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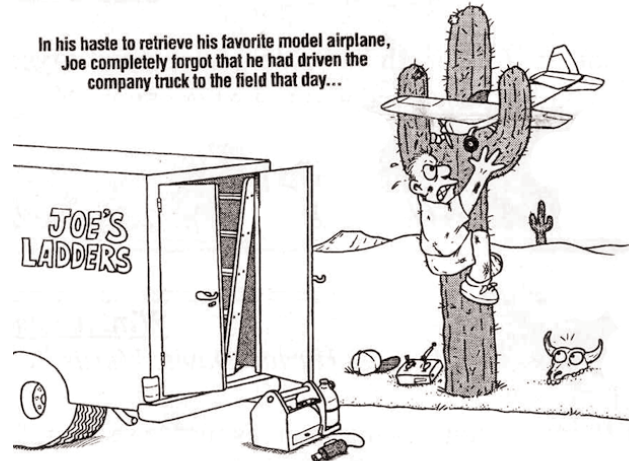
Club Update

RI hope everyone is out there having fun in the air with their favorite airplane. I know I'm not. I was asked recently what my favorite airplane is. I responded, "The Piper Cub". So why isn't it in the air? That would be because it is resting comfortably on the bed in the spare bedroom with a busted rudder, bent landing gear and a shifted fuel tank that has apparently kinked the fuel tubing. I'm not worried about it. I just need to get it fixed before August. I will attend the annual "Wings over Piper" in Lock Haven, PA. A whole lot of model Cubs flying where the full sized Cubs were manufactured for so many years. And of course RAMAC's very own Cub Day. So as long as I keep the last weekend in July open for Cub rebuilding. I'll be all set. I guess I should get to the real reason I am writing here, info about our fields.

A field committee has been formed for the field at Island Drag way and some rules and policies have been agreed upon by the committee. Skip Berka has written a nice article about this issue and I hope everyone will read it carefully. I would like to emphasize that this is a RAMAC Members only field. There is a nice new sign stating this at the entrance to the field. Members and their guests are the only people who are allowed to fly there. If someone is there and is neither of these, ask that person if they would like to join. If all your attempts to persuade this person to join are fruitless, show them the gate. Let's give this field a try but respect the committee's decisions.

On to Pocono field. The board recently received the special use permit for the Pocono field. It is a one year permit like it has been for the last ten years. This new permit is much the same as it has been, but a couple of added paragraphs expressed the park service's renewed interest in completing a sound study they started a few years ago. If nothing else, this means we have to be on our best behavior especially in regards to the noise our airplanes make. The club owns two sound level meters and should be used to find out if any questionable plane meets the sound level requirement spelled out in the field rules. We all have an obligation to meet this requirement and to see that it is met by all that fly there. This would include non-RAMAC members that are AMA members. Everyone who flies at

In his haste to retrieve his favorite model airplane, Joe completely forgot that he had driven the company truck to the field that day...



the Pocono field has to be an AMA member, no exceptions! We need to be diligent about meeting this requirement and enforcing it, because it may become a greater issue with the park service in the future.

One more thing about the Pocono field is the problem of trash. There are no longer trash cans at the field; therefore no one should leave trash there. **THE PIN BOX IS NOT A TRASH CAN!** The only thing that should remain in the pin box is frequency pins. **THE CORN FIELD IS NOT A LAND FILL.** The only thing in the field should be corn, and the occasional milkweed or thistle. All plane parts have to be picked up and taken with you. Whatever you bring to the field has to go home with you. I guess what I'm trying to say is this flying field is not a given, but a privilege to use. It can be taken away at any time. Special use permits must be respected as a privilege to be honored by the park service and continued for any length of time. Let's all remember that this is one of the best flying sites in the north east; and treat it so.

-DAVE NUETZEL

Combat 2009

After some very fierce fighting on both May 17th and June 7th, the results of all that sweat and toil are in. I must add that all my sweat and toil have resulted in very few points, so for me to continue, I must have a

death wish for my combat ships. There you have it, I wish to have some or all my combat planes obliterated in the sky to tiny pieces of balsa. Now for those results.

| Pilot | Rounds | Score |
|-------------------|--------|-------|
| Ryan O'Leary | 6 | 49 |
| Bob Reed | 6 | 35 |
| Jim Heinrich | 6 | 34 |
| Jim Parker | 6 | 32 |
| Frank Knox | 4 | 27 |
| Ed Smith | 6 | 26 |
| Steve Harvey | 6 | 25 |
| Tom Noto | 6 | 25 |
| Bob Karasiewicz | 6 | 22 |
| Dan Vannieuwland | 5 | 17 |
| Bob Clark | 6 | 16 |
| Jurgen Appis | 3 | 12 |
| Lew McCarthy | 5 | 10 |
| David Nuetzel | 6 | 9 |
| John O'Leary | 6 | 9 |
| Mark Vannieuwland | 5 | 7 |
| Joe Dolan | 4 | 7 |
| Russell Davis | 3 | 3 |

There you have it. A list of some of the crazy people in our club and exactly how crazy they are. If you would like to see this non-sense for yourself, come to the July 12th final round. Not only will you see standard swizzle stick 40 combat where points mean everything and planes mean very little, but you will also see the absolute insanity of money combat. This is where us crazy pilots not only put our planes up for destruction, but hand over \$20 to the victor for that honor. Come and see, you won't forget it!

-DAVID NUETZEL, COMBATANT

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>DAY</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
|-------------|------------|--|
| All Year | | The Great American Crepe Paper Tow Contest CD, Bob Karasiewicz |
| July 5 | Sunday | RAMAC Island Dragway Picnic |
| July 12th | Sunday | Combat Sortie #3 Bob Reed and John O'Leary CO-CD's |
| July 14 | Tuesday | Club Meeting Place TBD |
| July 26 | Sunday | RAMAC Pocono Picnic |
| Sept. 20th | Sunday | RAMAC Fun Fly Dave Nuetzel CD |
| August 11 | Tuesday | Club Meeting Place TBD |
| August 22 | Saturday | Pocono Air Show |
| August 30 | Sunday | Cub Day Bob Clark CD |

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Welcome!

New Members

Marty Zoon

and

Allen Loring

MAC member), talked about the basics of flying, and the pluses and minuses of flying such an exciting airplane. The adults caught most of the minuses; Pack 133 caught most of the pluses. Next, we moved on to flying demonstrations that both Bob and myself put on, consecutively, using small electric airplanes. Both Bob and I explained how an airplane is controlled, and then did our demos. Last, I gave each member of the Pack (and some of their siblings) a small balsa glider.

I showed them how to assemble them, square up the wing and tail, and balance them. Then I told them to give their gliders a gentle toss. I either mumbled the word "gentle", or by some mistake, omitted it completely. Balsa bust into the air! Balsa gliders make virtually no noise. So the din we heard was made by the tossers and not the tosseis. Pack 133 were running around, yelling this or that to their friends, and generally having a blast. But not without some imagination. I thought I saw two single wing gliders transformed into a biplane balsa glider.

Bob and I both agreed that this was a fun and productive day. We got to do what we like best, fly model airplanes. We also got to show a small fraction of our youth WHY we do it. Bob packed up with a smile on his face. I did too, but for two reasons. I got to fly and I helped "Good" win the day over "Bad".

-Dave Nuetzel

"New" Great Meadows field at Island Drag!

My name is Skip, Skip Berka, and I have been asked to write a little something about the new field in Great Meadows at the Drag Strip. Why don't we call it the "Drag Strip Aerodrome". What qualifies me? I have been at the field as much as anyone, been part of the work crew to spiff up the field 2 of the 3 times members worked and two times on my own, and I have spoken to the owner, Tony, more times than anyone, as Bob K. asked me to be the club's liaison with him. No big deal, I live closest. The purpose of speaking to Tony was primarily to clear up confusions and concerns members had stated at meetings. I will try to cover these in a list.

Lots-o-stuff for sale

Bill Magnus, a former member, is moving and does not want to take his model airplane stuff with him.

He was asking \$3500 for everything and is now down to \$3000 FIRM. Take it from me, this stuff is worth three times the price. Many airplanes and radios, cases of fuel, tools and equipment, and engines.

An example; An F-16 ducted fan model with a brand new OS 90 fan engine and a spare engine. This needs to be seen to be believed. A giant scale AT 6 complete. A Bucker Jugman (Goldberg) complete. And this is only a partial list!!! I have seen all of this stuff fly and it is in excellent condition. One or two or three of you should get together and buy this stuff. It will be in North Carolina by the first of July and be forever gone. This is the bargain of the century. Bill Magnus 973-945-3668

-Bob Karasiewicz

RAMAC and CUB Scout Pack 133

On June 8th, I had the opportunity to plant some seeds. Some aviation seeds. Children are open to all kinds of influences and opportunities. Parents, guardians, and mentors have an up hill battle to provide a view of the good side of life, which is sometimes daunting to the children. The bad side of life is always waiting to fill the void at

every chance it can get. By dragging my feet and screwing up on e-mail, I almost gave "bad" that chance.

In steps our white knight, his name is Brian Boden one of RAMAC's newest members. Brian is father to Robert, a member of Cub Scout Pack 133. Brian decided to jump in the middle, always a difficult spot, and make this demonstration/hands-on meeting work. He coordinat-



Dave Nuetzel and Cub Pack 133 "gently" toss their balsa fliers

ed and he organized. Pack 133 was about to have one of their "better" (Brian Boden) meetings.

The meeting started off with a demonstration of what a model turbine engine looks and sounds like. This impressed all viewers and listeners, including me. Bob Karasiewicz (RA-

1. Presently there are no concerns that Tony has that would indicate he would not renew the lease next year. He is pleased to date. So, any concerns that the club might have as reason not to do anything, is mute.

2. I spoke to Tony about mowing, clearing in general, and clearing specifically for our shed (the old Great Meadow shed). He said he mows twice a week. He said if we clear, he will pick up that which we generate. OK, I hear the, "...yah right ". Well, the work crews generated a ton of stuff. He has picked it all up. He has mowed prior our Tuesday and Thursday flying for the last two weeks. So now we have a more open flying area, an entirely mowed flying area, and the stuff is gone, just like he said. And we have a place for our shed if the club chooses. Link Edwards, a Civil Engineer and member, stacked out it's location on Tuesday.

3. Now that all the 10 to 15 foot bushes and saplings are gone and everything is mowed and trimmed the field looks bigger. The tree line in front of the pilot stations doesn't look as close and in fact is not. From just behind the pilot stations to the tree line is 740' and another 400' to the actual drag strip, almost a quarter of a mile. Side to side (granted, bordered by trees) is 1350', actually a quarter of a mile. Top-o Jersey's field in Allamuchy I believe is smaller and the trees are closer. North Jersey Jumbo Flyers in Belvidere has a much smaller landing strip

and pit area than does the new field and does have the concern of everyone, CORN.

4. There is no stipulation has to WHEN we can fly. We can fly seven days a week. Tony has asked that when they are using the drag strip (Fri,Sat,Sun) we not fly beyond the trees. For the safety conscious, that still leaves 400', one and one third football fields to the strip.

5. The entrance to the field is now marked with a Ramac Members Only sign on the gate. After passing thru the gate turn right. You will see the cleared area for our shed. STAY CLOSE to the right, pass the second ditch on the left, angle slightly to the right to park. All cars will follow suit from the first car past the ditch. Leave room between the cars for each person's planes and field stuff. There will be signs to help as well as for the pilot stations. The key here is that we MUST stay as close to the right as possible AT ALL TIMES. Tony's sod to the left. All planes will be fueled and started between the cars and carried or taxied to the pilot stations. Tight quarters, some inconvenience, but a small price I feel. Mobile field tables will be built and stored at the shed location to be used between the cars. We are working on some sort of wagon type thingy to get the planes to the pilot stations once started, rather than carry or taxi.

Damn, I can't think of anything else. I will try to be at the meeting the News Letter is handed out or the meeting after if mailed to try to answer any concerns I missed.

If I may, a personal thought. For all the people so disappointed at the old Great Meadows Field closing (maybe even stopped flying), for those people from Jersey that hate the long ride to Pocono, retired guys that can't afford the gas, or anyone that has cut back or stopped flying for any reason, please try the Drag Strip Aerodrome. It is a very serviceable flying field, you'll see

6. How do you get there? Here's how;

Coming west on Rt 80, take exit 19, right off ramp, left at the Shell station, left on Johnsonburg Rd., left on Alphano Rd. all the way to Rt 46, right on 46 to right on Island Rd., field on right.

Coming west on Rt 46 from Hackettstown, all the way to Island Rd. in Great Meadows, turn right, field on right.

Coming east on Rt 46, reverse of above. Sorry if I'm insulting anyone's intelligence.

Coming east on Rt 80, take exit 12, right off ramp to left at the blinker light, right on Rt 611 all the way to Rt 46, turn left and proceed as above

-HOWARD BERKA



Island Raceway field at Great Meadows looking left



Island Raceway field at Great Meadows look down the middle



Island Raceway field at Great Meadows pan left to right

**Welcome
Perspective
Members!!**

**Al Leonardis
Howard Rodgen
Frank LaCorte
and
Leonard Davis**

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