



SIERRA SILENT SOARERS

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

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

JUNE 2001

Hello All,

You know Spring Fling is just around the corner and I was really pleased to see that S3 has 13 pilots registered so far! That must be close to a record! We will have our June contest on the 17th, just a week before Spring Fling. It will be your last chance to perfect all of your flying and landing skills before the big contest. I will be the CD so remember to bring your blindfolds. I saw something in a cartoon, and I'm pretty sure we can do it! :-)

In trying to think of something to write about this month, I was reading through a recent issue of MAN or Model Aviation (I forget) and a letter caught my attention. A guy had taken his 10 year old son to the local RC flying field to get him started in the hobby. The father wrote that the behavior and language of the flyers that had gathered that day was bad enough to embarrass a longshoreman. When he confronted one of the flyers (who happened

to be the club President) about it, he said that it was common among the flyers and that it's "Just the way it is." The man also went on to say that he felt they were made to feel unwelcome or even as an annoyance to the club members. Needless to say the father wasn't very pleased and left vowing not to return. I have read of similar instances before, not so much about inappropriate language, but about being made to feel unwelcome by club members. I think S3 does a pretty good job about welcoming prospective new members.

This did get me thinking a little. Looking back at past S3 contests have I or others ever behaved in a way to give onlookers or guests a negative impression of our club? I can think of a couple of instances where some of us haven't exactly put our best foot forward. Now I'm not talking about the occasional "hell or damn," or when a few of us get together privately at the slope or dry lake. I'm just saying as a reminder, we should all be

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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



LETTER FROM THE PREZ (CONT'D)

mindful of our behavior at contests, especially since we get such a large number of visitors stopping by at the Washoe site. It is easy to get complacent, even more so when you are around friends and are comfortable being around each other. But, if we turn off even one prospective member, that's too many!

Now how was that for a preachy letter from the Prez? See what you get for wanting a letter from me each month. I'll leave you with one of my favorite sayings "Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana"

Adam Kremers

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2001 S3 MEETING

May 1, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Adam Kremers at 7:41 PM. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved with no corrections. The treasures report by Jim Brady showed a balance of \$1285.01 as of meeting time....

Old Business

The park in Washoe Valley was discussed. It will be across the road from Bowers mansion. The model field is not a given at this time.

The batteries (2 12 volt and 2 6 volt) and the 3 stage chargers (2 12 volt and 2 6 volt) have been purchased and appear to be working OK. Adam made a charger caddy to hold all 4 chargers and simplify the power connections.

The fun fly/BBQ at Adams place on the 14th of last month was judged a huge success.

MAY 2001 MINUTES (CONT'D)

New Business

Harold announced that there will be a B-17 at the CC airport on May 17th and 18th.

Oli has talked with Norm, our flying field owner. He has received the insurance and the thank you card. The field we have been using is for sale but we can still use the upper field even if the lower field is sold.

The Gardnerville crew is having their annual funfly on May 19th.

It was understood that the Mogul vortex now extends as far as Cold Springs as Dave Hag suffered some wing damage under mysterious circumstances.

Getting a Federal Tax ID is a complex task so Adam is going to look into some of the simpler ways of becoming a registered non-profit corporation.

Harold Sigfreid made a 16 minute flight at the last contest.

Non-club folks have been partying at the Red Rock slope site and leaving a lot of garbage behind. Put a garbage sack in your truck and fill it up the next time you're there.

Dave Hagander and Bill Gillis promised to have T-shirts with notable words of wisdom imprinted thereon ready for Visalia.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Nelson



MAY CONTEST REPORT BY JIM BRADY

Well, darn. I guess we might as well just throw our stopwatches away. Sunday's first round was a 3 minute blind flight with a ten second window from 2:50 to 3:00 worth a bonus of 100 points. Lee came close with a 2:48 and Oliver went over with a 3:01. The remaining 5 of the 7 fliers got the bonus. Under 2:00 or over 3:00 was worth a ZERO flight score.

After a poor start, Lee Cox just kept plugging to score 1st for the day. Dave H. who had it in the bag with 3 nearly perfect rounds finished 2nd after finding a giant sink hole in the 4th round. Finally, after taking a ZERO in the 1st round, Oli pulled off a miraculous comeback. He had wrecked his new Milan in a poor second round, changed to a 2 meter plane and aced the 9 minute fourth round to finish in 3rd place for the day.

Ralph Lent drove down from Tahoe to join us and test fly a new 2 meter floater.

Marston flew his super Vee and flew some of his dazzling electrics. Howard McCluskey did well flying his Bird of time/Spirit 100 hybrid. Ron Brown's right arm is getting strong again. He flew his Falcon 800 Sunday.

It was a good contest with beautiful weather. Thanks for a good turnout and a fun day.

Jim Brady/CD

See contest results on the next column....



Here's a picture of Adam Kremer's Mirage.

CONTEST SCORES FOR APRIL 22, 2001

Pilot	Score	Place
Lee Cox	1692	1
Dave Hagander	1626	2
Oliver Lieder	1493	3
Jim Brady	1421	4
Ron Marston	1371	5
Howard McCluskey	1018	6
Ron Brown	912	7

OPEN HOUSE IN GARDNERVILLE

The Gardnerville power club had its open house on Saturday, May 19. It was a beautiful day (even though it got a bit windy in the afternoon). The event was well attended by S3 members. Lee Cox, Jim Brady, Oliver Lieder, Bill Gillis, Ron Brown and Ron Marston were among those flying that day. We had lots of electric planes to show off, and no one embarrassed themselves with a spectacular crash. Our club was warmly welcomed and many people there were curious about electric power. There was some great flying to see, including a huge 1/3 scale CAP 232(?), and a 7oz RTF mini electric helicopter, that didn't seem to mind the windy conditions. A great day for all who attended.



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

Pilot	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Total
C. Adams	951.12	825.25	0						1776.37
B. Avery	682.02	0	0						682.02
J. Brady	922.47	856.37	839.83						2618.67
R. Brown	969.99	0	539.00						1508.66
L. Cox	893.82	521.84	1000.00						2415.66
L. Disbrow	DNF	0	0						0
B. Gillis	984.27	700.18	0						1684.45
D. Hagander	1000.00	1000.00	960.99						2960.99
A. Kremers	DNF	379.41	0						379.41
O. Lieder	913.48	982.35	882.39						2778.22
R. Marston	802.25	537.40	815.01						2154.66
H. McCluskey	DNF	373.42	601.65						975.07
P. Russell	986.52	0	0						986.52
H. Siegfried	0	658.29	0						658.29
T. Stowers	908.43	0	0						908.43





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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

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

**NEXT S3 CONTEST IS JUNE 17TH
SPRING FLING IS JUNE 22-23**



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