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March 2008 Calendar

1st	Club Breakfast - Buzz Inn Harvey Field	8:00 am
6th	O & D Meeting - Bill Renfro's	7:30 pm
15th	Pylon Race	sign in 11:30 am
20th	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby	7:00 pm

March Newsletter Addendum

It is with regret that we share the news of the passing this morning of long time SRAC member Pete Arrivey.

Pete was an exceptional builder, building kits as well as scratch building. His planes are a standard that we all strive to achieve.

Pete served as Duration CD for several years and only this past season found it necessary to relinquish that responsibility, due to failing health, to Bill Renfro. Pete continued to compete in this event and was awarded his trophy at home by Bill, Roy, Chris and Ed.

Pete was a valued member of SRAC, who willingly shared his skills and knowledge with fellow members. He will be missed by all who knew him.

We send our condolences to his wife Kerin, his children and grandchildren.



Bill presents trophy to Pete



Ed, Pete, Roy, Bill and Chris

SRAC Pylon Racing Results and Reflections (SPRRR)
For Feb 16, 2008

Hello Racing Fans,

Yes, we were able to race for our Feb race. This report is very late and I am sorry about that, but I will do better next time!

Half A pilots were first timer Marty Menia, Duane Kaasa, Jerry Neupert, Roy Stubbs, Scott Flickinger, Brad Pettit and Chris Christensen.

It was a wonderful thing to have our first timer, Marty, in his first race ever, take a 2nd place. All though his luck was not so good in heat number 2 when the pylon judges disqualified him for 2 cuts, but he came back and finished a 3rd in heat number 3. Way to go Marty! Chris and Brad had a hard time getting things going, especially because they shared the same pit area and tools. If you look at the season scores, you will see that there is 1 point between 1st second and third place.

Doubler pilots were first timer Mike (Maddog) Guilikson, Duane Kaasa, Jerry Neupert, Roy Stubbs, Scott Flickinger, Brad Pettit and Chris Christensen. Mike had a good day with two 3rd place finishes but he got a little excited and in the last heat he got 2 cuts and was disqualified. He also started off the race with his little blue piece of Ship, (or something like that) in which he had his competitions confused and tied on a combat streamer. One very important thing I need to mention is that Roy Stubbs beat his old track record of 1:27 with a new one of 1:25. He just keeps whacking off those seconds, Congrats Roy! I got an email this week saying that "the Judge" David Pitkin, is building a Doubler, so give him a hand and help him out. We look forward to having "the Judge" racing with us.

Electric pilots were Jerry Neupert, Roy Stubbs, Rick Etter and myself, Sherman Lillie.

Not a lot to say about the Electric races except... I beat Roy, I beat Roy!!! That is a day I thought would never happen. Im sure he must have been busy with other distractions and not thinking I would even be on the same lap, let alone a head! But it was good for me! Rick Etter gave us some entertainment when he tried to fly through pylon 1, but it was not a cut because he spun around the pylon, but if my memory serves me correctly, he had all ready made 2 cuts before that and was disqualified. It was good to have Rick out with us again!

Almost all of the races were very very close. There were times that we could not tell who won because it was so close and then if you though in a cut or two it really made things messy, but with a little help from everyone, we got it figured out. Speaking of help, I would like to mention some of the help we had, David Pitkin and his friend Dave (I believe that was his name) helped us as Pylon 2 judge and did a great job.

We also had Burt West doing his magic as Pylon 1 judge, this is a hard job and things happen fast but even then he made some pretty tough calls. Chris brought 2 young men of the Ross clan with him to help out. It was fun to watch them get excited and thanks for the help! We also had a photographer at the field taking pictures of the races and they were great. Except the one showing Roy and I during the electric class and I was still going past the pylon, and Roy was half way through his turn. I believe Roy has these pictures on CD if you would like to see them.

On a little bit of a heaver note, I have sent out some emails to a few individuals looking for some help with pylon racing. The main thing here is that it is really hard to run a race program like this with only a little help. We really need 4 callers for the pilots, and a minimum of 2 but preferably 3, pylon judges. Most of the times we have enough callers but there are times when everyone leaves when they are done racing and then electric class ends up with no callers and 1 judge. The other thing I would like to see is more people racing, especially in the electric class. This is a class that has really had a lot of people in the past which made it a lot of fun. One way to help increase the numbers is to bring a friend to help you out like Chris and Roy does. This does two things, first is help out for that race and second it gets others exposed to the fun and excitement and then they want to race in the future.

Lets all make it a goal to bring some one with us for the next race! You never know what kind of enjoyment and excitement will be there, and if it gets rained out, you can still get 2 points for showing up.

Our next race schedule is going to be Half A's first, then Electrics, followed by Doublers, this might help out with some of the help needs.

Remember that we only have 2 more races this season, so if you want to race, now is the time!

Remember, the next Pylon race day is this Saturday March 15th.

Until then, keep flying safe, go fast and turn left, left, left.

Sherman Lillie CD