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Rack'n & Stack'n Your Models

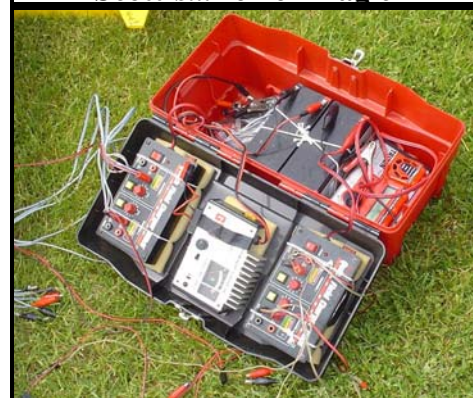
I am constantly amazed at the creativity of fliers...especially the Combat Competitors. They need to keep a plethora of models close at hand, ready to fly and they must remain organized...in an apparently unorganized combat session. Their starting station also must be simple, strong, convenient and effective. In order to be safe during competition, all materials & tools must be close at hand and easily accessible.

You have 90 seconds to get your plane started and into the air for competition. Support equipment, chargers, starters & meters must be accurate, simple, easy to use and close at hand. Loss of time with misplacement of tools is unacceptable & will knock you out of the competition.



Scott Gilkey prepping for flight

Scott's...Box of Magic



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The Presidential Podium



Well , here it is spring again and our work and play has just begun. As always safety is a concern so be careful ,use your head and lets have fun. Read the club rules and adhere to them, as this benefits all of us as well as yourself. There are a few things I'd like to touch base on:

1. The next event is Great Lakes Combat Championships on May 17th & 18th , come and see some of the best Combat Pilots in the Country compete. You will enjoy it.
2. Don't forget the ground school sessions. May 27th ground school will be at the field , focused on, "...before the first flight". Attend and you will not be disappointed.

I would like at this time to call your attention to the many people (Committee Heads, CDs, Event Supporters, Workers (Including our Wives and Girlfriends), in our club who volunteer their time to make this a great Leader Club. If not for their efforts, our board would be overwhelmed with different projects. I'd like to have all club members active but you and I know that this just doesn't

happen ,only about 20% of the members at any one time are active. It's truly a shame because the others miss out on so much. Take time to thank everyone that stays involved, they help to keep our dues down as low as they are.

We've received a renewable contract from the DNR and they would like to increase our lease cost (by almost 50%) so it's even more important that your activity increases so that we can have a good event year. Our events have a dual purpose in that we expose new people to the hobby as part of our obligation as a Leader Club and we generate funds to operate our club. This keeps our dues down so we, as the board, don't have to introduce an assessment on all members in order to pay this lease increase. The few weekends we give up for the events may be a small price to pay in the long run!

Your Club President; Don Veres II

The Editor's "Knife Edge of Reality"

The **Newsletters** are only **available via email** and are also downloadable from the Newsletter page of the website as a pdf file. Be sure to check the website and update your email address so you will be able to receive the newsletter.

Something worth checking into is the **AMA Insider**...National Newsletter. As an AMA member, this is part of the advantages of membership. Go to: www.modelaircraft.org/insider. You can sign up and automatically receive the bi-monthly newsletter. It's an excellent and informative publication.



If you have **something to contribute to the RCCD Newsletter**, an article or anything, please give me a holler.

duckguylsb@juno.com or (586) 790-2678.

Thanks much, Lou Tisch

Announcements

1. If you have any "hints & kinks", please submit them to Ken Sulkowski for publication on the website.
2. Regular RCCD Club meetings are on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at Rosso Hall....unless otherwise noted. Don't forget the Ground Schools that are typically on the 4th Tuesday of the month.
3. **The field rule for "no cell phones in the flight area" has been rescinded by club vote as of 5/6/08, though let's try not to fly and talk on the cell phone. Yup, that's been done at places.**

Thanks all, Lou Tisch-editor

Racking & Stacking Your Models (cont.)

This is the organized chaos called ...Combat. Shown here are several samples of racks for models and a few stands for starting.

I'm going to spend less time talking here and more time showing you the pictures....they tell the story better anyhow. Thanks all, Lou Tisch



Organized Chaos of Combat



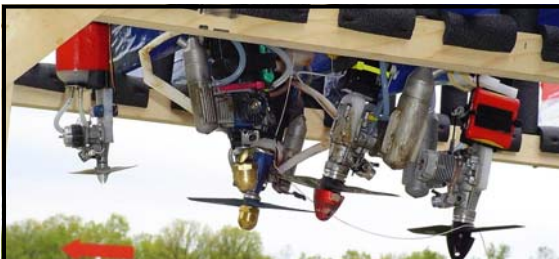
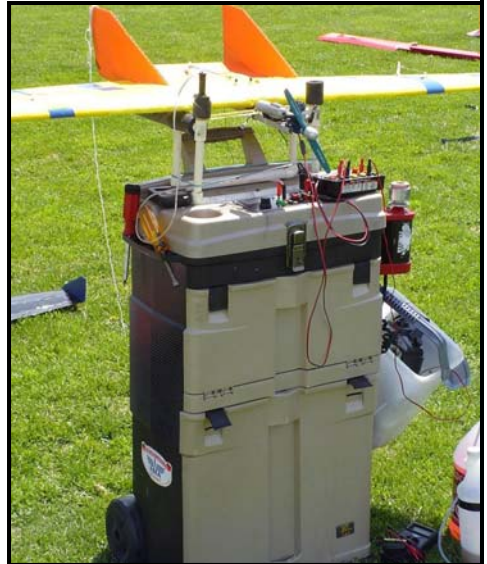
**Organized
&
Handy**



Combat Trailer



Inside Combat Trailer



Four-Stroke Rally 2007

Seems fitting to start the 4-Stroke Rally story on page 4. The 3rd Annual 2008 4-Stroke Rally is coming up July 27th and is a not-to-be-missed event (see flier page 16). This event is organized and run by CD, Skip Gizowski and was an outstanding success in 2007 and is shaping up to be even better in 2008.

**Dave
Extra 300
Somethin' Extra**



Don's Mustang



**Ernie's
U-Can-Do**



Ken's Cub



2007 showed a huge range of models from Pattern through Scale to 3-D ships. Ken Sulkowski flew his Military Cub, Russ Hope showed off with his Carbon Fiber Pattern Ship (YS) & RV-4. Ernie Varilone put in some nice performances with his U-Can-Do (Saito 220). John McCormick got in several excellent flights with his Extra 300 and Sig Somethin' Extra. Don Veres II had some great flights with his Mustang & Spitfire. He, of course, hauled a combat streamer around the sky with them. Your editor, Lou Tisch, got in several flights with his CAP 232 (Saito 120) and a TF Corsair (Saito 120). All flights were with 4-stroke motors, which gave an outstanding auditory treat throughout the entire day.

Lou's TF Corsair



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Four-Stroke Rally 2007 (cont.)

And, of course, no flying day would be complete without the token conflict with gravity and an incorrect altimeter setting. Faces have been hidden to protect the innocent (that would be Ken Remenchus... in the blue cap, aided by Larry Chaltron).

Sure we have all the pieces?



Spitfire-Don Veres II



Each time a pilot made a flight, he received a raffle ticket that was thrown into a bucket. At the end of the event, tickets were drawn for grab bag prizes with everyone having a chance to win. There was also a raffle plane drawn and won by Steve Surbaugh. Congrats Steve and a special thanks to Skip for a putting on a great event.

Lou Tisch



Raffle Grab Bags

Skip & Steve



Big Bird/Little Bird 2007

The 2007 Big Bird/Little Bird Event was tons of fun and this should whet your appetite for the upcoming Big Bird 2008 (see flier, page 17). The 2008 Big Bird will truly be a "Big Bird" IMAA sanctioned event. Bring your Big Stuff and let's have some fun. These events are all about "the fun", flying Big Birds and getting together with friends. The more events you participate in, the more comfortable you will become with them.



Dave's Venus II



When I got back into flying, I was a bit intimidated to fly at an event. As I got more stick time in, my comfort level rose. 2006 was the year I began flying in the events and I wish I'd begun sooner. This event found me flying a CAP 232 (72" ws), Sukhoi (72" ws) and an Edge 540 (78" ws). It's true what they say "...Big Birds just fly better and easier". The one thing I did learn in 2007 was that when you **"Fly Big"** you also **"Crash Big"**. I guess that was inevitable, though I won't post pictures of those results.....again.



Vince & Sopwith Pup-Ed looking on!



Chris Tucker



Lou's—CAP 232, Sukhoi SU26 & Edge 540

As usual, Vince Blasky, Chris Tucker, "Kamakaze" Mike & Curtis Wade entertained us with more of their great flying and large planes. Chris had his Giant Corsair and Mustang. Vince brought his huge Balsa USA Sopwith Pup. Kamakaze Mike brought his Er-coupe & Balsa USA Phaeton Bipe.

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Big Bird/Little Bird 2007 (cont.)



**Curtis Wade
& Inspector**

Curtis brought and flew his Giant P-47 Thunderbolt. He had to leave his Sky Raider home as it is in need of some repairs. Seems he and Chris Tucker, as the only pilots in the air one day, tried to both occupy the same airspace at the same time. We know where this story is headed.



“Kamakaze “ Mike—Ercoupe



Russ Hope & RV-4



Keith's Twinstar

Russ Hope brought along his RV-4 (below) & Keith Jones brought his Twinstar. Skip Mast flew his Giant Cub, Don Veres had his Giant Sportster and Merlin McClellan brought a part of his hanger, including the Bronco, Zero & Spitfire. There was plenty of flying time available for all who were flying and tons of “eye candy” for everybody. If the 2008 Big Bird is anything like the 2007, you will definitely want to attend and fly.
Come on down.....Lou Tisch



Skip Mast's Cub



**Don's
Sportster**



**Merlin's
Fleet**

Scale Fly In 2007

Nothing satisfies that “thirst” for model airplanes quite like SCALE. Every model airplane has its origin in Full Size Scale Planes. Anytime you are at an event and see folks standing around a plane...you can safely bet that it’s a scale plane, usually Military. Notice the feet around Joe McMillan’s F8F Navy Bearcat (pic on right). Our 2007 Scale Event fulfilled that “Scale Need” to the max.

Merlin McClellan’s fleet included a Spitfire, couple Zeros & a Focke Wolfe 190. John Miklas flew his Giant Corsair and also found out that the landing gear mounts weren’t quite as substantial as he had thought. Well, all is repairable & Don Veres II made sure we knew it was John who ripped the gear off the Corsair. Now, that’s a real friend...credit where credit is due.

Ken Sulkowski’s 40 size Ultimate Bipe performs surprisingly well & Vic Kerster spent a bit of time under his Big Beautiful Doll, P-51, performing some maintenance.



Joe’s F8F Bearcat



Merlin’s Squadron



John Miklas-Corsair



Ken Ultimate 40



Nope...John did it!

Yup!

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Scale Fly In 2007 (cont.)



Rather than write a bunch, which quite often doesn't get read, I'm just going to show off some of the planes from the event. Keep your eyes open & planes cleaned off for the 2008 Scale Fly In on June 29th (flier on page 14).

Come on down and fly with us.

Lou Tisch



2008 Mall Show 2008



**It's all for the kids!
Guess who won.**

This years Mall Show, as usual, was held at Macomb Mall, just outside Kohl's Department Store. The purpose of this show is to present our hobby to folks who may never get a chance to see it. We are there for the kids...regardless of age. I had to be out of state for a business show and missed the weekend but Don Wioskowski was kind enough to shoot a bunch of photos for me. We definitely drew the kids with the computer flight simulator, models & modelers on display and Noel Hunt's activities, building a model right there at the show. The crowning achievement of the show was the winner of our raffle. This kid was coming out of his skin and is joining our club and will be flying soon. It just doesn't get any better than that.



**Noel
Hunt**



Mike

Ernie

Special thanks to Mike Pavlock for the great job he does organizing this Mall Show every year and to the many club members who volunteer their time to make this Show a real winner. The real "success" of this show is the looks in the eyes of the "kids" who attend.

Thanks all,

Lou Tisch



**P-40
Warhawk**



Don Veres, Sr



**Ken Sulkowski
Raffle Master**

A Secure Silicone Exhaust Deflector

The newer breed of engines are great at retaining the fuel and oil in the engine, discharging it only from the exhaust outlet. Unfortunately, that outlet often discharges onto a fuselage side, or a wing surface, and so we still need to clean the aircraft at the end of the day's flying. Such was the case with my Norvel .40. I tried the standard silicone exhaust deflectors a couple of times and they did keep the plane clean, but only for a flight or two. Then the plane would land with the deflector missing and sludge on the fus' and wing. Chances of finding the deflectors? Zero!

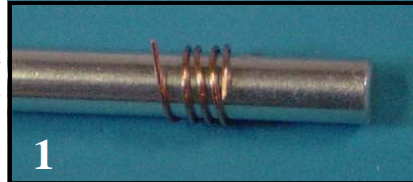
I devised a neat, simple, inexpensive, solution that works. And it will work on any muffler that has a smooth muffler outlet. (some of the manufacturers are now including a zip-tie groove in the outlet that serves the same purpose) I have since flown the Norvel with the same deflector for more than 50 flights. So I modified a few more mufflers and took pictures as I did so.

Step 1. What you'll need:

- Appropriate size silicone exhaust deflector for your muffler, and zip-ties (available from Prop Shop Hobbies)
- JB Weld (available from Prop Shop or auto supply stores)
- Isopropyl Alcohol and masking tape (available from any place that sells household paints, like Home Depot)
- Paper towel (available from your flight box, or the kitchen!)
- Short length of 16 or 18-gage solid copper bell wire (probably lying around, but otherwise Home Depot, Radio Shack, etc. I stripped off the insulation from a short length I had lying around)
- Side cutters (available from your tool box)

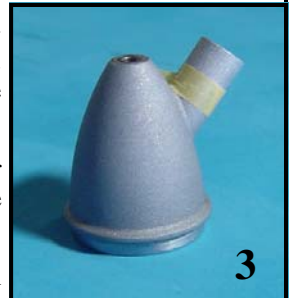
Step 2. Thoroughly clean the muffler outlet using a clean piece of paper towel and isopropyl alcohol. Do this three or four times to ensure all the oil is removed.

Step 3. Wrap the copper wire around the muffler outlet about twice to get a consistent radius for at least one turn. Remove from the outlet and decrease the radius slightly for a snug fit on the outlet. (or you can wind it around something that has a slightly smaller diameter – I used an Exacto knife handle.) Cut the ends so you have just one coil and the ends butt against each other. If it does not come out just right, repeat until you get a good-fitting copper “o-ring”. *Pictures 1 & 2*



Step 4. Cut a thin strip of masking tape and apply it to the muffler outlet leaving only about ¼ inch of the outlet unmasked. Include a fold-over at the masking tape's free end, to facilitate easy removal. *Picture 3.*

Step 5. Mix some JB Weld on a clean piece of disposable card. Apply a thin layer to the ¼ inch of exposed muffler outlet. Slide the copper “o-ring” onto the outlet and center it (about 1/8 inch from the end). Apply more JB Weld to the outside of the o-ring. *Picture 4.* Using a clean piece of paper towel, wipe away most of the JB Weld. *Picture 5.*

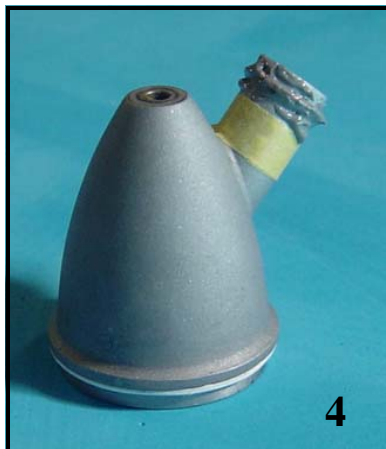


Step 6. Carefully remove the masking tape while the JB Weld is still wet. This is where the fold-over will help. *Picture 6.* Allow the JB Weld to cure per the instructions. It is not like 30-minute epoxy; I give it 24 hours. This is a good time to return the paper towel to the kitchen!

Step 7. Install the silicone exhaust deflector on the muffler outlet and retain it in place with the zip-tie on the “north side” of the new copper o-ring.

These days my plane requires very little cleaning, at least from oil residue. About all I clean is mud splash when the field is soggy! That's going to be a tougher problem to solve. Mmm! On second thoughts; the Avistar might look good with wheel pants!

Article & Photos
by Noel Hunt



Who's Counting?

If your planes routinely last just a handful of flights before Dumbthumb strikes, you may want to just skip to the next article. But if your planes are a bit like the Energizer Bunny and just keep flying and flying, this may be of interest.

At this year's Electric Event, my little P-51 was nearing its two hundredth flight, by a chicken-scratch count in my log book. I rolled into a dive in preparation for a "staffing run", then eased back on the right stick and - not much happened. Hard on the stick and the dive transitioned abruptly to level flight. Mmmm! Must have programmed too much expo' when I moved it to the new transmitter.



Pulling up the expo' menu I found only 20%. Expo' was not the problem, so it must be mechanical. I held the elevator firmly and wiggled the right stick. A lot more slop than there should be. The picture tells the rest of the story:

After yanking, banking and cranking for nearly 200 flights, the hole in the servo arm had worn to an oval. Time to replace it – and check the control linkages on some of the other Energizer-like planes! (The Avis-tar is closer to 500 flights than 400). You might want to do the same

Noel Hunt

The WACO In the Living Room

Wait until "House Beautiful" hears about Ken Becker's idea of**Living Room Décor!**

A couple of years ago, Ken spent most of the winter suffering from a severe case of shingles (nope, not the roofing kind). In order to pass the time and get his mind off his pain, he began building a Waco Biplane from a Dave Platt kit that had been lying around his basement for a number of years. The kit was from the 1970's and consisted of a million pieces with no pre-formed wingtips or leading edges. You carved out everything from balsa blocks and sticks. The building project certainly succeeded in getting Ken's mind off his shingles.

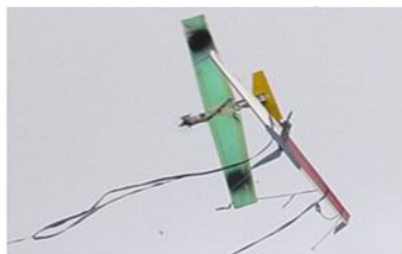
Ken's first model building endeavor was completed in the Spring and it turned out to be a beautiful piece of work...much too beautiful to hang in a basement or garage. So, one day when Ken's wife, Ruth, returned from an errand, she found a Waco in her living room. Fortunately, Ruth appreciates great beauty and the plane remains in its new "hanger". If I had done such a thing, my wife would have declared, "...Get that Waco out of my living room, you.....Wacko"!

Ken joined our club with the idea of flying his Waco some day soon. Other activities have delayed that but this Summer he hopes to have Willie McMath check out the plane and ask Chief Test Pilot, Russell Hope, to test fly it. That is if Ruth allows him to remove the best decoration in her living room!

Paul Garceau



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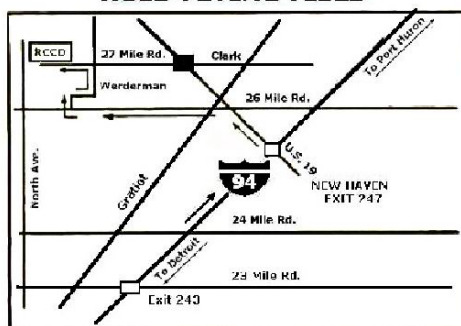
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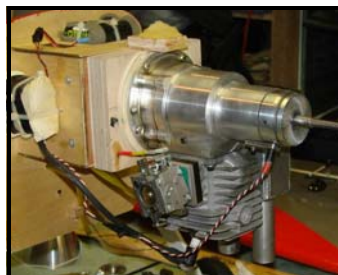
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MALT Model Aircraft

Mike Andros & Lou Tisch have recently purchased Grant's Custom Aircraft out of St. Clair and relocated the operation to Lou's Shop in Clinton Township & added 2500 sf to the operation (see LSB card below). Currently, there are molds for 10 models, including: PBY Catalina (109" ws), Grumman Duck, Grumman Widgeon, Republic SeaBee (single & twin)-1st kit to introduce, Lake Buccaneer, SeaKing, several Mustangs, Pylon and fun-fly ships.

As operations progress, we will be presenting the model kits in succession. Keep your eyes open for the introduction of our first kit.

Thanks all, Lou Tisch & Mike Andros
Full Scale Aircraft photos courtesy of aircraft websites



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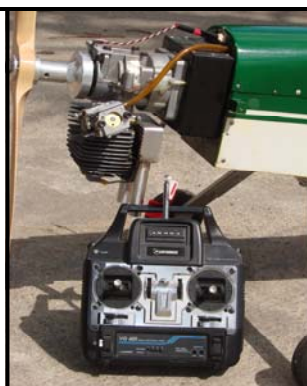
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Giant Stinger



Byron Pitts

Wingspan= Upper 81"

Lower 76"

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Coming Events-2008

- May 17-18, 08 ..Great Lakes Combat Challenge
- May 27, 08.....Ground School-"Prior to First Flight"-field
- June 10, 08.....Kid's Night at field
- June 14-15, 08..Big Bird Fly In (IMAA)
- June 21, 08.....Control-Line Fly In (C/L field)
- June 24, 08.....Ground School-Flight Trim-at field
- June 29, 08.....Great Lakes Scale Fly In
- July 19, 08.....Work Party (field)-R/D 7/20
- July 22, 08.....Ground School-Gas Engines-at field
- July 27, 08.... .4-Stroke Rally
- Aug. 9-10, 08....Open Combat Challenge

Please check the club website (www.RCCD.org) for updates and changes to the schedule.

