

The Rams Horn

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Time & Date of this month's meeting:

Friday, November 21, 1997

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: **CRACKER BARREL DISCUSSION**

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Back by popular demand will be our "Cracker Barrel" discussion. The discussion will be focused on the auction. Questions, suggestions, concerns, etc. Anything to help make this the most successful auction ever. You know... All the good stuff you ever wanted for a fair price.

Because it is a cracker barrel, the discussion will continue to cover many aspects of Radio Control building and flying.

If you have an idea for a program or can do a presentation about some aspect of the hobby, let me know.

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Upcoming Events

November 29 RAMS Annual Auction Knights of Columbus, Barrett Drive Webster, NY

January 1, 1998 RAMS Freeze-In at the

Macedon Flying Field

January 29, 1998 Awards Banquet and Presentation Dinner @ 6:00 P.M. Business meeting follows

April, 1998 RAMS Annual Flea Market – During the regular club meeting

July 25 & 26, 1998 RAMS Open House & Air Show at the Macedon Flying Field

September 5 & 6, 1998 RAMS Annual Fun Fly at Fordham Field, (TBD)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Prindle

Who would have thought it would be snowing and that we would have eight inches of snow by the 15th of November? Well, I guess if you are not an All Weather Flyer, it is time for indoor activities. Most flyers are already building their next season's squadron.

I hope each active member takes the time to come to this month's meeting. We will be nominating the final candidates for club offices and voting in the lucky few. If you are interested in one of the offices, please speak up. If you are interested in the club, show up.

The Board of Directors have drafted a proposed budget for 1998. Many alternative proposals were discussed, and an analysis of our past track record was used as starting point. A lot of work went into this proposal. It boils down to maintaining both flying fields in at least the condition we enjoyed this year, keeps the dues at the same level, does not rely on our special events as income, assumes 110 senior members, and uses most the balance from 1997.

We will be discussing the Annual Auction as part of the program for this month. Our auction has been lots of fun in the past. Hope to see you there.

Good flying,

Jim

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RAMS Regular Business Meeting

October 30, 1997

The October regular meeting of the **RAMS** was called to order by President Jim Prindle at 7:08 P.M. Jim introduced the Club Officers and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Visitors were **Tim and Mike Santillo, John Anderson, Al Klopff and Scott Pinkney**

The minutes were approved as published.

Bud Seaberg presented the Treasurer's report which indicated that we are on budget. Bud moved to donate \$36.00 to the Ronald McDonald House. The amount was amended to \$86.00. The motion was passed. This makes the total donation to Ronald McDonald House (including funds raised at our Open House and Fun Fly) \$250.00.

There was a discussion of our gravel hauling contract payments. Because our contract year is not on a calendar year basis, our receipts for this year are less than we budgeted for this year. Future receipts will be \$ 1000.00 annually.

Bob O' Neil reports that we have five new members last month.

Bob Nilsen thanked the work party that enclosed the pavilion and other chores recently. The corn is still up, so the runway extension has not started.

Ron Swift advised that the publication of the Newsletter will be moved ahead one week in November because of the early November business meeting. Also, he needs volunteers for the Annual Auction on November 29.

Ron Monroe reports that the November program will be a cracker barrel discussion about buying at auction.

Jim Prindle reports that we have been invited by RCCR to attend a seminar by **Dave Gierkeon** about glow engines held on November 12th. Dave is a well known expert. The address for the seminar is given in the Newsletter. Jim has received a request for a donation to the Old Rhinebeck Airdrome.

Coffee Host Award was won by **Jim McCarty**.

Old Business: Signup sheets for Annual Auction Volunteers were passed around.

New Business: Len Kmiecik, Jr. suggested making the Fordham Field Fun Fly into a scale meet. This was tabled until after the first of the year for consideration by the new Board of Directors

Nominations for 1998 Officers were received as follows:

President:: Bud Seaberg--- Declined

Ken Scott

Vice President: Bob Nilsen-- Reserved Decision

Ken Scott

Secretary: Carl Van Voorhis --- Reserved Decision

Warren Boudrie --- Declined

Treasurer: Bud Seaberg

Field Director (Macedon): Rod Curtis

Field Director (Fordham): Len Kmiecik, Jr.

Safety Director: Sibby Romano--- Declined

Andreas Rodriguez --- Declined

Dave Ottney

Ken Scott

Membership: Bob O' Neil

Newsletter: Ron Swift

Nominations will be open again for each position prior to voting of the specific office during our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00P.M. and was followed by Show and Tell and the Program.

Show and Tell : **Paul Spara** brought his Sig Four Star 40 covered in Monocote, an OS 40 Max,

Futaba radio, 4 lbs. 10 oz. A fine airplane

Ed Van Wagner showed his scratch built home designed striping machine --- he cut a perfect sample. He, also, brought a Mercury old time free flight airplane modified for R/C. Extensive changes were necessary. 4 3/4 lbs. Light wing loading. OS 40 Four expects it will fly well.

Program: **Bob McMillan** brought in his skeleton of a PBY Catalina which he is scratch building. He discussed the many construction considerations to make such as weight, power, retracts, and waterproofing. He is planning on twin Saito 80's. An ambitious project. Look forward to seeing the completed model at a future Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted, **RAMS** Secretary, **Carl Van Voorhis**

RAMS ANNUAL AUCTION – Saturday, November 29, 1997

We still need some volunteers for auctioneers, auctioneer's helpers, welcome desk attendants, raffle ticket managers, donation coordinators, advertisement agents, and concession stand manager/operators. These highly sought after positions can be yours, but sign up soon to get the best shift.

The doors at the Knights of Columbus will open at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday 29, for those bringing in items to be sold. The auction will officially begin at 12:00 P.M. Each item should have the owner's name and a brief description on it.

Pizza and both warm and cold beverages will be available during the event. As before, there is a \$3.00 per person/\$5.00 maximum per family cover charge to help defray the \$100.00 cost of the hall.

Its time to go through our R/C goodies and get stuff ready for the auction. Modelers from the surrounding areas including Buffalo and

Syracuse are planning to attend this event as buyers and sellers. Traditionally there have been great deals for those beginning R/C, especially beginning modelers. We are planning for an even bigger event this year.

A special table will be set up for items donated to the club. As in previous years, donations to the RAMS are graciously accepted at any time.

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Hobby Shop News

By Tom McCoy

Well, its November HSN time and everyone should be in the building swing. If you are not already building something, maybe this month's edition will get you started.

Flight Simulators: Great Planes has a new one called **Real Flight**. Forget what you've seen in the past, this one does look like the real thing. You can fly nine different airplanes including the PT-40, Ultimate Bipe, and best of all, the P-51. If you like simulators you must have this one. Also, Dave Brown has released a new version 5 of his popular **RCFS** complete with the Hangar option. This simulator has over 500 models included in the Hangar. Last on the list is Microsoft's **Flight Simulator '98**. Many enhancements have been added to this one, which also supports the \$150.00 Microsoft Sidewinder Force Feedback Pro joystick with feedback. Try these out before you buy.

Plane Kits: **Hobbico** has a new ARF, which should be the quickest to build ever. Only a screwdriver, pliers, and about 2 hours of work and you are ready to fly! No Glue! **Top Flite** has a new Gold Edition 1/7 scale warbird kit, the *Spitfire MKIX* with a 63" wing span, 71/2 to 81/2 lbs. Engine: .61 - .75 two stroke or ,70 - .90 four stroke. **Lanier** had a new Aerobic Sport kit called *the Double Trouble*. It has a 54" wing span for a .32 - .46 two stroke. This looks like a Morris Hobby kit, but has a front and rear rudder. **Hangar 9** has a new ARF called the *Easy 2*. It is similar to the *Easy Fly 40* but can be built in 2 hours or less. It is built using no glue and is covered in Ultra Cote.

Engines: OS has a new .46 LA rated at 1.2 HP, which looks the same as the .40 LA (Painted

Blue with a remote high speed needle).

That's all the new products for this month. Remember to keep your list of "R/C needs" out so Santa knows the right stuff to bring for the holidays. See you next month, Tom

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[Year 1997 in review](#) by Bob Herden