



AIRFOIL

LVSC Newsletter



Las Vegas Soaring Club

December, 2008

The next regular meeting of the LVSC is Saturday, December 13th at 10AM.



"My Two Cents"

Greg Clemensen
President

Hello Las Vegas Soaring Club members...We had to change the combination on the gate today. If you need the gate combination before the meeting this Saturday call.
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John Wynn - 367-0090
Ed Jennings - 263-5022
Ray DiNoble - 254-7911
Dave High - 683-7733

The club meeting coming up this Saturday, December 13th will be my last as presiding officer. I will talk briefly about what the club accomplished this past year. I'll turn the gravel (since we don't have a gavel) over to the incoming president Dave High. He has a few ideas for the club and will tell us about them.

We picked up more carpet this week. There is a total of 9010 square feet of carpet rolled up out there. That ought to be enough to do the job with some left over. We are hiring out the laying and seaming. But we will still need helpers for the final prep. Tentatively Sunday, December 14th at 9:00 AM. I'll confirm up this time and date later in the week as I hear back from the carpet people.

"See You Around....On The Ground!!!"

Electric Greg



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<http://www.silentflight.org>

Model Stand

Getting older is not an option but making life easier when working on your models certainly is. A 1 x 4 pine cradle, an old camera tri-pod, a couple of 10/32 x 1 3/4 bolts and two wing nuts is the simple ticket for this set-up. Assembling your model at the field with this set-up is great but the biggest PLUS I found is using it in your workshop. The tilt, swivel, telescoping tri-pod puts the model at any angle or height. It's like another set of 'steady' hands when working at home.





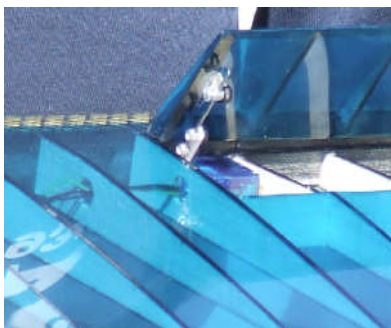
Spoiler Linkage.

As most of you know I have been working on a new and simple spoiler linkage system. My final effort, as installed in my new Topaz - S sailplane is also shown in the RC Groups web site. If you are interested click on the following link and take a look. <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=955499>

A modeler from Alabama, Rob Glover, decided to install this linkage after seeing it in RC Groups earlier this week. Rob did a very nice installation photo segment. You can see his photos by clicking on the following link and going to Pages 18 and 19, items 263 through #273.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=853850>

For those of you who do not frequent 'RC Groups - Sailplane' topics you might want to consider adding the site to your 'Favorites' list. It has a ton of sailplane, electronics, etc. information available everyday.



Ray DiNoble
LVSC

See you guys at the field. Q



From the Editor's Desk:
Frank Drake

At the flying field.....

A learning curve for me seems to be a "learning precipice". First I have been away from flying RC models for a lot of years. Then I resurrected my single stick RC and put it into a new Easy Glider. But before I did that I "upgraded" the transmitter to XPS units which I have not been happy with. I know that I may be making mistakes in my flying but when I lose confidence in a system, it has to go. I have tested it and done range testing with the system and still it has failed me three times. I am going back to my old ham frequency to fly the single stick RC system, but last Saturday I put my new Spectrum DX5e to work. I replaced the XPS in the Easy Glider with the tiny Spektrum receiver and checked out the "TWO stick" transmitter. It worked as expected and we were ready to launch.

Actually the launcher was ready but it was quickly obvious I was not! I found out that my brain is a "single stick" brain and when I went to the two sticks of the Spectrum, my brain did not! I found that out very quickly. So what to do? I will find a RC simulator for the two stick system and get used to that while I put off flying for a week or so. That was not a good way to find out that I instinctively try to control the plane with the right stick when I needed to use the left one as well. So the bottom line is this. If you are changing a system, a plane configuration or some thing else that appreciable changes how you are going to fly, practice first if you can. If not, have someone else get the plane up high and THEN learn how the plane reacts to inputs. Fortunately no one was hurt but my pride. But since we are all still learning, I learned a lesson a hard way. I "rekitted" the Easy Glider once again. This time not due to any other thing but my failure to prepare. I hope you can learn from the mistake I just made. Until next month, fly safe and land happy.

Frank



From the
"Office of the President - Elect"
Dave High

As we look to 2009 I am excited by the prospect of a new and longer runway. Well, an old and longer runway with new carpet! I know a number of the electric fliers in the club have planes they wish they could fly but the length of the runway has prevented them from doing so. Hopefully the addition of nearly 70 feet of runway will make it easier to land, although I must say it will take some of the adrenaline rush out of hitting our "postage stamp" without flaps.

I don't foresee any changes to the club. I like to keep in contact via email but I realize that a few club members don't have email so we will need to figure out how those members like to be kept abreast of happenings in the club. We will also be changing the combination to the gate coming up in a month as we do every year. The field and driveway are in the best shape ever (at least they will be when we get the carpet down on Dec. 14th) so it should be a great winter season of flying. I know I am looking forward to getting my "wheeled" planes flying again, and to stop picking dirt and rocks out of my EDF tube on my F16!

Finally, I have never been the President of a club before so please bear with me as I make a few mistakes. I would like to thank the others who have volunteered to be part of the Board of Directors – Bill Winchester, Bill Vail, Bill Milliron, Mike Z., David Westeen and Allen Gottlieb.

We would also like to thank the outgoing Board for their fine work and dedication to the club this past year!

Have a great Christmas, Hanukkah, or whatever you choose to celebrate this month and let's have a great 2009.

If you need to get in touch with me during the week day, email me at dave.high@cox.net. I work from home but am on conference calls much of each day so I can check mail where I can't really answer the phone. Email usually will get a reply within 30 minutes, whereas a phone call may take 4 – 8 hours depending on how many calls I have scheduled during the day. Weekends, best to call my cell phone at 702-683-7733.

Best,
Dave High – dave.high@cox.net
LVSC President Elect 2009



Flying Field Safety
Rick Stone
Club Safety Officer

Rick will address those issues in this newsletter from time to time so that we all are "safety aware" in anything we do at the field. The AMA has a requirement that each club review and be aware of field safety issues on a regular basis so that we don't become lax and take a chance on hurting ourselves or others at the field. So until Rick posts his first column here, fly safe and return home happy.

Frank



New member: Darren Swartzbaugh



Ray with his new plane



3 guys with 3 planes

From the AMA Insider Newsletter: For information about anything pertaining to our hobby look here for more: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/insider/index.html>

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