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The RAMS HORN

Dedicated to the safe pursuit and advancement of model aviation.

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Time & Date of this month's meeting:

Wednesday March 25, 1998

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: GARY ALLEN & HIS

SCRATCH BUILT

FOKKER D-VII

as featured in MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS

<http://www.swiftservices.com/rams/>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We enter a new era this month as we meet for the first time at the Genesee Conservation League at Panorama Trail. Many thanks to the Masons for the use of their excellent facility over the years. The decision to relocate is based on finances. Change is a difficult thing to live through, but from reports from members who have visited the new meeting hall, we still have an excellent facility to use for our meetings. Just a footnote, no alcohol beverages are allowed in the meeting. The bar will be open Wednesday nights. Use your discretion.

It is a busy month for the RAMS. We had the scout Troup 9 presentation on March 6, the Brighton Festival of Ideas on March 14, two events Bob O'Neil and Ed Van Wagner attended as judges/teachers at a local school, the mall show is March 28th and 29th, and Alex Antonelli is working with a local school for

a R/C presentation.

I will be soliciting help for the RAMS Open House 1998. The BOD will be taking on the task of coordinating the efforts. We are proposing a two day event this year. Details will be presented for discussion at our next club meeting.

We still need volunteers for participating in the mall show in Greece. If you can help out, let me know.

The Board of Directors has combined the planning of field development activities for both fields under one committee (the field development committee). We still need some volunteers to work on the committee.

The fields are both flyable. Make sure to check out you models and cycle your nicads a couple of times before you fly. I know some of the members have been flying throughout the year. There will be copies of the all weather flying application available at our next meeting.

See you at the Genesee Conservation League.

Ron

GRASS CUTTING REMINDER

Macedon Field : Mondays and Thursdays **Fordham Field** : Sundays

from 12:00 noon thru 4:00 pm from 4:00 pm thru 7:00 pm

During grass cutting times there will be **NO FLYING** allowed, for safety reasons. In the event of rain on the scheduled times, the same time the next day will be the rain date. Your cooperation and support will be greatly appreciated by all. If you have the time come on out and help.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Thank you to all the members that renewed on time. It is greatly appreciated. As a reminder to those that waited, there is a \$10.00 initiation fee that must be paid now for renewing your membership. Every Member should have a RAMS name tag, a key to the gates of the flying fields and a current RAMS card.

If you do not, see or call Bob O'Neil Membership Director at 467-9937. Happy flying to all.

Upcoming Events

March 28 & 29 Radio Control Club of Roch. Mall Show at Greece Ridge Mall

April 29, 1998 RAMS Annual Flea Market – During the regular club meeting

May 16 & 17, 1998 Genesee Valley Aero Modlers

FLOAT FLY at Sandy Bottom Park Honeoye, New York

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

August 29 & 30 RAMS Annual Fun Fly

at Fordham Field

RAMS BY-LAWS CHANGE

COMMITTEE REMINDER

Fellow members:

Modifications to our club's BY-LAWS will be put forth in writing in the next month or so, and I'd like to remind all of you that your input and participation on the BY-LAWS Committee is always welcome. Proposed changes will more accurately reflect what is currently practiced within the RAMS. It will also address the issue of retiring the Field Certificate Program. So please make your thoughts known to the committee. Thank you.

Sincerely

Paul Spara

RAMS Vice-President

RAMS Regular Business Meeting

February 26, 1998

THE February regular meeting of RAMS was called to order by President Ron Swift at 7: 13 P. M.

Visitors were Rick Rubino, Rick Rodriguez, Wil Diaz, Jim Hoffman, Bill Schligh, William Ross, Lindsey Cooper, Orlando Ocasio, and Tom Asselta.

Bill Schligh and Jim Hoffman were voted in as new members.

The minutes were approved as published after corrections.

Paul Spara as Chairman of the Field Certificate/ By Law Committee asked that volunteers for the committee contact him.

Rod Curtis reported that the runway extension has reached the 100 foot marker. Rod has policed the grounds and picked up the broken props.

Bob O' Neil reports that we have 103 paid members. New cards will be available soon for those members who have a temporary card.

Ken Scott suggests extra caution when resuming your flying after a layup period.

Ed Markowski plans to include current activities for other area clubs in our Newsletter.

Jim McCarty presented the report on the gravel pit situation. The complete report is included by attachment to the minutes. The report will be published in the Newsletter.

Dave Ottney reports that 7 flight instructors and 5 building instructors have signed up for the Flight Instruction Program. More volunteers are needed in both categories. Dave plans to develop a Student Flight Log so that any instructor will know the student's present learning status.

Ed Van Wagner asked whether the new member package was to continue. Ed Markowski is in process of editing and republication of same.

Hugh Howes is making application for the 1998 Gold Leader Club. Hugh reviewed the many requirements to qualify. In this connection, we voted to order a Model Aviation subscription for the Macedon Town Library at a cost of \$ 15.00.

50/50 Raffle was won by Ron Monroe and donated to the Club.

Coffee Host Award was won by Shane _____.

A question was raised about the Oshkosh trip. Tex Mantel explained that the trip is an excursion by jet to the biggest airshow in the World. Transportation and dorm rooms are included at a cost of about \$ 500. We should receive our mailing soon.

New Business: Ron Swift made a motion pertaining to use of funds produced from the land at Macedon which was defeated. After discussion and amendment the following motion was passed: All funds received by the RAMS obtained from the sale of, but not limited to, gravel, clay, wood, or sand from the Macedon field will only be used for improvements to the Macedon field. Rent from the farmer for use of the farmlands are excluded, since these funds are already allocated for payment of taxes.

Ron Swift brought up his President's Message published in the Newsletter for discussion. The message was well received. The Field Certificate program and repurchase agreement were reviewed.

Rick Matteson suggested setting up a system for a member to disavow his interest in ever exercising his repurchase option. Dave Ottney recommended that this idea and any other suggestions be submitted in writing to Paul Spara's committee.

Ron Swift suggested doing an opinion survey and at the same time a radio frequency survey.

Andres Rodriguez discussed his plans for the August Fun Fly. His intended purpose is for flyers to have fun by mild competition with each other. Probably we will invite other clubs. Prizes will be nominal. Not intended for public entertainment---- though the public is welcome. Not intended as a money maker.

Ron Swift has contacted RCCR about our joining them at the Greece Mall Show. Will cost \$75. for four tables. Len Kmiecik Jr. moved to participate. Motion passed. Contact Ron Swift if you care to display.

Ron asked for volunteers to present a program to Penfield BSA Troop 9 on March 4th. He , also, reminded us of the Brighton Festival of Ideas where we will participate on March 14 th. There is a big student interest.

Ed Van Wagner is doing a program on propeller propulsion at the Webster Olympiad on March 1 st.

Hugh Howes reminds us that it is illegal to use a radio which is not narrow band starting in March. Sanctioned events also require dual conversion receivers.

Jack Hayward warns that the Hangar 9 Cub needs some reinforcing to cope with rough landings. All fuselage joints need to be reglued.

The meeting adjourned at 8: 20 P. M. and was followed by Show and Tell and the Program.

Show and Tell: Len Kmiecik Jr. brought his Lear Jet for a progress report. It is progressing. Lou Martellotta showed his canard project. Fiberglass hull, foam wings, Pactra and Rustoleum paint, 8 months in building. Ron Swift showed his Bleuriot Electric. Weighs .66 lbs., 48" wing. John Mitchell brought his custom scratchbuilt engine test stand. Dave Redden showed a tiny blue foam model which he built as an

experiment to learn about blue foam.

Program: Dave Ottney and Mike Walsh presented a program on building, flying, and competing with Combat planes. Competition rules were made available to those interested.

Respectfully submitted,

RAMS Secretary, Carl Van Voorhis

REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

BY JIM McCARTY

Concerning the Macedon Gravel Operations

In response to the questions posed by Bob Nilsen regarding a discrepancy between payment received and materials removed from our gravel pit at the Macedon Field, a committee was formed and a meeting held with our partner in the Gravel Business - Bob Burkwit.

This meeting was held at Ron Swift's house on February 10, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Ron Swift, Mark Rohlin, Don Geldof, Jim Prindle, Jim McCarty and Bob Burkwit.

The following items were resolved at that meeting :

1. Payments are in arrears for the material removed. The amount due was reconciled " close enough to our (Bob Nilsen's) estimate " and a payment check was to be issued quickly.
2. In the future, statements of materials removed and checks for payment due, will be sent to the Club on an every second month basis.
3. Bob Burkwit is solely responsible for dealing with the Town of Macedon. This has to do with the

application for and payment for all appropriate permits and fees. It is his responsibility to manage the amounts and correlation to valid permits and fees.

4. All materials removed from the Club's property are subject to the \$1.00 per yard charge.

Comments :

There is an opportunity for more than 1,000 tons per year to be sold and Bob Burkwit is responsible for the permits.

Burkwit is not to remove any topsoil and he is still responsible for the land remediation.

Burkwit is willing to take bids on doing property improvement projects for us (e.g. roadway and runway improvements, including paving).

This contract is "good" until 2001. At that time we will want to reconvene a committee to determine whether or not to renew it.

***RAMS* Board of Directors Meeting**

March 11, 1998

Attending: Ron Monroe, Dave Ottney, Ed Markowski, Paul Spara, Bob O' Neil, Ron Swift, Ken Scott, Len Kmiecik Jr., Rod Curtis, and Carl Van Voorhis.

Absent: Bud Seaberg

The meeting was called to order at Carl Van Voorhis' house at 7:05 P. M.

We discussed the status of our main goals:

1. Membership now stands at 96 Senior and 20 Junior members. In our efforts to increase membership, we will try to broaden the dissemination of our Newsletter and our other advertising information. Ed Markowski is reworking the Membership package and is 90 % done. Should be out soon.

2. Field Certificates/ By Laws Committee is composed of Paul Spara, Ed Markowski, and Jack Hayward. Some input has been received --- more is solicited. Some method of making it possible for members to voluntarily surrender their interest in their Field Certificates is being sought. Paul Spara will attempt to prepare a formalized form for this purpose. If we can get a large turnout of volunteer surrender of interest,

it would make the solution of eliminating the Field Certificates easier. The ultimate goal is to grow the membership, resulting in more dues to support the Club.

3. Communication. A map to the new Genesee Conservation League meeting site has run and will continue to run in the Newsletter. We are committed to the Greece Town Mall Show on March 28 th and 29 th. We will have four tables which will handle a flight simulator, advertising materials, and a revolving display of models. Sign up with Ron Swift. Our Annual Flea Market is set for the April 30 th meeting. Bring some stuff! The public is invited to participate. We are planning a survey for our Newsletter to solicit opinions on several proposed projects and to develop radio frequency use information.

We reviewed the special events calendar. The possibility of a simplified pattern event was raised.

Ron Swift volunteered to act as the Annual Open House Coordinator. We tossed around some ideas for this year' s format. Ron will rely on a large turnout of volunteers to insure success of this event. He will put together an overview of his ideas and test Club support at our next meeting.

Bob O' Neil is completing preparation of the ' 98 Charter Application for our Club. Bob reminds us that we should be sure to put our ID in our planes--- for compliance with AMA rules and to improve return should your plane stray.

Rod Curtis reports that Macedon field has been rolled for the first time this year. Also, some road patching has been done. Field is in good shape. Mowing schedule for both fields will be published in the Newsletter.

Ed Markowski is planning to publish the film library list in the Newsletter.

Len Kmiecik Jr. reports the need for a trailer tire and a lock for the gate. He was given an advance for these purposes.

Ron Swift reports new photos have been posted on our Web page. He has received a Thank You note from Penfield Troop 9 BSA for our presentation at their meeting. Thirty three Scouts participated.

The Board of Directors Meeting was adjourned at 10: 05 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Van Voorhis

RAMS Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

HOT! HOT! HOT!

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COME ONE! COME ALL!

BRING YOUR TREASURES

BRING YOUR SALEABLE ITEMS

BRING YOUR UNUSED ITEMS

BRING YOUR UNNEEDED ITEMS

BRING YOURSELF

TO THE

RAMS ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

at the APRIL 29, 1998 MEETING AT 7:00 p.m.

HAVE A GREAT TIME

PICK UP THAT WANTED ITEM

PICK UP THAT NEEDED ITEM

GET IT AT A GREAT PRICE

HAVE FUN!!!!

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HOT! HOT! HOT!

**RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF ROCHESTER MALL
SHOW**

GREECE RIDGE CENTRE MALL

MARCH 28 & 29, 1998

DURING MALL HOURS

**GENESEE VALLEY AERO MODELERS R/C FLOAT
FLY**

MAY 16-17 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

SANDY BOTTOM PARK HONEOYE , NY

1/4 Mile South off US 20 A

on West Lake Road

6 Miles East of US 15 A

FREE AIR AND BOAT SHOWS

GOOD FOOD

bring Lawn Chairs

HOT! HOT! HOT!

RAMS MEETINGS will move from the **MASONIC HALL**
in WEBSTER to

GENESEE CONSERVATION LEAGUE

meeting hall on

Old PENFIELD ROAD near PANORAMA SHOPPING
CENTER

see map in this NEWSLETTER

starting on :

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 25, 1998

HOT! HOT! HOT!

RAMS CLUB FUN FLY

FRIENDLY COMPETITION FOOD

FUN FLYING FRIENDSHIP

ONTARIO FORDHAM FIELD

AUGUST 29 & 30 1998

BRING YOUR PLANES AND HAVE FUN

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