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March 2009 Calendar

5th - O & D	Bill Renfro's	7:30 pm
7th - Club Breakfast	Buzz Inn Harvey Field	8:00 am
19th - Club Meeting	Galaxy Hobby Lynnwood	7:00 pm
21st - Pylon Racing	SRAC Field sign in	11:30 am

February Show & Tell



Mike's All Purpose flier!

Van & Rad discuss Mike's creation

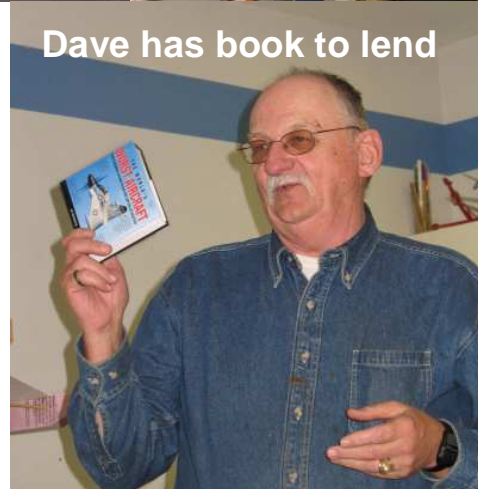
Miles shares his PT—19



Roy with Taper Wing



Larry's post solo plane.



Dave has book to lend

Pylon Racing - Clean fun, exciting, competitive, cooperative, supportive, camaraderie, the list of adjectives goes on in this superlative part of the hobby of our hobby/sport.



A little CA ...



Ed at start your engine



...and Jerry will be prepared for next month



and at heat end



Let the contests begin.



Gary & Scott ready to compete.

Race CD & By Line: Marty Menia February 24,

SRAC Pylon Race Day 1

It was a dark and gloomy night...

... somewhere but not here, not today at SRAC. The day started with a gentle southerly breeze, high clouds, and a great late winter opportunity to get a sunburn. I know for a fact that I did. Racing fun was had by most. However, there were a few who are still confused. This is pylon racing - not combat.

Doubler
Pylon Racing

We started out with enough volunteers to fill all stations. A special thanks to Burton, David, and Allan for their assistance at pylons 2, 3 and 1 respectively. An extra thank you goes to whom ever it was the left his green thermos and stainless steel mug behind. If they go unclaimed, I may just have to put them to use. If you are the one who just slapped his forehead with an open palm, then give Marty an email to make claim on your prized, well used possessions.

Heat 1A got the day off to a great start. Duane took 1st with a time of 1:37, followed Jerry with a time of 1:40. Roy finished in third with his first cut of the day. Heat 1B found Ed in first with a tie of 1:34 followed by a young upstart with musical ambitions - Patrick who had a time of 1:47. Regrettably, Scott didn't - couldn't find the groove and was eliminated with 2 cuts.

Heat 2A was not to be dull. As they rounded pylon 1 on lap five Jerry and Ed got bored with turning left and decided a little combat action was called for. Not having streamers to cut, they plowed into each other creating a storm of confetti in the azure blue sky. Plane parts rained down from the heavens covering a 100 foot area to the north of pylon 1. Meanwhile, Patrick was heard humming as he safely completed the remaining five laps taking an uncontested first place with a time of 2:05. No hurry here.

Heat 2B was less eventful. Duane took his second first of the day with a time of 1:40. He was followed in second by Roy with a time of 1:40. Scott, alas, still could not find the groove and was eliminated when he had his second set of 2 cuts. I know he knows how to cut one, but he doesn't need to prove it.

Heat 3A was when Scott got his groove on. He finished in first place. In fact, he strolled to a finish since the only other starter, Patrick, struggled to make a lap before his engine quit.

Heat 3B for the third time today, found Duane finishing in first place with a time of 1:40 (He is nothing if not consistent). Roy, using Scott's plane, finished in second with a time of 2:10.

TODAY's standings for the Doubler races were:

1st place with 12 points: Duane Kaasa
2nd place with 8 points: Roy Stubbs
3rd place with 7 points: Patrick (the Kid) Woolfenden
4th place tie with 4 points: Scott Flickinger & Ed Lloyd
6th place with 3 points: Jerry Neupert

1/2 A Pylon Racing Results

With the winds shifting and the sun continuing it's march across the the February sky, we began the our 1/2 A racing.

Heat 1A was exciting for some, while not so much for others. Jerry finished in an uncontested first place as Roy found his plane do a little dipsi-doodle 'up and down' routine that momentarily cut the fuel to his engine, causing it to poop out. I really shouldn't mention this, but our 3 time first place doubler winner, Duane, tried to fly his 1/2A without turning on his transmitter.

Shall we say... it didn't quite work out too well and his racing for the day was over.

Heat 1B Saw our winds begin to shift back and forth with gusts to puffs. Even so, Ed and Scott braved the insignificant conditions and took first and second places respectively. Ed finished with a time of 1:38 and Scott finished with a time of 1:47.

Having lost one pilot (well we didn't lose him as much as we lost his magnificent flying ability to his earlier brain toot ... we all have them) The heats were changed to 4 on 4. Heat 2 looked to be competitive. Ed finished in first with a time of 1:30. He was followed not so closely by Jerry who had a time of 1:38. Scott took third place while Roy was unable to get his plane to use the 'force' and ended up not starting the race. He immediately sought out assistance from the pit crew of Scott and Gary who got Roy's engine roaring a deep throaty growl of a high pitched 2 stroke.

Thus, Heat 3 was upon us. Finally it looked like the air would be a buzz with 4 winged warriors screeching through the air. Alas, it was not to happen. Scott was unable to get his bird in the air for this heat. Jerry had the best time of the day and finished in first at 1:28.99 with Ed literally on his tail with a time of 1:29.44. Roy finished his only half A race in 3rd. It's all about the points.

Standings for Today's 1/2 A races were:

1st place tie with 11 points: Jerry Neupert & Ed Lloyd
3rd place with 5 points: Scott Flickinger
4th place with 2 points: Roy Stubbs

Electric Pylon Racing

Two fiercely competitive flyers braved the gusting winds for this day's electric pylon racing. Batteries were installed, transmitters were turned on and heat one began. Jerry flew a tight course and took first with a time of 1:33. Roy followed in second with a time of 1:37.

Again, batteries were changed, transmitters were turned on and the air was quietly humming with the sound of motors meeting with the 'force'. Heat 2 ended again with Roy having a time of 1:37. This however put him in first over Jerry's second place time of 1:43.

For the final time, batteries, transmitters and the beginning of Heat 3. Roy again took first, this time however with a score of 1:39. Jerry finished in second with a time of 1:42.

Standings for Today's Electric races were:

1st place with 11 points: Roy Stubbs
2nd place with 10 points overall: Jerry Neupert

PS. As luck would have it, Marty Menia also received twelve points for the day and has 24 for the season without even putting his bird in the air. We won't mention why (cuz it's boring). When the racing was finished and all was put away, Marty was seen outstanding in the field (by himself) flying his bird with a fierce look of competitiveness on his face (or was that fear) as he flew his bird over an imaginary course beating everyone he faced in his imaginary race. As the crowds went wild, Marty swears he heard someone in the pits remark - "That's about the only way he can win".

PPS (or is it PSS?) CD Sherman is back and will have season standings out before our next race. Right? He will, I know he will. Being the great guy he is I am positive he will. Won't he?

Decathlon 2009
Through February 2009

Pilot Loops Beans 30 min T & G Bomb Rolls Balloon 15 T&L Taxi Duration Score/Place

Does your name belong on this list?

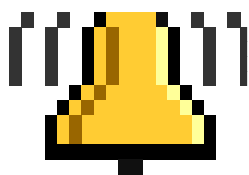
Congratulations Larry on your solo flight



2/28/2009



April 2009 Planning Calendar



- April 2nd O & D
- April 4th Club Breakfast
- April 16th Club Meeting
- April 18th Pylon Racing
- April 26th Combat Season Opener

A few safety reminders to start the new flying season.

- 1. Check all flying surfaces - are coverings tight**
- 2. Check all hinges - are the ailerons going to stay put.**
- 3. Check motor mounts - are they tight and secure**
- 4. Is fuel fresh**
- 5. Are batteries secure in fuselage**
- 6. Are receiver and transmitter batteries completely charged.**
- 7. Did you do a range check?**
- 8. If plane is new be sure to announce maiden flight**
- 9. Are linkages tight**
- 10. Did you check the throttle to assure that screw is tight**
- 11. Have you inspected the propeller for damage.**
- 12. Is your propeller balanced?**
- 13. Fly from behind the pilot screen**
- 14. Remember to announce a dead stick craft.**
- 15. Dead sticks have priority for runway.**
- 16. Announce when taxiing onto runway.**
- 17. Are you familiar with the club flight rules. They are on the web site if you don't have them.**
- 18. Keep SRAC a safe place to fly for everyone, pilots & spectators.**



Reminder....

**Combat Season
Opener
April 26th**

**If you haven't renewed your SRAC membership now is the time.
Flying season is upon us.**

Snohomish Radio Aero Club--2009 Membership Application

AMA Membership # _____ Registrar _____

**STOP--No application can be accepted without AMA card or photocopy of actual
AMA card. AMA and SRAC memberships expire annually on December 31st.**

Last name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Junior _____
(under 18) List name and age of Junior member you sponsor.

Membership in SRAC is classified by age. **OPEN** members 21 or older as of July 1st.
Youth those 18 to 21 yrs of age.
JUNIOR members, under 18 years of age whose parent is an Open member of SRAC.
Dues must be paid in full to gain field privilege.

OPEN MEMBER

Snohomish Model Airport Field Dues \$100.00 per year
Snohomish Radio Aero Club Dues \$ 55.00 per year
TOTAL \$155.00 PER YEAR

PRO RATIO FOR NEW MEMBERS (beginning June 1)

Snohomish Model Airport Field Dues \$17.00 per month
Snohomish Radio Aero Club Dues \$10.00 per month
TOTAL \$27.00 per month

COUNTRY MEMBERS (excludes Snohomish, King, Island & Skagit Counties)

50% of open membership dues

Initiation fee \$35.00

Make checks payable to SRAC

"I have read and agree to comply with the AMA Safety Code and all SRAC field rules and safety regulations. I am aware that modeling may present hazards to participants and spectators, I exempt, waive, and relieve SRAC, its officers and field owners from all current or future liability for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death caused by negligence."

Signed _____ Date _____

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