



SIERRA SILENT SOARERS

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

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi all,

Well flying season is just around the corner, in fact on Sat March 10th the SVSS will be holding their first thermal duration contest of the season. The S3's first contest will be on the 18th with Dave Hagander as the CD. My goal for the next meeting is to make a final decision on purchasing new winch batteries and chargers. New battery technology and the availability of "smart" chargers should allow batteries to last many years.

Lee Cox has printed up some very nice membership flyers to keep in the trailer to give to prospective new members, in fact he has given some out already. I think this will make gaining new members a little easier. In fact as I write this letter, I've just returned from the first scheduled funfly of the season where several possible new members were in attendance.

I attended the MWE (Mid Winter Electrics) in

San Diego over the President's day holiday. The weather was great and there were around 75-100 pilots. Everything from slow flyers to 27 cell hotliners were demonstrated. This year they even had several indoor flying sessions in a hanger at a nearby airport. Unfortunately I didn't make it over to the indoor venue. Several excellent electric helicopters were also demonstrated. These choppers could do everything a gas powered helicopter could do, with flight times of 7- 8 minutes. A tiny helicopter from Japan was on display, it weighed in at little over 5 oz RTF! However its price tag wasn't as small, costing over \$1500.00! This annual gathering is a real blast and a great place to get new ideas, see new products and learn about electric flight. Yes, I did get my P-47 finished to take there, but was too chicken to make a maiden flight in front of several hundred spectators. So I tried to make a maiden flight at today's funfly, but the rough surface of the playa along with

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Newsletter EditorRon Marston
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some nervous thumbs caused the plane to nose over before take off and mess something up in the motor/gearbox. Well maybe next time.

So now is the time to dust off the glider, check the batteries, and get ready for some flying.

See you at the meeting and flying field.

Adam Kremers

END OF YEAR PIZZA PARTY/AWARD CEREMONY/RAFFLE

The February S3 Meeting was the annual pizza party/Award Ceremony/raffle. The event was well attended, as has been the case in the past. There was plenty of pizza for everyone (compliments of the club), and plenty of planes and plane related stuff to be had in the raffle.

Contest results for 2000 were finally revealed. The results are mentioned in the next column, but the big winners were Oliver Leider for pilot of the year, and Lee Cox for second place.

Also given out were two awards for perfect contest attendance to Jim Brady and Lee Cox.

Many club members came forward and donated unbuilt kits, from sailplanes to slopers to slow fly electrics. There were too many for me to keep track of. Tom Black donated several planes: a full size (70") electric skimmer kit, a couple of foam sloper/combat kits, a Cavazos RADAR (Adam's plane), and a Great Planes Slow Poke. Jim Brady donated a nice little built up hand launch glider kit as well. Tom Stowers donated free glider rides, and Bill had some nice misc. plane parts to give away. Chris Adams donated scroll sander items. I gave up a Sagitta 600 and a B2 sloper I knew I'd never get to building. I wish I could remember more names, but THANKS to all of you who donated!

There were two bigger prizes in the raffle. One was a Pulsar XL, a 100" sailplane with a fiberglass fuse and built up wings, almost ready to

fly. Lee Cox was the winner of this plane.

The other big raffle item was a CSD Twister with motor/spinner/esc/battery. I was drooling over this prize all night. Unfortunately, despite \$50.00 worth of tickets, I didn't win a single thing at the raffle. Oliver won this prize, but because he already had a partially built version of the plane, he very generously gave the whole thing (minus wing and battery) to me. Thanks Oliver!

I think just about everybody walked away with something from the raffle.

As I understand it, the club spent \$94.00 on pizza, \$400.00 on raffle prizes, and took in \$500.00 in ticket sales, making the event a wash financially.

Ron Marston

S3 CONTEST RESULTS FOR 2000

Place	Name	Total points
1.	Oliver Leider	6043
2.	Lee Cox	5884
3.	Bill Gillis	5297
4.	Jim Brady	5123
5.	Chris Adams	4738
6.	Ron Brown	4596
7.	Adam Kremers	4575
8.	Ron Marston	4447
9.	Dave Hagander	3650
10.	Lyn Disbrow	2862
11.	Larry Green	2817
12.	Harold Seigfried	1463
13.	Tom Black	1197
14.	Howard McCluskey	588



PHOTOS:



Lee Cox and his beautifully painted Scar



Bill Gillis' Radar



Ron Marston prepping his Sig Astro Bipe for its first flight



Another shot of Ron Marston's biplane

As seen in the April 2001 edition of Model Aviation: Two members of our club have made it to the big time.



The High Sierra Radio Control Club achieved Gold Leader status and was awarded the Leader Club certificate at the club's annual Christmas banquet in Carson City NV. This prestigious award signifies the club's commitment to model aviation safety, community involvement, promotion of the hobby, and youth and educational programming. Pictured are the club's board members: Harold Siegfried (L), Tom Reinbolt, Frank Chase, Paul Neves, Mike Schmidt, Robert Brogan, and Tim Pettipas.



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)

WALLOWA ALPINE SOARING IN OREGON

S3 SEPT AIR RACE SLOPE BASH

VISALIA FALL SOARING FESTIVAL

June 23-24

July 20-22

Sept. 15-16

Oct. 5-7





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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Tuesday, March 6, 7:00pm • Round Table Pizza at Mira Loma and McCarran in Reno

FIRST S3 CONTEST OF 2001 IS MARCH 18



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