'D)

On one of these landings I was starting to set up for a nice one and when I turned around there was Kyle. I turned once to avoid his built up Aspire(?) and on my second turn to regain control I cut straight through him. Glass ships cut through wood planes like a chain saw. No damage to mine.



Oliver helps guest pilot Kyle winch up his plane. Adam on the retriever.

Ron Madison misjudged a telephone pole and smacked it with the belly of his plane in a turn. Damage would not have been so bad if it weren't for the fence it crashed into after hitting the pole.

Leonard demonstrated some fine landings skills on the tape by staying put and standing near the winch where he launched and masterfully setting his plane in the landing circle some 200 feet away.



Ron Brown and Lee Cox just after Lee's plane sets down a little short of the strip.



## APRIL 2003 CONTEST REPORT (CONT'D)

Oliver and Ron Marston tied for first place. Both pilots were off the total time by only one second.



Ron Marston launching his Mystic in the April contest.

The wind cooperated nicely and every one seemed to have fun.

See you all next contest so we can get practiced up to sweep the competition at spring fling. Pete

## MAY 2003 S3 CONTEST REPORT

Submitted by Lee Cox

I left home about 7:15 am to drive to the Washoe Valley contest site. There was a light wind blowing in Gardnerville but when I reached Carson City all the flags were standing straight out and steady. It didn't look good for a contest!

When reaching the Washoe contest site, I was alone. No one else had arrived yet, and the wind was only blowing lightly from the north. From experience I was positive the wind would only get worse as it was already blowing hard in Carson. Scotty showed up next with the winch as we were going to use his and Leonard's winch for the contest since I had the club's equipment disassembled for the real balls upgrade. We sat around and

## MAY 2003 S3 CONTEST REPORT

waited for others to show up. I was really thinking about canceling the contest but we decided to set up and try it.



We used Scotty's winch for the contest.

The wind did not get any stronger so we went on and started the contest.

I had decided to use a format that Oli had designed for the April 2001 contest. We flew four rounds of his version of a triathlon. The only key scoring spot was 1-2-4-8-16 minute flights and you could score if you were 10 seconds under or over but if you went on and tried to make it to the next level you would drop back to the score before last. It was tough but fun and Oli skunked us all real bad as he only flew 3 of the 4 rounds and had enough points to beat all of us that flew 4 rounds.

After most of us flew 4 rounds, Oli placed first with 2994 pts., Ron Brown placed second with 2622 pts and Adam Kremers placed third with 2540 pts. And, in fourth place was "yours truly" with 2474 pts. We had 11 pilots entered but one pilot, (I won't mention his name), crashed before the contest started!

The wind actually almost stopped and it was a great day. I think most all of the pilots and spectators enjoyed the contest.

Lee Cox CD



## SIERRA SAGEBRUSH OPEN HOUSE

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The Sierra Sagebrush Flyers had their open house in Gardnerville again this May 10th. As in the past they invited S3 members to attend, and extended their usual friendly hospitality. The weather was cool but not windy, and there were some really nice planes flying. Adam, Pete, Lee, Ron Brown, Ron Madison, Ron Marston, and Leonard were among S3 members who showed up to fly electric planes



The pit area at the Gardnerville flying field.

Pete flew the Mirage more than once (I think), and caught some nice thermal action on one of his flights and stayed up for something like two hours (at least that's how I remember it). Adam flew his nice scratch built twin 400 plane, which impressed the crowd. I flew the 020 Twister and the Blue Max. I didn't hit anybody or crash anything so it was a successful day. Lee flew some wet power planes (I think).



Adam talking and Ron Marston looking clueless (as usual) at the Gardnerville open house

## SIERRA SAGEBRUSH OPEN HOUSE

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I brought my new 1/4 scale Gee Bee Y, which had the motor system installed, with 32 gordy cells I got from Lyn Disbrow (thanks Lyn!), but no servos installed. I guess I wanted to show people what electric power can do. Most internal combustion RC pilots think of electric planes as small under powered toys. I wanted to show a big over powered toy. It did generate some interest. Most people assumed it was wet powered, and some were outright amazed when they heard it was electric.



I brought my Gee Bee even though it wasn't ready to fly yet.

By the way, the Gee Bee is still not quite ready to fly, but it's close. (Lots of other things going on in my life right now.) With newer batteries it draws about 1900 watts on a fresh charge, and the 18x12 prop pulls HARD. Anyone have a fish scale I can use to measure thrust?

Ron Marston

## MISCELLANEOUS

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The June contest will be this Sunday, which is Father's Day. Lyn Disbrow is the CD, and he hinted there may be some LIMBO involved.

Also, Leonard said at the last meeting he will have the club Highlander with a trainer cord/radio if you want to bring your kids out to try some RC flying.



## 2003 S3 CONTEST SCORES (NORMALIZED TO 1000 POINTS)

Pilot	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Total
Chris Adams	0	DNF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jim Brady	851	0	311	0	0	0	0	0	1162
Ron Brown	853	DNF	876	0	0	0	0	0	1729
Pete Casti	797	666	542	0	0	0	0	0	2005
Richard Castillion	DNF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee Cox	850	159	760	0	0	0	0	0	1769
Lyn Disbrow	672	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	672
Bill Gillis	550	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	550
Scott Hall	435	0	333	0	0	0	0	0	768
Dave Hagander	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000
Dan Hickey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Karpchuk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Kremers	913	983	848	0	0	0	0	0	2744
Oliver Lieder	998	1000	1000	0	0	0	0	0	2998
Leonard MacKey	445	339	0	0	0	0	0	0	445
Ron Madison	0	DNF	334	0	0	0	0	0	334
Arthur Marston	0	0	365	0	0	0	0	0	365
Ron Marston	721	1000	381	0	0	0	0	0	2101
Charlie Maschal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Howard McCluskey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Walters	361	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	361

## S3 CONTEST SCHEDULE FOR 2003

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	Rescheduled to 3/30	Adam Kremers	3/08
April	Rescheduled to 4/27	Pete Casti	4/12
May	5/18	Lee Cox	5/10
June	6/15	Lyn Disbrow	6/07
July	7/13	Arley Simpson	7/12
<b>Gambler's Gala</b>	7/19 - 7/20	Lee Cox	
August	8/17	Bill Gillis	8/09
September	9/21	Oliver Lieder	9/12
October	10/19	Dave Hagendar	10/11

### Other Flying Events

Spring Fling (Sacramento) June 21, 22, 2003

Visalia Fall Soaring Festival





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### **NEXT CLUB MEETING:**

Tuesday, July 1, 7:30pm • Round table Pizza • McCarran and Mira Loma

**NEXT CONTEST OF THE YEAR: SUNDAY, JUNE 15  
BE THERE!**



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