

Ramblings

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Flying Cliches:

"You've got a bird, a plane and Superman." Regarding US Airline flight 1549 captain Chesley B Sullenberger III,

- New York Police Department official

Board elections

Our annual meeting was held at the Eisenhower school on December 9th. All members of the 2008 board were voted to hold their same positions in 2009. All board members ran unopposed. Please thank your board members when you see them for their help, time commitment and support to the club in 2008. Lets continue to give them our continued support in 2009

-DAN VANNIEUWLAND-
Newsletter Editor

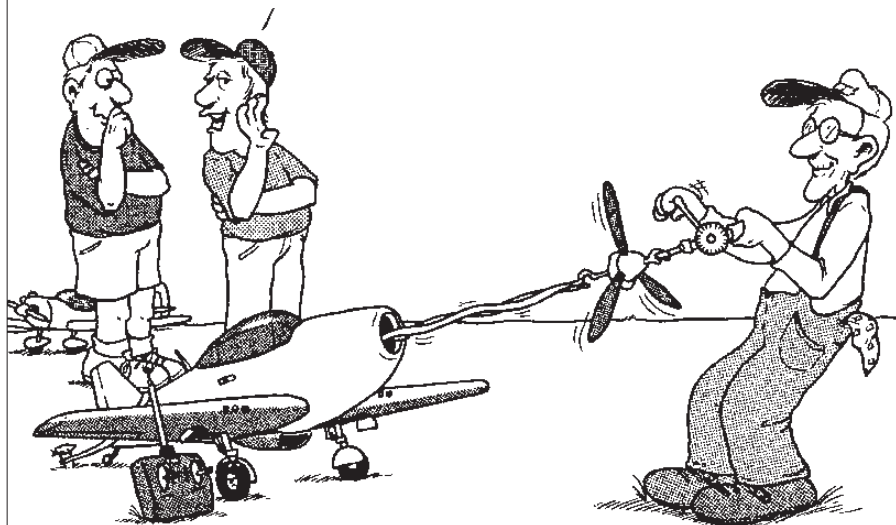
Hear-Ye, Hear- Ye, Hear-Ye

Let all past, present and future RAMAC members know that February 24th will be a night to remember and a night of remembering. That's right, "RAMAC through the Years" movie night. Come and see what it WAS like to be a RAMAC member. There will be pictures and videos from back to the beginning, and all are welcome.

If you are wondering why you are getting a newsletter now when you haven't been in some time, this is why. Anyone who was a RAMAC member, anyone who is a RAMAC member, and anyone, who would like to see what it is like to be a RAMAC member, is invited. Contact an old flying buddy or a new friend and bring them. If you have a bit of RAMAC history, an old t-shirt, calendar, photo or such, bring it! We will try very hard not to spill coffee or powdered sugar from the goodies on what you've brought, I mean it!

Refreshments will be served and you might get to see someone you haven't seen

"Old Elmer is positive there's going to be a model fuel shortage. And he wants to be ready for it!"



From the 1995 Warped Wings Calendar by Bill Zimmerman

in awhile, or someone new. Come one, come all to RAMAC through the years, a night to remember.

-DAVE NUETZEL, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

"RAMAC Through the Years" event

I am sure almost all of us spent time with our families around the holidays last month. Often when families get together, out come the family photos and videos. The memories, the hugs, the laughter, all makes a really great time. RAMAC has a treasure trove photos and videos of past and present members and events. So why don't we all get together for an evening to reminisce with our friends, remember, and laugh?

On Tuesday February 24th at the Eisen-

hower school RAMAC is pleased to announce an evening of "Through the years with RAMAC". We will have many photos, videos, drinks and snacks including popcorn. You can't watch a movie without popcorn! This invitation is open to all RAMAC members young and old, past and present, or even members yet to be.

Videos and photos:

Combat-

We use .40 size airplanes that fly two at a time. The goal is to cut the opponents 40 foot streamer within 5 minutes. It has been known on occasion to have some "mid airs" (mid air crash) during combat. Great fun to fly! Great fun to watch! Several of our pilots were flying as teens in these events and its nice to see they are still flying combat today. It's still fun to see the pilots from 20 years ago still flying combat at its best

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
All Year		The Great American Crepe Paper Tow Contest CD, Bob Karasiewicz
Feb. 10th	Tuesday	Club Meeting Eisenhower School, NJ
Feb. 24th	Tuesday	Club Meeting Eisenhower School, NJ
Feb. 24th	Tuesday	RAMAC THROUGH THE YEARS event Eisenhower School, NJ CD Marguerite Gargiulo
March 10th	Tuesday	Club Meeting Eisenhower School, NJ
March 24th	Tuesday	Club Meeting Eisenhower School, NJ

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RAMAC Mall Show:

An all day plane display and intro sign up day. Club members and staff talk to people about our hobby, teach, and let people take a try on a flight simulator.

International Miniature Aerobatics Club (IMAC):

Contests are held all over the world where top pilots compete against each other using model replicas of full sized airplanes. The opening of IMAC in 1990 in the Northeast was held by the RAMAC club. RAMAC has been the leader club in many of these special interest groups. With trained and certified judges and sanctioned events by the AMA

Pattern:

See the pattern flyers of yesteryear now the leaders of the pattern world in 2009. In a pattern contest pilots compete against each other following "patterns" which are a bunch of maneuvers strung together. The goal is to fly with great precision and enjoy flying a highly skilled level of performance.

RAMAC Championship Fun Fly:

10 years of RAMAC Fun Flies that had clubs from all over bringing their best team to fly with the best from RAMAC. It was always a wild day at the Pocono Field. A fun fly is just that, a fun fly. There are several fun events, most rolls, most spins, bomb drop, limbo, and many more. Several clubs competed for the prestigious 3 ft trophy to pass on again to the

winner at the next years events. FUN and challenging.

Indoor Flying (now also electric):

These events are in the school gym. Ron Leciston was CD and always did a good job on this fun event. Ron was a fun fly pilot and enjoyed the simple "Fly for fun attitude!!

You can see the mini rubber power planes putting on a show. I am not sure what is more fun when watching the movies. Watching the planes or the people flying them!

CUB DAY- Larry Donahue Memorial:

A fun day of flying all sizes and types of Piper Cubs. Always a great day for all.

Since I was the Contest Director (CD) for many of these events, I have many pictures. I am asking all pilots to bring in their awards from any of these events. Well maybe one or two!!

We will have some guests from the past join us. These are members who gave lectures and shared some top notch building and flying techniques. The RAMAC pilots learned and excelled with help from many guest speakers. Past Presidents and honoree members will join us for this mini reunion of THROUGH THE YEARS WITH RAMAC

If you have any photo albums please bring them to display on our photo table. If you have movies please or you would like to volunteer to help at the event contact me at (973)-584-8411

-MARGUERITE GARGIULO

STICK 40 Combat Results. "The Final Combat"

This is a report of the longest, most complicated combat series in my memory. The first combat was rained out after barely completing one round. The second combat was completed but, with several combatants missing. All this needed to be made up on the third combat day which was rained out. Or was it the second that was rained out completely? Oh well, the rain date was October 5th and we completed most of the make up flights that people needed to have for 9 flights. Here is the fall out:

2009 Combat Results

Jim Parker	71 points
Russell Davis	65
Dan Vannieuwland	54
Mark Vannieuwland	51
Bob Karasiewicz	48
Frank Knox	35 6 flights
Lew McCarthy	32
Bob Reed	28
John O'Leary	28 6 flights
Ryan O'Leary	28 6 flights
Dave Neutzel	27
Joe Dolen	18 7 flights
Bob Clark	16 6 flights
Marguerite Gargiulo	6 3 flights
Ed Smith	4 1 flight

As you can see, there were many combatants who didn't get all their flights. Had they, the finish order might have been different. Looking closely, Frank Knox, John and Ryan O'Leary might have finished close to the top. Their flying was certainly of the first order.

This was my last stint as CD of this event.

Welcome!

New Members

Brian Boden

and

Robert Boden

The team of Bob Reed and John O'Leary are now going to take over. Rules may change slightly. I know John wants to put in some things to make the contest even more exciting.

Bob Reed ran the money combat with Jim Parker taking home the dough. I would like to thank all the combatants of the last (I believe) 14 years. I had a good time and I hope you all have had as good a time as I.

The big change over the time (About 24 years) I have been involved in Combat is the quality of flying. In the early years; airplanes were going all over the place, speeds have increased with more safety and the young people are rapidly taking over the skies. Thank you!

-BOB KARASIEWICZ
Former Combat CD

How to Glass a Center Wing Section

Many folks have asked me how I manage to get such a smooth polyester resin center section on my wings. Believe me when I say that it wasn't always that way! However, I found that following these techniques, while taking a little more time and effort, is quite effective

1. Make faint pencil markings, 3-4 inches apart, as a guide on the center section indicating the width the glass cloth and resin will eventually cover.

2. Cut two pieces of glass cloth to the proper width and length. For the wing bottom, cut a length that just approaches the width of the wing (chord), but does not go over the leading or trailing edges. Next, cut a length for the wing top that goes over the top, around the leading and trailing edges and overlaps the bottom glass cloth about 1/4 inch or less on both ends. The purpose of this is to keep your

seams, if any, at the bottom to avoid having to mate the two pieces at the exact center of the leading and trailing edges where it can be quite difficult to get the cloth to lay down.

3. Mix up about 1/2-ounce polyester resin and put one drop more hardener in the mix than the instructions call for. This works great with K&B resin but might be a little too hot for some other brands. Test your brand before you try it as you will need about 10-15 minutes working time.

Using the pencil lines you made before as a guide, paint a light coat of resin on the center section bottom, just enough so that it is almost absorbed into the balsa, but not entirely. (Note: This is important and you should avoid excesses here, a little less than more would be better.)

Next, lay the bottom piece of glass cloth on the resin and work it into the resin with your fingers, working all bubbles or wrinkles until it lays flat. You should have good lighting and look at the work from all angles to make sure it is lying perfectly flat. Also, if you are sensitive to the resin, you may wish to consider wearing rubber gloves.

Repeat the above procedure on the top except you will also be painting the leading and trailing edges and overlapping on the bottom. If you think you need more resin to get the cloth to stick, particularly at the LE or TE, use your finger to paint it on because the bristles of your brush will sag the cloth.

4. Let the resin cure for 24 hours in a horizontal position to avoid drips from forming.

5. Mix up another 1/2 ounce of resin and paint it over the already hardened surface until you can see the cloth is completely filled and the surface is smooth. Let it cure for 24 hours.

6. Cut off the cloth that covers the servo or wing bolt openings. Sand the center section lightly to remove stray cloth fibers and to blend the resined center section into the rest of the balsa wood. If you did the job right you will have very little or no sanding at all. Isn't that what you wanted in the first place?

- SCOTT WILKE
FROM THE MILWAUKEE
AREA RADIO KONTROL KLUB,
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Tips and Tricks

Balsa Dents

When you accidentally dent a piece of balsa during construction of a model, try this old cabinet-maker's trick. Put a few drops of white vinegar on it instead of using filler. The vinegar will pull 99% of the dent out. Works best overnight. Try it; it really works!

Construction Tip

When taking an airplane apart for repair, put all the parts into a clear freezer bag with the name printed on the outside. This will save time in looking for the parts needed, as the airplane repairs are being completed. Some freezer bags have a spot for the name to be printed on and, if you put in a piece of the airplane's MonoKote, this will speed up the IDE.)

-FROM THE WOODLAND AERO MODELERS,
DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

Welcome
Back!!

John Stefanick

and

George Moore III

2009 Dues are Due!

**Make sure to send in
your 2009 dues**

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