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**September 2007 Calendar**

1st Club Breakfast - Buzz Inn Harvey Field	8:00 am
6th O & D Meeting - Buzz Inn Harvey Field	9:00 am
15th Bob Jacobsen Float Fly - Lake Goodwin	9:30 am
16th Duration - Snohomish Model Flying Field	12:00 noon
20th Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby (election of officers)	7:00 pm
23rd Combat - Snohomish Model Flying Field	12:00 noon

**August Club Meeting**



Paul Cole, SRAC field owner, presented to the club information concerning a potential law suit that could severely impact future use of the field. The owners of the property to the north of the field have informed Paul and Club officers that they will seek relief through civil action if necessary to prevent fly over of their property by planes flown from the SRAC Field. Flying outside the boundaries of the property is not acceptable. Please refer to Paul's letter to the Club on page 2 for additional details.

**New Pilot Solos**



We are pleased to congratulate Jeff Davis on his recent accomplishment. Under the tutelage of our skilled instructors, Jeff soloed and is now welcomed into that exclusive fraternity of R/C pilots. We wish him many safe landings.

**SHOW & TELL**



Bob Jacobsen shows his recently completed and ready to fly E Flight Eratix 3D model, powered by a 25 size electric motor. It looks like it will be great fun fly plane. Safe landing Bob. Thanks also to Bob for the invitation to participate in his 2nd Annual Float Fly at his place on Lake Goodwin, Sept. 15.



MEMO

To: All SRAC Members

From: Paul Cole

Re: Recent events at SRAC Model Flying Field

Date: 8/14/2007

Dear Members:

Most of you know me, but for those newer members that don't, please let me introduce myself. My name is Paul Cole and I am the owner of our current flying field. I have owned the field since 1967 (40 years) and have been an active SRAC member for almost 50 years. During that time I have served 3 terms as president, 2 terms as treasurer/ secretary, 3 terms as Director, 2 as news letter editor and the past 3 years as a member of the Safety Committee. I fly at the field year around on average about 6 to 8 times a month, primarily during weekday mornings.

I am a dedicated modeler and I want to be sure that everyone recognizes that there are many people in the club who are also devoted to modeling and desire to do everything possible to keep our flying site. That is the crux of this letter.

On August 2, 2007 I received a letter from Mr. Knappe, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Ojalchto, our neighbors living in the house with the barn at the north end of the flying field. This letter described an incident where in a model airplane crashed into their yard causing some damage and a near miss to their children.

Mr. Ojalchto was very concerned and wanted the club and me to take immediate action to prevent any and all flying over his property by model airplanes owned and operated by SRAC members and guests.

On August 8, 2007, I received another letter form Mr. Knappe, stating that one of our members had again flown over the property and that Mr. Ojalchto's family is becoming fearful of our model airplanes. The letter went on to say that if we don't stop flying over his property, Mr Ojalchto, has been advised by a second attorney to commence a law suit against the club and myself as the property owner.

I have been in conversation by phone, letter and in person with Mr. Ojalchto, Mr. Knappe, our club officers and other persons of interest.

This is a brief summary of the happenings over the past weeks and establishes the reasons for the following measure:

I am compelled, as field owner, to prohibit anyone from flying outside of our field boundaries and specifically over the buildings to the north or face lose of their flying privileges at the SRAC Airfield.

While this has always been a condition of flying at the field with penalty for violation stated in our club by- laws and field rules, it is necessary that I become personally involved to the extent of my authority as field owner.

We all have a lot invested in our hobby/sport. I do not want to lose the flying site and assume that no one else does either.

As I told Mr. Knappe, we are an organized and conscientious group that wants to practice safe and responsible flying of our remote controlled model airplanes. Although we have had only a few accidents over the past 40 years we will consider his client's actions to be a wake up call for us to be even more diligent to avoid mishaps in the future.

Very truly yours,

Paul Cole

## Show and Tell (Continued)



Maddog, our fearless Combat CD, describes the latest addition to his fleet of combat ready aircraft.

Jim, Herr Field Marshal, Swanson shows his Cri Cri with granddaughters' blond doll as pilot. Model shown below.



## August Fun Fly

It was a great day of flying for officials and participants. Put it on your 2008 calendar.



Travis counting beans for Sherman's flight.



The pilots box at the fun fly with Bill at the controls.

If you have photos or stories of events at the SRAC Field or of club members flying elsewhere that could be added to this newsletter please e-mail to [h\\_ghussey@msn.com](mailto:h_ghussey@msn.com) . Include descriptions with any photos so proper credit can be given to flyers, builders, etc.

### **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](mailto:h_ghussey@msn.com) for addition to this column.

### **Safety Officer, Report**

Over flying the north boundary of the field is considered a major violation of Club rules and could result in restricted flying privileges. Please use extreme care as you fly at the North end of the field to assure that accidental crossing of the property line does not occur.

### **Coming Events**

**Pylon racing** begins in October. Now is the time to prepare for the first race on the third Saturday of October.

There are still many days to complete your **Decathlon Events**. When you complete a portion let Chris Christensen know what you have done so it will be properly recorded.

**Float Fly Saturday, September 15.**

**Complete details available on e-mail flyer sent by Roy Stubbs.**

**Next SRAC Club Meeting  
Thursday September 20, 2007  
Galaxy Hobby—Lynnwood**