

Air Sailing 1969 – 2016

History and Vision



The founders had a shared vision

Air Sailing Vision

- *Develop and sustain a soaring site for all soaring pilots, forever*
- *Provide an environment for soaring pilots to develop advanced soaring skills*
- *Provide access to low cost soaring to expand the number of people who can afford to fly, and foster new pilots thru youth introduction / scholarships*
- *Provide a facility, services and welcoming environment to encourage members to want to fly and volunteer here, thereby achieving all our goals*

Founding history

- July 1969 – NSA starts the process of acquiring land from BLM
- Dec 1969 – Air Sailing articles of Incorporation submitted
- Sept 1970 – BLM approves application for use of 480 acres
- June 1971 – Air Sailing, Inc. is formally incorporated
- May –Sept 1972 – grading of the roads, runway and tiedowns
- **August 1972 – first fly-day at Air Sailing!**

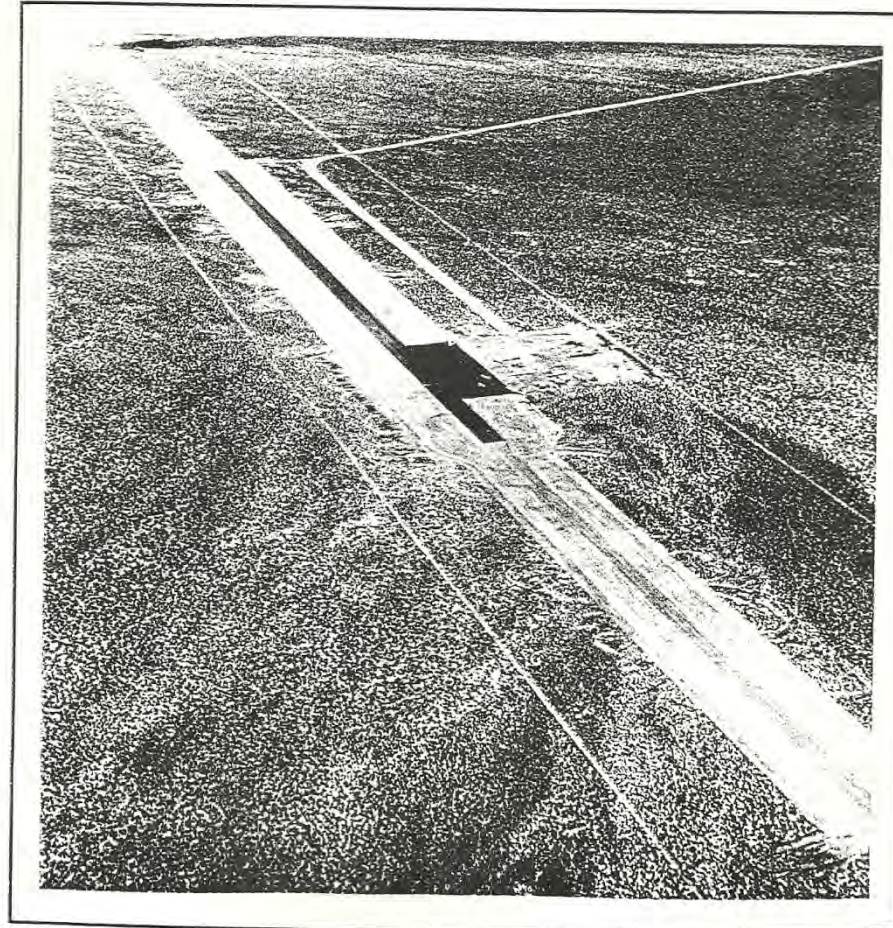
Every member brings their own vision

Our collective vision has built ASI

1970s

- 1971
 - ASI incorporated
- 1972
 - Roads, runways, tiedowns cleared and graded, flight operations begin
- 1973
 - Well dug
 - 1st Ajax Liquor Store (Fallon) Trophy Dash
- 1975
 - Cinderblock bathhouse with part time generator built
 - Windmill erected
- 1976
 - 1st trees planted
 - Crosswind runway graded

1972 - 17/35 graded and oiled

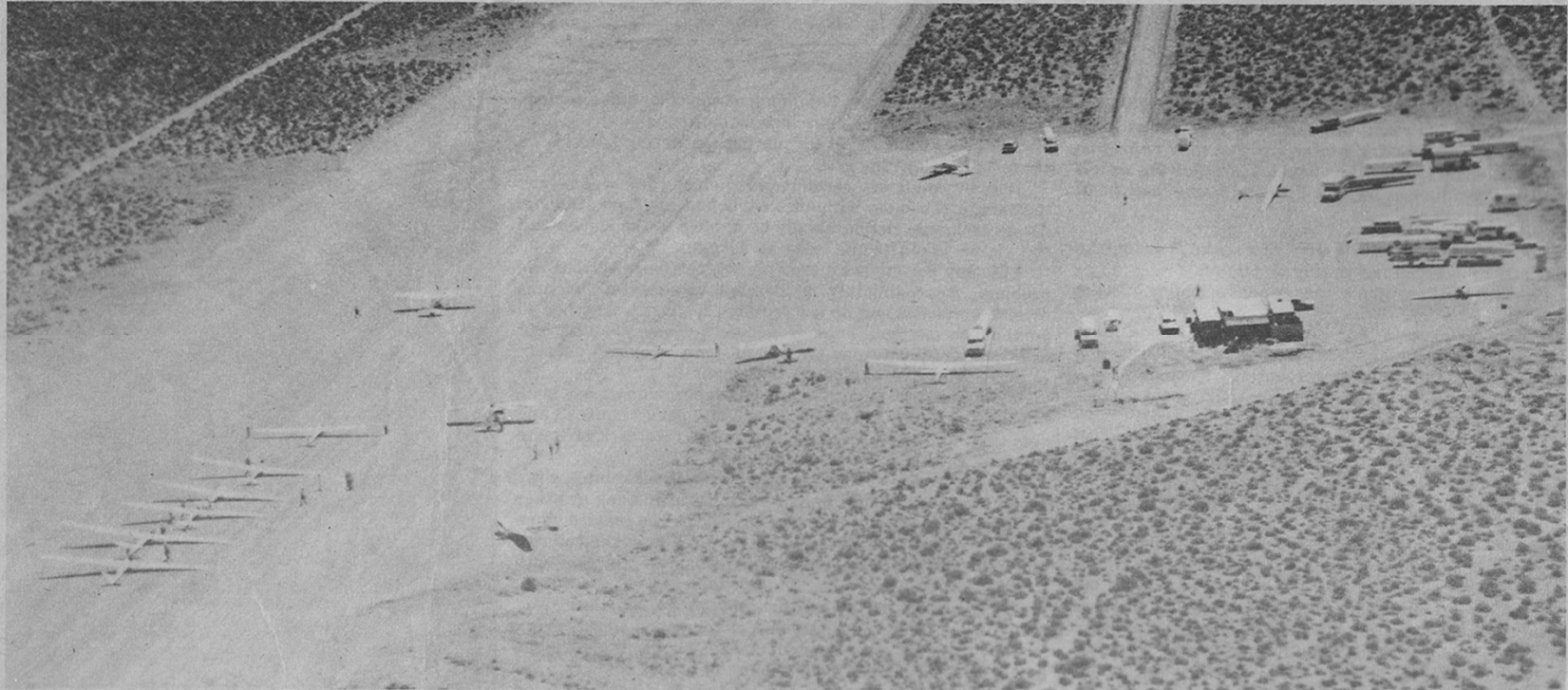


1973 – First Fallon Trophy Dash (aka The Ajax Liquor Store Trophy Dash)



1974 – Trailers in place for shelter and onsite caretaker

Page 12—Lahontan Valley News—May 29, 1974

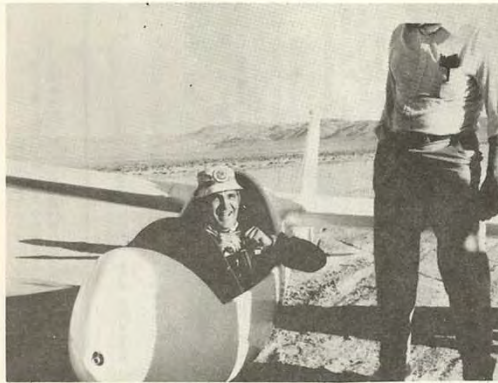


Gliders preparing to take off at the start of the second annual Ajax Liquor Store Trophy Dash held this past weekend at Air Sailing, west of Pyramid Lake.

1974 – July Fly Day

7-74

AIR SAILING FLYDAY



First Bob Kramer completes his Diamond ...



and "cools it",



then Charlie Hayes finishes his Gold,
gets Diamond Goal and ...



He "cools it"!

- - - Photos by the Asdels.

1975 - Septic system and permanent toilet/showers constructed, with a diesel generator for part time 110v power



1975 – Windmill erected



1976 – First trees planted



1976 – Crosswind runway graded



1978 – Fallon Trophy Dash

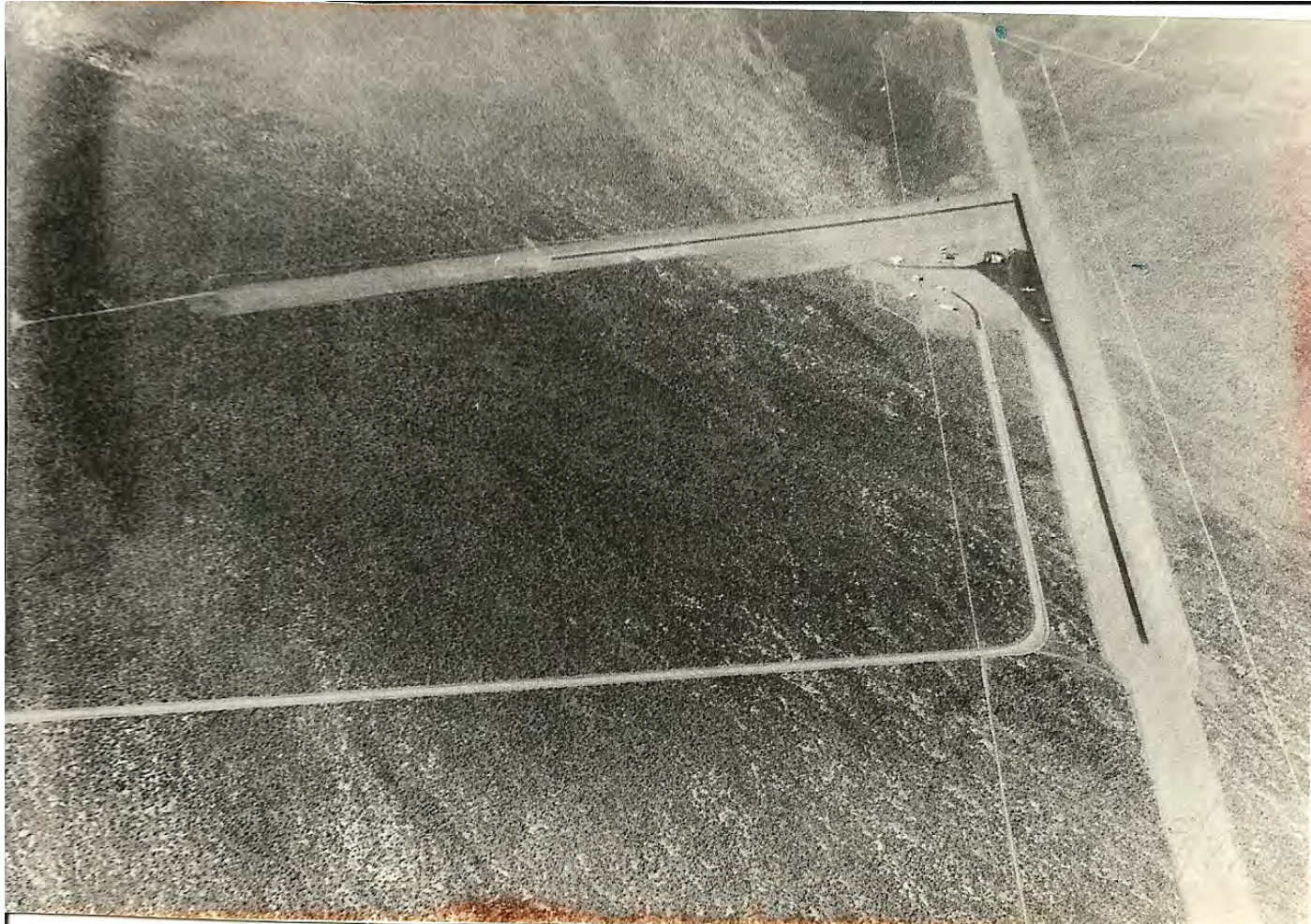


1978 – Board of Trustees

- Jim Hayes
- Carl Herold
- Earl Butler
- George Asdel
- Sonner Greenspan



1979 - Runways resurfaced with decomposed granite, then oiled



1980s

- 1980
 - 1st Annual Sports Class Contest
- 1983
 - First paving on crosswind runway
- 1985
 - 1-26 National Contest
 - Women's Soaring Seminar
- 1986
 - 1st Cross Country Camp
- 1987
 - Main hangar erected
 - 1st Memorial Grove trees planted, Memorial Stone added

1980 – First Annual Sports Class Contest

Sports Class Competition at Air Sailing

By Carl Herold

On 25 through 30 August 1980, Air Sailing, Inc., 25 miles NNE of Reno Nevada, will hold the 1st Annual Air Sailing Sportsclass Competition.

For information on this SSA-sanctioned event, send your request to Carl Herold, 966 Astoria Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087. The contest will be run on rules similar to those so successfully used at El Mirage the past few years; i.e., select your own course to fly using the CH-80 handicap. All pilots with a Silver Badge are accepted; the 1-26's, Dusters, H-301's, and Nimbii are all encouraged to bring their pilots and crews. If you don't have a sailplane or a pilot to crew for, volunteer to help me in running the contest. I am preparing for a 45-to-50 ship contest. The El Mirage Sportsclass Contest is no more, so encourage pilots from near and far to apply.



Contestants.



Contest Crew.

1980 - Flydays



- Norma Burnette
- Carl Herold



1981 – Camping at Air Sailing

Jim Hamilton



Stew Crane, Jim Hamilton





1983 – 4th Annual Sports Class Contest



1	EP	Newgard, Pete	ASW-20	3051
2	S2	Murray, Doug	Duster	2875
3	PZ	Hinkle, Eldon	Duster	2824
4	OC	Smith, Dalton	Duster	2734
5	27	Hurd/Brimhall	Astir	2690
6	6J	McKay, Bob	ASW-15	2456
7	1V	Herold, Carl	ASW-12	2455
8	9E	Hamilton, Jim	Dart	2444
9	9V	Casamajor, Bob	Nugget	2371
10	W8	Paine, Brian	Duster	2326
11	MK	Carter, Dick	Libelle	2054
12	U4	Dye, Dale	1-35	1994
13	DM	Hoke, Mike	Diamant	1961
14	1C	Riddle, Charlie	Pegase	1891
15	51	MacDonald, Jim	1-26	1822
16	TJ	Johnson, Tom	BG-12	1635
17	C5	Badenoch, Ben	PIK-20E	1589
18	CS	Slover, Kelly	StdCirrus	1589
19	1T	Batault, Jean-Claude	Pegase	1441
20	MG	Green, Mike	Phoebus	1391
21	HD	Zaidi, Shahid	Boomerang	1314
22	JL	Lux, James	BG-12	1206
23	74	Mattson, Dudley	1-26	937
24	Z9	Clark, Janet/Roger	LS-3	792
25	04	McFall, Ian	LS-3	663

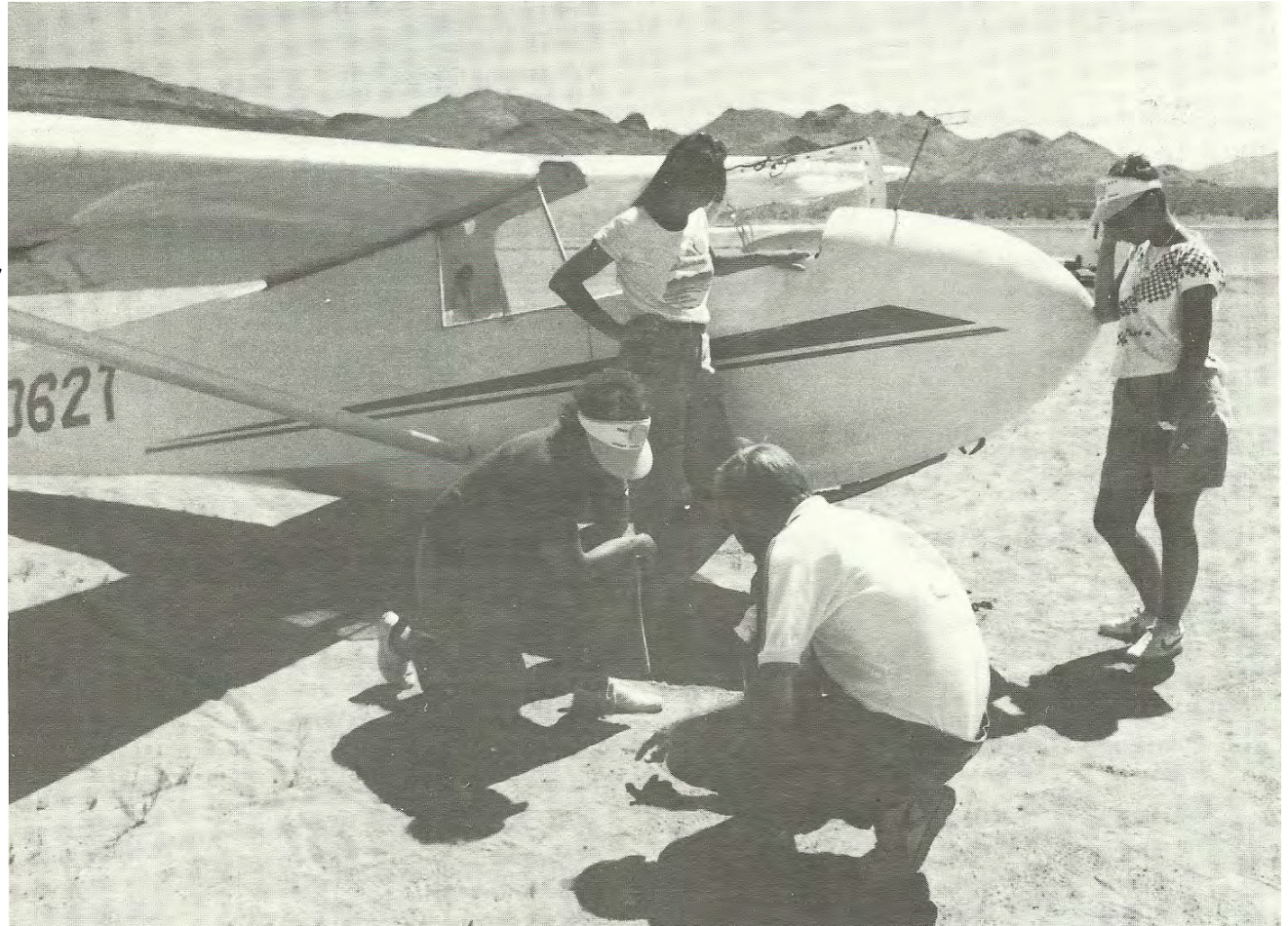


1984 – The gazebo was the social center

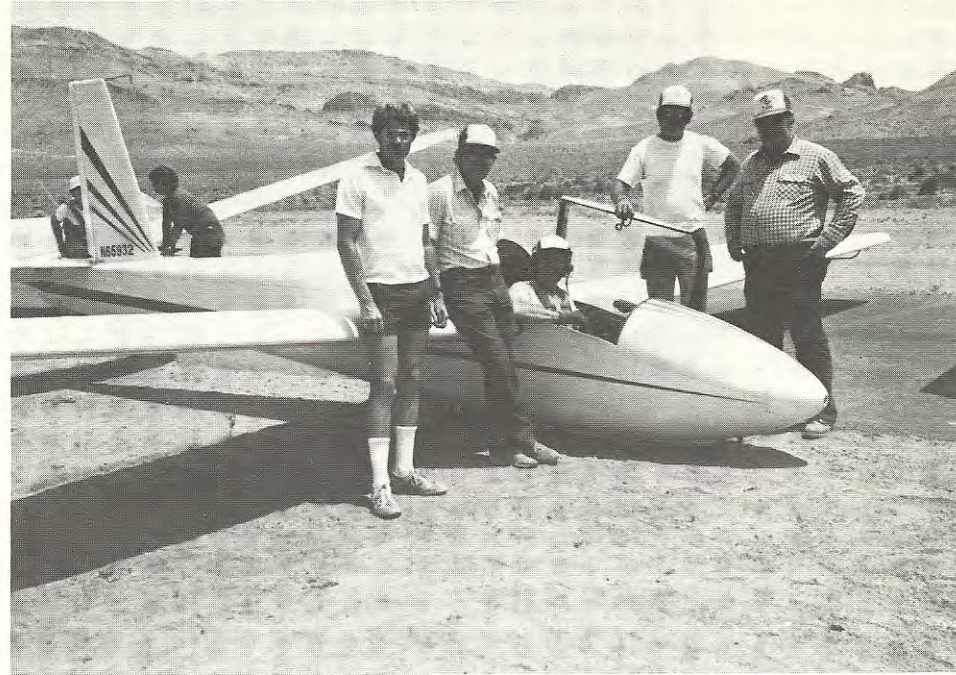


1985 – First Women’s Soaring Seminar

- Skip Miller
- Diane Wiedenhammer
- Rolf Hortensen
- Alyse Borland



1985 – 1-26 Championships



The Nevada Soaring Association goes to the 1-26 Championships at Air Sailing! Left to right: Tom Morris, Carl Herold, Vern Frye in the cockpit, Doug Thrailkill, Maurey Busik



1987 – Main Hangar is erected



1987 – First Memorial Grove trees planted



1987 – First memorial, with Memorial Stone



1988 – Cross Country Camp in the new hangar



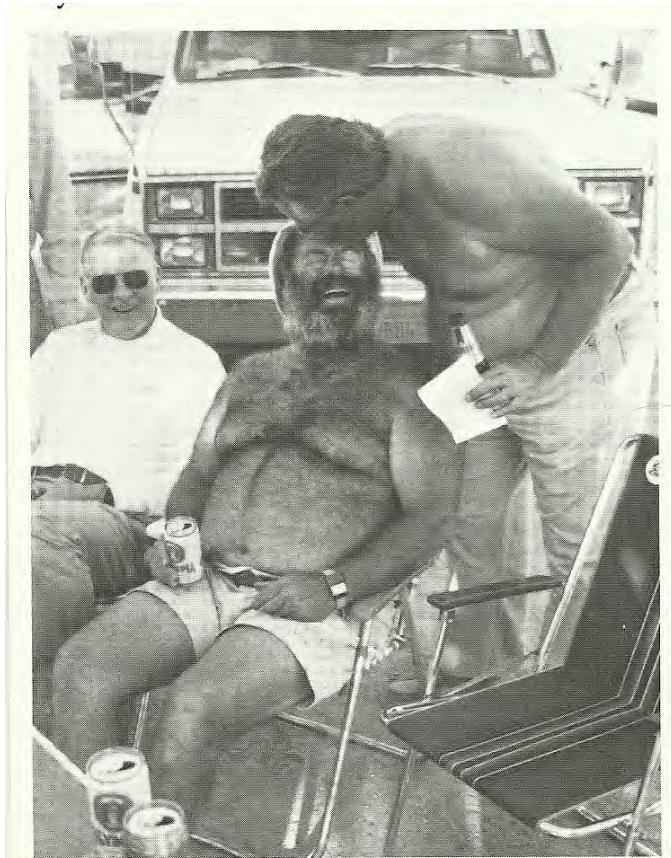
1988 – Sports Class Contest



- Dick Carter
- Jan Montagne
- Gertie Russell
- Steve Smith
- Stan Montagne
- Norma Burnette



1989 – 10th Annual Sports Class Contest



*Winner for the day gets a kiss!
Pete Newgard, Mike Green and Duane Russell*

Airsailing Sports Class, Warm Springs, Nv.

1	SM	Stan Montagne	Ventus	4302
2	EP	Pete Newgard	AS-W 20	4217
3	7A	Bob Klemmedson	Std. Cirrus	4050
4	MG	Mike/Bill Green	AS-W 20FL	3998
5	BB	Bruce Laxalt	AS-W 20	3946
6	NF	Steve Smith	PIK 20D	3939
7	6J	Bob McKay	AS-W 15	3859
8	CT	Dick Carter	Ventus	3683
9	4S	Rex Mayes	AS-W 20	3582
10	72	Vern Frye	1-26	3545
11	Z	Randy Gobbel	Mosquito	3537
12	LV	Ty White	Pegasus	3289
13	WE	Charles Leu	Std. Libelle	3136
14	74	Mattson/Dismukes	1-26	2419
15	CS	Kelly Slover	Cirrus-17	2325
16	8H	Fred Fricke	1-35A	1859
17	27	George Brimhall	Astir	1830
18	2VS	Pam Sutton	PIK 20B	1768



1990s

- 1992
 - 1st Air Sailing Racing Camp
- 1994
 - Sierra Soaring Services launched as FBO
- 1995
 - Land patented from BLM
 - 1st Thermal Camp
 - ASI hosts SSA Convention in Reno
- 1997
 - 25th and final Fallon Trophy Dash
 - ASI purchases first towplane
- 1998
 - 1st Gerlach Dash
- 1999
 - Billygoat Hayes Scholarship established
 - Palomino Valley Soaring FBO

1990 – Sports Class Contest

- JJ Sinclair
- Steve Smith



- Pete Alexander
- Pete Newgard
- Bob McKay
- Barbara McKay



- Billy Green
- Mike Green
- Steve Smith
- Eric Reese
- Steve Brown



1991 – Cross Country Camp



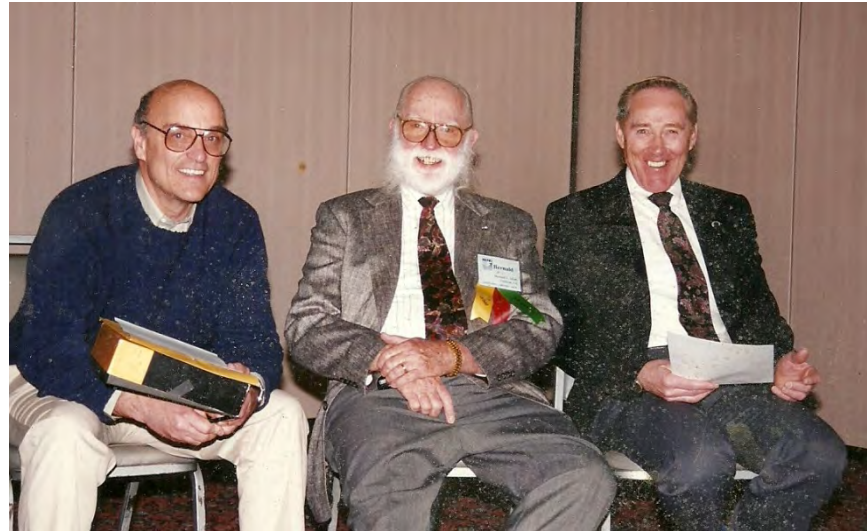
1994 – April snow



1994 – NSA continues all-weather soaring



1995 – ASI hosts SSA Reno Convention



1997 – Cross Country Camp



1997 – 25th & Final Fallon Trophy Dash



The Last and Commemorative 25th Year FALLON TROPHY DASH

Saturday & Sunday, 16-17 August, 1997

Sponsors for 25 Years:

Norma and Alex Burnette • Fallon, Nevada



Activities include...

Saturday, 16 August: Race your glider from the ASI Start Gate to Fallon, NV

Saturday, 16 August: Evening Barbeque, Entertainment and Comaraderie

Sunday, 17 August: Norma's Famous Beer-Pancake Breakfast at Dawn

Our host will be Air Sailing, Inc.

ASI Facilities and Race Coordinator: Bernald S. Smith (510) 656-0434

Please contact Bernald if you plan to tow from ASI so that we can plan for towplanes.

Traditional FTD race rules will be published in July WEST WIND.

Fallon Dining, Reservations and Entertainment: Carl D. Herold (702) 786-5963

Cost for each reservation will be \$13.00 per person and \$6.00 per under 12 child.

This will cover the Saturday evening Dinner and the Sunday morning Breakfast. No Refunds.

Mail check with reservations to: Carl Herold, 1230 Riverberry Drive, Reno, NV, 89509.

1998 - Spring



1998 – Workday and windmill repairs





1998- First Gerlach Dash



2000s

- 2001
 - Capital Campaign raises \$>200K for construction
- 2002
 - Clubhouse and Bathhouse constructed
- 2003
 - ASI acquires Pawnee towplane
- 2006
 - WiFi internet service introduced
- 2009
 - 1st US Libelle Gathering
 - Avgas tank replaces fuel truck

2000 – Rick Walters and WSPA pilots



2000 – Old bathhouse and camping area



2000 – Flight line shade structure and battery system for 24-hour power

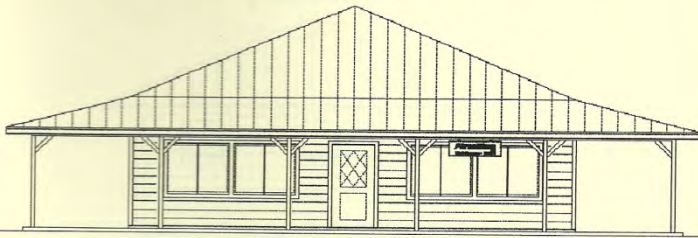


2001 – Spring Clean Up

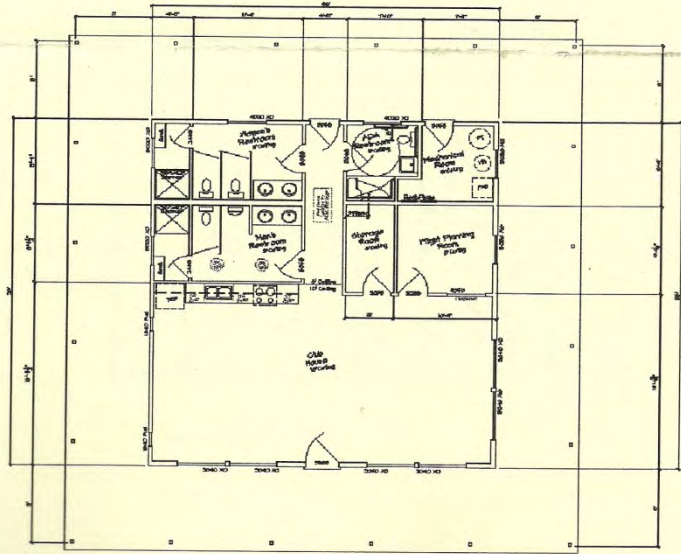


2002 – Clubhouse and Bathhouse Plans

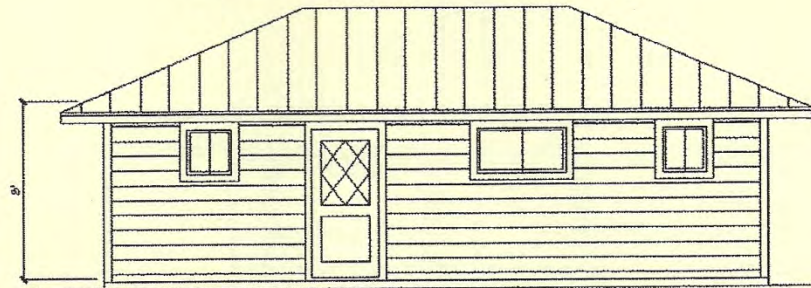
CLUBHOUSE
(On site of current restroom)



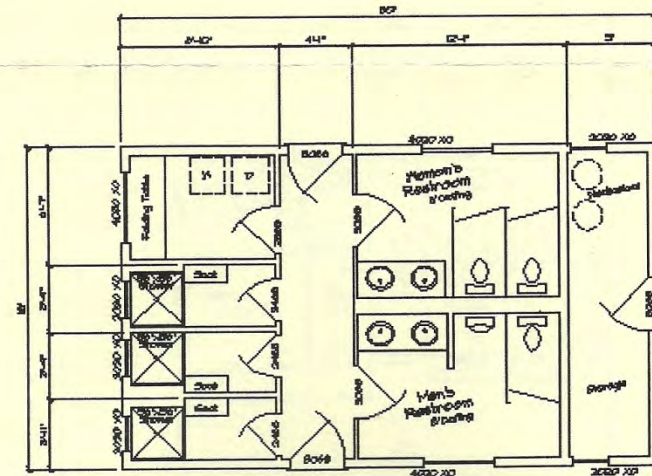
Front Elevation
Clubhouse



**New Restroom,
Showers and Laundry**



Front Elevation



2002- Where should we put it?



2002 - Builders











A new social center



2005 – Spring Maintenance Day



2005 – Jeff & Bear



2005 – WSPA Soaring Seminar



2007 – Gerlach Dash



2010s

- 2011
 - Solar array erected
- 2012
 - Towplane hangar constructed
- 2014
 - Main runway reconstructed & repaved

2011 – Solar Array added to our local grid



2012 – Towplane Hangar erected



2014 – Main runway reconstructed



Over 40 years,
some things have changed







But, some important things haven't



1980 – 1st Annual Sports Class Contest



Contestants.

2016 – 37th Annual Sports Class Contest









The founders had a shared vision

We all sustain that vision, even as it evolves over time

Air Sailing has always been a work in progress

Thank you for putting your hands and heads into that work

