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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 May 27, 1998

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

at : GENESEE CONSERVATION LEAGUE

meeting hall on

Old PENFIELD ROAD

PROGRAM: FLYING & SAFETY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is turning out to be pretty good flying weather. Unusual for this time of year. A vacation and business trip to Oklahoma City has pretty much filled up my schedule. I want to thank Paul Spara for running the Board of Director's meeting during my absence. I have heard the two work sessions went pretty well also! We should have grass on the Macedon runway extension in time for our Open House. Jim McCarty reports that the checks for the gravel operation are in the mail. Also, the storage shed project is under way.

I finally got the new version 5 of the Dave Brown flight simulator. It has features that are different from the version 4. One new feature is the analyze function, which uses your model's parameters and simulates its flight performance. The models in the included hangar are different also. I still prefer version 4. I plan to knock off some of the winter rust using the simulator. A review will be submitted for publishing in the newsletter, soon.

There will be extra posters for the Open House available at the next club meeting. Feel free to take as

many as you want. Putting up a few posters wherever you travel will help a lot. Invite your friends, relatives, etc.

We have a pretty important issue to vote on during our next meeting. Whether or not to eliminate or reduce the two meeting rule for becoming a member. Attend the meeting and share your opinion.

Let's keep our fields in the best possible shape, increase our building and flying skills, maintain our safety record, and provide the same opportunity for others.

See you at the Genesee Conservation League.

Ron

GRASS CUTTING REMINDER

Macedon Field : Mondays and Thursdays

from 12:00 noon thru 4:00 pm

Fordham Field : Sundays

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.

Upcoming Events

[June 6-7, 1998 RCCR Air Show & Fun Fly](#)

Northampton Park

June 20-21, 1998 RCCR Pattern Contest

Northampton Park

June 27, 1998 RCCR Combat (Redman Rd.)

July 18 & 19, 1998 Voltaires of Central New York Tenth Annual All Electric Fun Fly at Grenadiers Field,
Caughdenoy, New York

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

July 25, 1998 RCCR Combat (Redman Rd.)

August 29 & 30 RAMS Annual Fun Fly

at Fordham Field

August 29, 1998 RCCR Combat (Redman Rd.)

September 26, 1998 RCCR Combat (Redman Rd.)

RAMS Regular Business Meeting

April 29, 1998

The April regular meeting was called to order at the Penfield American Legion Post by President Ron Swift at 7:14 P.M.

Visitors were John Gee, Todd Coe, Eric Adams, Jack Knapp, Scott Riggs, Jeff Trinkler, Gene Foust, David Home, Chris Joyce, Andy and Christopher Lukasiewicz, and Chuck Bello.

Jack Knapp, Gene Foust, Chris Joyce, Tom Asselta, and Andrew Johnson were voted in as new members.

The minutes were approved as published.

Paul Spara reported on the By Laws/ Field Certificate Committee. He reviewed several proposals received by the Committee for elimination or modification of the Field Certificate Program. There was

considerable discussion. The committee will report further at a later date.

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

Jim Roth asked about the field Porta Johns and was advised that they will be installed at both fields from May 15 to Sept. 15.

Rick Matteson brought up a discrepancy in what we have received compared to what we were promised in gravel mining payments. Ron Swift advised that Mr. Burkwit is correcting the error and sending the additional amount due.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bud Seaberg and donated to the Club.

Rod Curtis reports that the "off road" course is sort of ready. Only ground frequency band to be used. No 6 meter band.

Len Kmiecik Jr. reports Fordham Field to be in good shape. Work party at 9:00 A.M. on May 2nd.

Ron Monroe reports that the program for May will be our annual safety meeting. June program will be flying at the Macedon field.

Bob O' Neil reports we now have 107 Senior and 27 Junior members.

During Dave Ottney' s illness , students should contact Ron Swift or Bob O' Neil for help in arranging for instruction. We hope Dave will be back soon.

Bob Nilsen reported that the contractor's work on the Macedon extension is completed. Final grading and York raking are done. Will have a work party on May 9th to rockhound, spread topsoil, rake, seed and fertilize. There was a round of applause for Bob and the other contributors to the project.

The Coffee Host Award was won by Dave Redden.

New Business: Mike Daly proposed a Combat event and so moved. Ron Swift suggested tabling this motion until a fleshed out proposal is presented. A straw vote showed general favor for the idea.

Andres Rodriguez proposed that we eliminate the two meeting requirement prior to membership. There was considerable discussion. The motion was tabled until our next meeting.

Ron Swift reported that the Ontario Chamber of Commerce has invited us to participate in their event on May 30th and 31st. Also, we have been invited by the Walworth Lions Club for their Macedon show. There was no Club interest in either event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P. M. and followed by Show and Tell and our Annual Swap Meet.

Show and Tell: Jim McCarty brought his new scratch(?) or plan built (?) lawnmower. Really big wheels! A 120 Webra engine. Should really chew up the field!

The Swap Meet had a variety of items. Probably some bargains too!

Respectfully submitted,

RAMS Secretary, *Carl Van Voorhis*

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 1998

Attending: Rod Curtis, Bob O' Neil, Paul Spara, Bob Nilsen, Ken Scott, Ed Markowski, Len Kmiecik Jr., and Carl Van Voorhis.

Absent: Ron Swift, Dave Ottney, Bud Seaberg, and Ron Monroe.

The meeting was called to order at Rod Curtis' house at 7:30 P. M.

Bob O' Neil reported that current membership is 106 Senior and 23 Junior members. Several additional members are in the works. Ed Markowski has completed preparation of a new Membership Info Package.

Bob Nilsen presented his plan for an addition to the storage shed at Macedon. His plan is for a larger building than originally contemplated. Floor area will increase from present of 168 sq. ft. to 480 sq. ft. --- roughly triple the area. Cost for the larger addition will be \$1200. or \$400. more than originally budgeted. The Board thought it to be well worth the money and that it could be funded within the present budget and the Field Development Fund. The plan will be submitted for a membership vote at the May meeting. Bob would like to install a couple windows for interior lighting. These have not been included in the above cost figure since he hopes that someone will have some used windows which could be donated.

Bob Nilsen reported on the completion of the East runway extension. The job was finished by a work party on May 9. Now we need Mother Nature to provide for the newly seeded runway. A complete report will be published in the Newsletter. The Board roundly applauded Bob' s efforts. It was agreed that financial volunteers and our contractor would receive special awards.

The need for a readily available first aid kit at Macedon was brought up. It was decided that the kit now in the shed would be relocated to the pavilion. A prominent sign indicating the location will also be provided.

The Board discussed expanding the new member package to include hobby shop advertising, a free field key, leadership pin and Club patch. The idea was approved.

We discussed the two meeting rule in the By Laws . The Board felt this rule should continue with the understanding that a prospective new member be allowed to fly as a guest of a member during the period between the first and second meeting as long as he is a current AMA member. This may require some revision of the Field Rules.

Ken Scott brought up some of the safety rules for Combat Flying. In view of the requirement that the safety line be 150 ft. from the spectators, it would appear that Macedon would be the only field where we could meet this rule. This would mean that the safety line would be at the North edge of the runway and the spectator line would be at the impound area. Actual flying would then be over the alfalfa.

The June regular meeting is scheduled for the Macedon field. The July meeting will be at the Genesee Conservation League.

Paul Spara presented a status report on the Field Certificate Termination proposal. The committee is nearing a final proposal for submission to the membership.

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Van Voorhis

RAMS Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

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’Niel Membership Director at 467-9937. Happy flying to all.

We are trying to determine what the interest level is for getting **RAMS** Club light weight jackets. A vendor has been identified that will produce the jackets. The final price will be dependent upon the number of jackets ordered. If you are interested contact a Board member or an officer of the club so a tentative number can be determined.

Also remember that there is a supply of **RAMS** logo patches (\$3.50) and **RAMS** Logo Tee shirts available (\$ 7.50).

TECHNICAL INSPECTION

Before you fly this season take a few minutes to check out your plane. It is better to be safe than sorry.
Use the following checklist as provided by our Safety Team :

- o COVERING (tears, etc.)
 - o SERVO/SCREWS, etc.
 - o CLEVICES/KEEPERS
 - o HINGING (check slop)
 - o ENGINE MOUNT
 - o MUFFLER
 - o PROP (nicks, etc.)
 - o SPINNER (clearance from prop, etc.)
 - o ANTENNA (location and length)
 - o TRANSMITTER (approp. flags, etc.)
 - o PILOT (owner) IDENTIFICATION
 - o WHEEL COLLARS
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Runway Extension & Work Party Report

On May 9th the runway extension at the Macedon Field was completed by a club work party. We now have an additional 100 ft. by 100 ft. extension to the West end, bringing the runway to a very impressive 500 by 100 ft. Rick and I are very pleased with the results. We are sure that within a few years it will look like it has been that way from the beginning.

We are also sure that the extension will benefit all types of aircraft, large or small. I can't say enough about our contractor Dave Fochner for doing an outstanding job at a very reasonable price. Hardly any flying was disturbed while work was in progress and no loss of revenue from the corn.

Now that the end is here Rick and I would like to thank the contributors for their trust and support to us, and for making this happen with no club funds. The contributors were : Rod Curtis, Paul Georger, Jim King, Rick Matteson, Jim McCarty, Dave McKee, Bob Nilsen, Jim Prindle, Dave Riedel, Ken Scott, Bud Seaberg, Rudy Steiner, Ron Swift and Carl Van Voorhis.

The work party started at 9 A.M. and finished up at 2 P.M.. The weather was absolutely perfect, no rain and a cool breeze. First the raking was done and the rocks were removed from the site, a big job. Then all was seeded with grass including the hill to help prevent erosion. Fertilizer was added and then rolled. In addition, two new pads were added to the west to increase visual range. Note that although there are now 6 pads only 4 can be in use at the same time.

I would like to thank the following members who turned out to make it happen : Bob McMillan, Don Geldof, Carl Van Voorhis, Len Kmiecik Jr., George Loiselle, Dave Pontillo, Jack Hayward, Bud Seaburg, Rod Curtis, Rick Matteson and George Hopkins.

Thanks guys.

Submitted by

Bob Nilsen

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

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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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RAMS MEETINGS have moved 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

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