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The RAMS HORN

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Time & Date of this month's meeting:

Friday, December 19, 1997

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: **LAMINATING TECHNIQUES**

December Meeting Program by Ron Monroe

Ed Van Wagner will be presenting techniques for making laminated parts. Epoxy laminated landing gear, wheel pants, and cowls are relatively light, tough, and can conform to complex shapes.

Ed will be showing techniques that make this process easy. The landing gear on his "Cubplex" design are tough, yet act like shock absorbers during ground handling.

If you have a project that uses or could use laminated parts, bring it to the club meeting.

Also, bring your partially completed or even completed models to the club meeting for the "Show and Tell" part of the program.

Next month, the program is the Annual Awards Banquet.

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

RAMS Freeze-In 1998

We will be hosting an open flying event for all AMA licensed flyers on January 1, 1998, starting at 10:00 AM at the Macedon field. Please bring some food to share with the spectators and fellow flyers.

The weather authorities have been consulted and the Farmer's Almanac support the following information: The temperature **will not** be four degrees below zero like last year. The prediction is for R/C Model flyer's weather... Light winds from the West, blue sky, puffy clouds, moderate temperatures, with a 2-4 inch powder surface on a hardened dirt base.

The runway will be cleared of snow for the event. It is recommended that you use floats or skis and dress warm for the occasion! Call Bob Nilsen for additional information (716) 388-0315

Upcoming Flying Events

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Prindle

This is the last president's message from this Rams President. It has been a busy year for both the club and me personally. I want to thank all of the members for their support in the club activities.

Good flying,

Jim

RAMS Regular Business Meeting

November 21, 1997

The November regular meeting of the **RAMS** was called to order by President **Jim Prindle** at 7:15 P.M. Jim introduced the Club Officers and welcomed everyone to the meeting. **Jim Roy** was the only visitor.

Dave Pontillo and **Dave Pontillo, Jr.** were voted in as members.

The minutes our last club meeting were amended to show that the suggestion for having the Fordham Fun Fly as a Scale event was made by Tom McCoy, not Leonard Kmiecik, Jr. As amended, the minutes were approved

The 50 / 50 Raffle was won by **Rick Matteson**.

Bud Seaberg presented the Treasurer's report which indicates we are on budget.

Bob O' Neil reports renewals are coming in for 1998.

Bob Nilsen reports that snow plowing is being done to keep the Macedon field open. The corn has been cut and, hopefully, the runway extension will soon begin. Bob requests that we do not fly over the grading operations. The January 1st Freeze In is on with a menu the same as last year.

Len Kmiecik, Jr. reports that use of Fordham Field is "on your own". He has stopped mowing.

Ron Swift still needs volunteers for the Annual Auction. Our Web site has been very busy. Pictures for the Web site are welcome.

Ron Monroe reports that the December program will be "Laminating" and presented by Ed Van Wagner.

The Coffee Host Award was won by **Sonny Freed**.

There was no old business.

New Business: Election of Officers.

Nominated as club Officers were:

President:: Ron Swift

Vice President: Paul Spara

Secretary: Carl Van Voorhis

Treasurer: Bud Seaberg

Field Director(Macedon) Rod Curtis

Field Director(Fordham) Len Kmiecik, Jr.

Safety Director: Dave Ottney

Safety Director: Ken Scott

Membership: Bob O' Neil

Newsletter: Ed Markowski

Program: Ron Monroe & Mike Walsh

The entire slate was elected by one unanimous vote.

The Budget as requested by the Board of Directors was prepared and presented by Bud Seaberg. An extensive discussion took place. The Budget will now be voted on at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. followed by the Program.

The Program was a cracker-barrel discussion about buying at an auction or swap meet and was conducted by **Ron Monroe**. Among many words of wisdom, one was "look at the small stuff, its usually cheap".

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

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 1997

ATTENDING: **Jim Prindle, Ron Swift, Len Kmiecik, Jr., Bob O'Neil, Dave Ottney, Bob Nilsen, Bud Seaberg, and Carl Van Voorhis.**

ABSENT: **Ron Monroe and Ken Scott.**

The meeting was called to order at Bud Seaberg's house at 7:10 P.M.

There was an extensive discussion of three tentative budget proposals developed by the Board at the prior meeting. This included a discussion of how gravel income should be used: budget vs. capital development. The Board agreed on a budget to submit to the membership.

Ron Swift will make the plans for a formal presentation of our donation to the Ronald McDonald House.

Bob O'Neil read the letter he wrote to Mark Rinebolt which reminded Mark he no longer has flying privileges, since he no longer is a RAMS nor, reportedly, an AMA member. Currently, the bylaws state that guests of members in good standing can only fly once at our fields. It was hoped that he will rejoin as a member. A copy of this letter was filed with the minutes.

The Board voted to waive the rule two meeting rule for **Dave Pontillo** and his son, since it is a hardship for them to attend.

Ron Swift reported that the Brighton Festival of Ideas Program has invited us to participate for the fifth year. The Board recommended that we participate.

Dave Ottney presented a signed letter of agreement for our use of the Genesee Conservation League (GCL) premises on the last Wednesday of each month during 1998. March 98 will be the first meeting at the GCL. Rental of the meeting room (including parking and coffee making facilities) will be \$ 30.00 per meeting. The Board agreed that our first meeting at GCL would be the March meeting.

Bob Nilsen reported that **Jack Hayward** would like to be relieved of the trailer registration. Bob advises that the new lock is on the gate at Macedon same key.

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Van Voorhis RAMS Secretary

RAMS ANNUAL AUCTION – Saturday, November 29, 1997

The auction was a big success, at least that's what I gather from the many positive comments we've received from those who attended. We had about 130 people and lots of items auctioned. The auctioning started at about 12:00 and finished before 3:00.

The pizza was donated by Dave Pontillo (thanks Dave). Thanks to Dan's Crafts & Things and Performance Hobbies for their generous donation of the door prizes.

Thanks to the generous members who donated items to be auctioned as well as a large attendance, the club made nearly \$700.00. Donations to Ronald McDonald House added up to another \$10.00.

The efforts of all the club members who made this a success are greatly appreciated.

Hobby Shop News

By Tom McCoy

Well, its December HSN time. Really not much new to report this month. Hope you are enjoying the building season and plan to fly at this year's Freeze-In.

Lots of new stuff is coming your way in 1998 and we will be sharing the news on new stuff for R/C.

RAMS Annual AWARDS BANQUET

Our annual awards banquet will start at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 30. The meal will be pork chops and the cost will be \$8.50 per person again this year. Please contact Ron Swift (315) 524-6864 to place your reservation for the meal.

The business meeting will start at 7:00 and the program will be the awards ceremony.

Happy Holidays From All Of Us!