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May Calendar

3rd O & D Meeting - Bill Renfro's	7:30 pm
5th Club Breakfast - Buzz Inn Harvey Field	8:00 am
17th Regular Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby	7:00 pm
20th Duration Season Opener - SRAC Field	12:00 noon
27th Combat Season Opener - SRAC Field	12:00 noon

April Club Meeting



Paul Cole gave Club members an overview of the history of the SRAC Polar Bear Aerobatic Contest. This event has now been taken over by the Auburn Club, but for the first 49 years of the event and its evolution it was sponsored by SRAC. The presentation was appreciated by all members and gave a picture of an event that has been a significant part of the Club's ongoing contest activity. SRAC currently has contest events in Pylon Racing, Duration for sailplanes, Scale, open

and slow combat, the Decathlon (see web site for events) and two Fun Flies. If you have not joined any of these events, plan to do so and experience the fun and camaraderie that is part of each one.

Thanks ,Paul, for your presentation.



Combat CD, Mike Gullickson, Maddog, demonstrated his building technique using foam core wings and fuselages to efficiently and effectively build the planes that fly despite what the pilots do to them during

Combat Events. His twin Mustang was an example of the planes that will be flying in Scale Combat.

Check the calendar for day and time of the Combat



SRAC Leader Our tireless president at his post. Whether leading the monthly Club meeting, directing the O & D or serving as CD of any number of events, Bill Renfro is evident in the SRAC organization. His temporary stints as CD often lead to years of proving the essential spirit to keep an event going. Bill's activity as Club leader usually thwarts his own flying, but he willingly gives that up to keep the club events going efficiently. Thanks Bill for all your contributions to SRAC

The COMBAT squawk

Reported by
SRAC Air Combat Commander
Mike (Maddog) Gullikson

Fellow pilots and wantabe's.

Here's what happened on a lonely air field some where in the SRAC Theater of operations this last Sunday. The weather was some what nice, no rain, over cast sky's with patches of blue which did make it difficult to see the plane at time.

There where 5 brave and fearless pilots called up for the days sorties.

In the Scale combat we had
Van (Wormzie) Caryl, with a P-51 Mustang
Gary (Muckracker) Flinkinger, with a Zero
Scott ((Come Back Kid) Flickinger, with a P-51 Mustang

First off Maddog had a structural failer on his Twin Mustang on its first tet flight and had to put it down some what roughly and back to the hanger for some additional strengthening of the horizontal.

So the fist sortie of the day had three airplanes. Wormzies P-51, Muckracker's Zero, and Comeback Kid's P-51. All three got started on time and finished the round but it was the Comeback Kid who scored the first cut of the season off of Muckracker (his father-what a chip off the old block). He took all of his streamer. Muckracker was flying the Zero for the first time and did have a little learning curve to get used to.

Second sortie found the same pilots with the same planes in it, this time there were no cuts, not mid airs, no nothing, I really needed to be up there leading them.

Third sorie, same pilots and planes, this time Wormzie got 2 cuts followed by the Come Back Kid with 1 cut; Muckracker was disqualified for crossing the safety line. He reported having some problems with ailerons and put it down out in the field. It turned out that one of the ailerons was not connected to the servo completely. It also turned out that the Come Back Kid was his ground crew on his Zero.

Scores for the day of Scale Combat were

1st Scott (Come Back Kid) Flickinger by just 2 feet of streamer and 4 points with 444 points
2nd Van (Wormzie) Caryl with -----440 points
3rd Gary (Muckracker) Flickinger with -----140 points

Now we went on to the open class combat,
Pilots : Mike (Maddog) Gullikson with an Advenger
Van (Wormzie) Caryl with a Battle Floyd,
Gary (Muckraker) Flickinger with a Ripper
Scott (Come Back Kid) Flickinger with a Mig III
Richard (Fire Fly) Etter with an Electric Flying Wing

First sortie found a bee hive of commotion up there, darting in and out all over at each other; and Fire fly's wing buzzing so fast all around us. We had a real dog fight happening up there; then it happened 1 cut for Muckraker, then a cut for the Come Back Kid, followed by a show of power as the Come Back Kid took his Mig III and put it right through Maddogs wing, putting a gapping hole in the left wing and taking the tail feather right off the plane, to say the least Maddog was now grounded and the Come Back Kid landed safely with just his prop shortened by an inch on either side. This was followed by another cut by Muckracker.

Second Sortie Same pilots but now Maddog had to upt up his Battleaxe. Maddog scored his first cut o the season off of Wormzie. IT FELT REALLY GOOD! Now during the combat Fire Fly's Screaming electric wing some how ran out of fuel and he was forced down for lack of energy.

Third round; same pilot with the same planes, Muckracker scores two cuts followed by Maddog who got one cut, then Wormzie, with sheer Combat Guts and Glory in his eyes, went right threw Maddogs tail and took those feather off also. Maddog's plane settled to the ground with minor damage, minus vertical and horizontal. Wormzies battle Floyd continued on with just a dent in the wind.

Open Standing at the end of the day are as follows.

1st Gary (Muckraker) Flickinger ----- 644
2nd Mike (Maddog) Gulickson ----- 500
3rd Scott (Come Back Kid) Flickinger ----- 320
4th Richard (Fire Fly) Etter ----- 236
5th Van (Wormzie) Caryl ----- 164

SWAP and SHOP

This section is left blank for any club members who have items for sale, trade, discard, etc. Just send an email to h_ghussey@msn.com for addition to this column.

Contest Reports

Contest reports will be included monthly in the newsletter. Send reports as attachments to h_ghussey@msn.com. Reports not sent as attachments will not usually be included. Check web site for up dated event summaries. Additions for web site are to be sent to same location. Please send as an attachment.



Hobby Expo

Thanks to Sherman Lillie the SRAC participation in the Hobby Expo at Evergreen State Fairgrounds was a great success. The crowd of visitors at the event was beyond expectations and our booth was visited by many of the attendees. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped staff the SRAC Booth. We are already planning for next year' Expo.

Safety Officer, Roy Stubbs, Report

Safety committee members: Paul Cole, Rusty Howe, Pete Arrivey, Jeff Jensen
Double check everything in your plane prior to flying, simple problems are easily cured on the ground. Once in the air they can be disastrous. Beware of starting engines at full throttle. Always pre flight check control surfaces correct direction. Inspect servos for binding conditions. This is particularly critical with digital servos.

Field Marshall, Jim Swanson, Report

Mole control before radio control. Knock over the hills whenever you see them.

Coming Events

May 19 — Barnyard Buzzards Combat
June 2, 3 — Belle Air RC Fly in
June 17 — SRAC Duration
June 24 — SRAC Combat
July 14 — SRAC Fun Fly and Pot luck
August 25 — SRAC Fun Fly , Wild and Wacky and Pot luck
September 15 — Bob Jacobsen Float Fly in at Lake Goodwin

Next SRAC Meeting May 17, 2007