



2005 NRHSA CONVENTION

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Always a smash hit, the NRHSA Show continues to attract hobby dealers and exhibitors to its invigorating Las Vegas setting. The four-day show, produced by *Hobby Merchandiser* and held in late April, ran very smoothly in its new home at the Las Vegas Hilton. The tabletop trade show, the educational dealer seminars and the off-site demonstration events all drew solid dealer attendance. This is the show where everyone seems to be in good cheer from beginning to end, and the fun shows no signs of ever letting up. *Hobby Merchandiser's* coverage of the 2005 NRHSA Show will continue in July. **HM**



Great Planes Model Manufacturing Co. flew several models at William G. Bennett Field, home of the TOC, including their newly released

PT-17 Military Stearman ARF. Powered by an O.S. .91 four-stroke engine, the model demonstrated its outstanding maneuverability and realism in flight.



Sunset Lake is a charismatic setting for RC boating demonstrations by Great Planes, Horizon, Megatech, Midwest, Traxxas and other manufacturers.



Kathleen Winnie and Fred Medal were part of a strong team of representatives from Tamiya America. Tamiya showed their latest releases in plastic kits, RC vehicles, paint and tools, and RC accessories from Aliso Hobby Distributors.



Newly elected NRHSA president Don Hendrick (right) moderated dealer seminars at the Hilton.



RC car excitement was literally over the top throughout the duration of the demonstrations at the "Hilton Raceway," a temporary course laid out on a Hilton back lot by Dancy's RC of Las Vegas. It's hard to beat the hospitality of this city, and the spring weather in Las Vegas is ideal for outdoor dealer get-togethers like this one.



The newly formed Hobby Manufacturers Association met during the NRHSA Show. Left to right are Jim Hudson (Sullivan Products), Louis Nace (Testor Corp.), executive director Pat Koziol, Fred Hill (NRHSA representative), Mark Schwing (EMS Systems), Frank Ritota (MRC) and HMA president Bob Staat (McHenry Couplers).



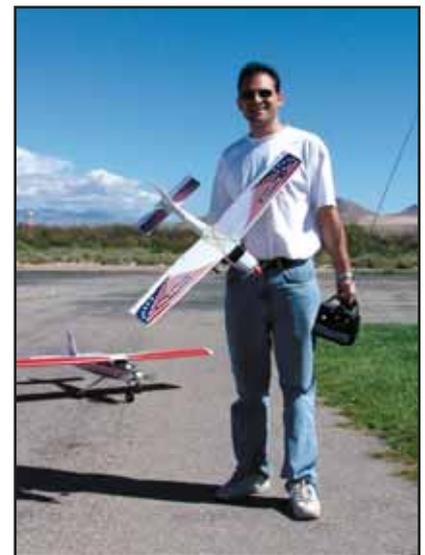
Patty St. Pierre laughs with visitor at the Hobbytime Distributors table.



E-Flite's Yak was a highlight at indoor and outdoor exhibitions.



Will the real Elvis... Presley impersonator Jason Heinrich poses with Fred Hill, Don Hendrick, Judy Fucshen and Bill Rickard.



Felix Santana with Megatech's Freedom Flyer and Capital Flyer.



J.C. Pell and Wally Findysz of K&S Engineering & special shapes.



Ken Schlotfeldt, president of Badger Air-Brush Company.



Model tree masters John & Tiffany Truong of JTT & Partners.