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In Loving Memory



The checkered flag waved one final time for Thomas "Tommy" Hickey, 73, on the morning of April 3, 2019. The fourth-generation Nevadan and lifelong Gardnerville resident died peacefully at home after a long battle with illness. Hickey leaves behind a legacy of family, racing, skiing and community service.

Hickey was born on December 27, 1945 to James K. and Grace M. (Oxoby) Hickey. He was the youngest brother to Mike and Dan Hickey. He was married to his loving wife Terri for 47 years. Together, they had two sons. Hickey graduated from Douglas County High School in 1964. From there, he would go on to Sierra College in Rocklin where he would earn an associate arts degree in electronics.

When he returned home from college, he was hired at Bentley Nevada Corporation. It is here where he met his future wife Terri Manning. Together, with brother Mike, the couple opened Hickey's Drive-In in 1974. The frosty stop served up burgers, fries and ice cream for 10 years. After selling the restaurant in 1984, he entered the family trade of construction. He owned and operated T-Electric, an electrical contracting business for more than 30 years.

Hickey was a lifelong fan of car racing that started when he was a young boy. He would spend hours racing his go-kart around Jimmy's Motel and Frosty Spot, built by his parents. He would eventually go on to race at T-car speedway in Carson City and earn the title "Tricky Hickey". The pinnacle of his career took him to Ontario Motor Speedway twice, where he raced in NASCAR's Winston West Series.

Hickey's smile was contagious. Friends often commented on his positive attitude. He was known as a man who put others before himself. Perhaps his greatest gift to the community was his 55 years in the Sunday Douglas County Ski Club, where he was a founding member, chaperone and director. It is safe to say he taught thousands of kids the joy of skiing and snowboarding.

He served the valley community for 15 years as a Gardnerville volunteer firefighter and member of the Gardnerville Town Water Board. He and brother Dan were instrumental in restoring the Old Douglas High School into the Douglas County Historical Society Museum. He also served on the society's board of trustees.

Hickey is survived by his wife Terri, sons Brian (wife Rene) and Kevin (wife Bethany), brother Mike and grandchildren Sophia, Olivia and Perry. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Dan.

It was with great sadness that we said good-bye to one of our club's true friends. Our condolences go out to Mike and his family with the passing of his brother Tommy last month. BJ

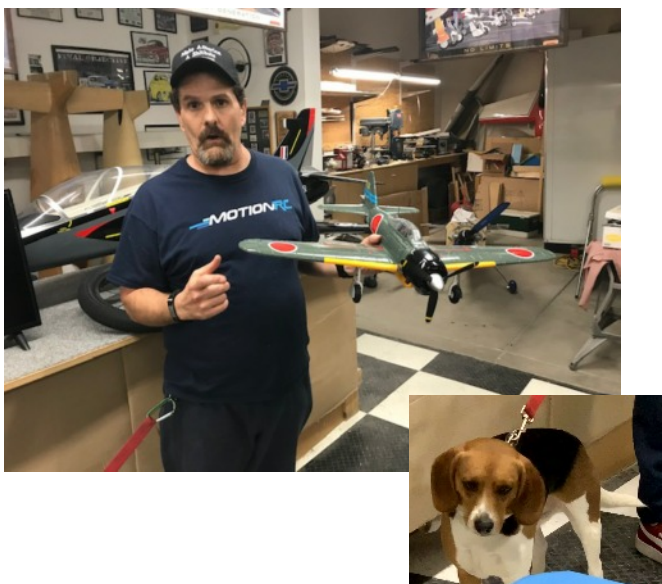


AT THE LAST MEETING...



**OUR NEXT EVENT IS A HICKEY DAY FUN-
FLY AT THE CLUB FIELD ON MAY 18.**

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS ON MAY 2ND
IN JIM KELSO'S GARAGE AT 7:00 P.M.**



We had our first event of the year. It was the carrier event. Not a lot of participation, but a lot of fun. Thanks to Jim and Dennis for running the event and doing the cooking. We'll have more info in the next issue. BJ



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Minutes of Monthly Meeting, April 4, 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jim Kelso. Nineteen members and guests were present.
- II. The minutes from March 7, 2019 meeting were read by the secretary and approved.
- III. Treasurer's report: The current balance in our checking account is \$4,630.51.
- IV. Field report: Tom Walters reported he rented a yard blower from Ahern Rentals and cleaned the runway of loose and spaulding concrete. Thanks Tom for all your work.
- V. Old Business: Jim Kelso introduced new members Dan Stratton and his grandson, Grant.
- VI. New Business:
 - Schedule of Events has been posted on the club website and copies were available at the meeting.
 - Barbara Mower presented two Wild West Videos of members recently flying at our club field.
 - Barbara also showed a business card for the club that she designed and reported they could be purchased from Vista Print for \$23 per 100 cards. The membership thought this was a good idea and approved purchasing business cards with a color photo of Mike Hickey's D7 biplane on the front side.
 - The Fernley RC Club swap meet is scheduled for April 13th and 14th in Fernley.
 - Bob Sullivan reported on the High Sierra Club swap meet.
- VII. The Golden Cow Pie Award was deferred until May and few members were flying this month and no confessions (at least not during the meeting).
- VIII. Show and Tell:
 - Mike Hickey showed enormous 16 inch scale wheel which will go on his 50% Fokker D7 that he is scratch building. Can't wait to see the rest of the airplane.
 - Dave Stela showed his electric foam Zero V2, P&P from FMS Models. The model has a 31.5 inch wingspan, and costs \$109.99.

I can't wait to see it fly.

- Bob Heitkamp showed his Hawk turbine jet from Skymaster USA X-treme Jets. The model is powered by a 29 lb turbine engine, holds 1 gallon of jet fuel, and 1/3 gallon of smoke. It has air retracts and air brakes and operates on 12 channels. The maiden flight is scheduled for next week at the dry lake bed
 - Jim Kelso showed several antique engines he recently acquired from a club member leaving the area.
- IX. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next club meeting will be Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Jim Kelso's shop.

Submitted by Dennis Lampson

Schedule of Club Events for 2019

May 18	Hickey Day Fun-fly and barbeque.
May 25-27	Giant Scale Fun-fly @ Castle AFB
June 1	Club Float Fun-fly @ Topaz Lake
July 8-9	Turn & Burn, SAM Warbird Race
July 13	Deathride @ Topaz Rest Stop
July 27	Open House & BBQ @ club field
August 17	Fun-fly Poker Event @ club field
Sept. 7-8	Trashman Classic, Sam Warbird Race
Sept 14	Hickey Day Fun-fly and Barbeque
Oct. 26	Family Day Fun-fly @ club field
Nov. 9	Military Fun-fly @ club field
Dec 5	Annual Christmas Party @ Carson Valley Club

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