

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 August 26, 1998

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

at : ONTARIO (FORDHAM)

FLYING FIELD

PROGRAM: FUN FLY EVENT PLAN

FLYING FUN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is time to take a deep breath of fresh air and relax... Well, now that we've got that behind us, let's get on with the rest of our flying season. We have the third RAMS flying event, the **RAMS Fun Fly 1998** coming up this Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 AM. We have hosted events like this before and had lots of fun. Anyone who was present while Randy (RCCR) and Mac (RAMS Guest) faced off in the limbo event to determine the overall winner can tell you it was fun to watch also! The Interclub FunFly trophy was last awarded to the RAMS in 1993. We might award it again this year if there are enough competitors from other clubs. It worked like this: the top three scores from members of each participating club were added together. The highest total won the trophy for that year.



Anyway, hope you will attend this year's Fun Fly. It is a single day event and we'll need a little help from everyone to make this a real fun event for the flyers. There are nineteen prizes, and the competition is friendly. Andreas Rodriguez is the event contest director. We will have food available, the PA system will be present, a computer will be used for score keeping (Andreas wrote the software), and we will have Ronald McDonald donation flying if time permits. If you can help out and would like to volunteer, call me (315) 524-6864.

In case you were not at Fordham field on August 15, you missed our first (at least I think it is) **RAMS Combat 704 event**. There are photos of the event on our web site. I think Mike Daly and crew should be congratulated for a job well done.

I had a chance to talk to Bob O'Neil last Tuesday, August 18th. He has successfully undergone a pacemaker implant. He is planning to be flying again real soon. He wants to thank everyone for their best wishes.

The field development committee is being rejuvenated. Current members include Paul Spara, Don Geldof, and myself. Currently the plans are to reassemble the existing documentation, make copies, distribute them to the current development committee, and to plan a meeting. The committee will be responsible for planning details and recommending field improvements to the board of directors for both of the club's flying fields. Activities supported by the board will be submitted for club membership approval.

If any member is interested in serving as a club officer, please let me know. We need to fill the offices of Fordham Field Director, Secretary, Safety, and it would be nice to have more than one candidate for each of the club offices.

We have reserved the Church of the Holy Spirit for our Annual Auction. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 29th, the action starting at noon. We will have the doors open at 10:00 A.M. for setup. More details will be published as we get closer to the event.

We are planning to have the **RAMS Annual Freeze-in** on January 1, 1999. Should be lots of fun, and everyone had plenty of time to get a plane ready. It is planned to be at our Macedon field and open to all flyers holding current AMA membership.

Finally, thanks to everyone who helped make our Open House a success. The goal was to present radio controlled flying and to have fun. The Ronald McDonald donation program was the smoothest ever. We have had quite a few complements on the event from the spectators and visiting pilots. Seemed like we had at least two (or more) planes in the air during the entire weekend.

Fly safe, bring the family, and say a few words to the visitors and new members you run into. See you at the flying fields.

Ron

GRASS CUTTING REMINDER

Macedon Field : Mondays and Thursdays

from 12:00 noon thru 4:00 pm

Fordham Field : Sundays and Thursdays

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 Flying Events

[August 29 RAMS Annual Fun Fly](#) at Fordham Field

[August 29, 1998 RCCR Combat \(Redman Rd.\)](#)

[Sept. 12 & 13 Rhinebeck Jamboree](#) Rhinebeck, NY

[Sept. 26, 1998 RCCR Combat \(Redman Rd.\)](#)

[Sept. 26, 1998 FLYING KNIGHTS Auction](#) Hamburg, NY

RAMS OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

In case you haven't heard already, all of the local hobby shops were approached during the month of June to see if they were interested in contributing prizes for our Annual Open house July 25 & 26. Two of these merchants stepped forward to contribute to our event. Also, a small local model manufacturer donated one of his kits to our effort.

The following list of items were donated by **PERFORMANCE HOBBIES of Webster:**

1 EASYFLY .40 ARF trainer, Thunder tiger .42 engine, Futaba Sky Sport -4 channel radio all valued at \$335.00

1 AIRHOG air powered glider [used for the children's Raffle] valued at \$35.00

1 TOP FLIGHT "SMART CUT" stripping tool valued at \$14.95

1 HANGER 9 DELUXE Power Panel valued at \$12.95

1 HANGER 9 manual fuel pump valued at \$11.95

1 HOBBICO Builder's Ruler valued at \$8.95

1 HOBBICO 4 WAY Wrench valued at \$8.95

1 HOBBICO CANOPY SIZER valued at \$7.95

1 GREAT PLANES 11" BAR SANDER valued at \$4.95

1 GREAT PLANES "THREAD LOCKER" valued at \$3.69

Also, 1 JR "T" shirt , 2 JR neck straps, and 1 SIG hat

For a total retail value of over \$444.34

The following list of items were donated by **DAN'S CRAFTS & THINGS on Empire Blvd.:**

1 SUPERSTAR .40 ARF Trainer valued at \$109.99

1 OS MAX .40 ENGINE valued at \$54.99

1 GREAT PLANES center of gravity machine valued at \$29.99

1 "JET" GLUE assortment package valued at \$22.95

2 TOP FLIGHT foaming model cleaner valued at \$11.95

Also, 3 SIG Hats, assorted pens and post-it note pads

For a total retail value of over \$229.99

Larry Root of WAR ZONE MODELS donated one of his Combat 704 P-47 kits valued at 40.00 dollars.

The generosity of these merchants, coupled with the hard work and expertise of Paul Georger and Carl VanVoorhis with the 50/50 raffle and brought in a total of \$910.00 for the event.

The appreciation for the support of our club by these local shops and manufacturers cannot be overstated! In addition to their July contributions, these businesses support our club and our hobby 365 days a year. They stock large and small ticket items alike, provide knowledgeable advice and manufacturer support and they direct prospective members to our club and training programs. I hope all RAMS members will remember these facts when they consider their next R/C modeling purchases.

Submitted by Ron Swift and Mike Daley

RAMS NEWSLETTER EDITOR

SAFETY NOTE :

Please tether your planes prior to attempting an engine start up. Could prevent some injuries.

Also do not wear shorts while soldering or ironing Monocote covering.

The By-Laws proposed changes have been summarized and sent to all members as a separate mailing. Please read it and voice your opinions and/or support for the changes at the next few meetings. The proposals are to be voted on in the October Meeting. This is very important for the club.

RAMS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Bob will be off his feet for awhile. He has had minor surgery and should be up and about soon. We all hope all is well with you Bob.

RAMS Regular Business Meeting

July 29, 1998

The July regular meeting of RAMS was called to order at the Holy Spirit Church Hall by President Ron Swift at 7:00 PM.

Visitors were Al Scheonmaker, Mike Caccamise, Jim Bates, John Hutton, Tom and Evan Wall, Jerry Wilkins, and Christine Bello.

Richard Silco was elected to membership.

Minutes were approved as published.

Ron Swift reported that the Open House made a profit of \$ 2128 (which included \$ 235. in Ronald Mc Donald House donations)

Paul Spara gave a report on the By Laws/ Field Certificate Committee. He first thanked the Committee members for their efforts and then explained the process of arriving at the recommended By/ Law changes. The members asked questions and discussed the proposed changes for about 20 minutes. Jim Mc Carty suggested a review for legality by an attorney. The August and September meetings will be available for further discussion and/ or amendment to the proposed changes. A vote will take place at the October meeting.

Bud Seaberg reported that we are on Budget through June.

Len Kmiecik Jr. announced that Fordham Field will be mowed on the Friday afternoons before the Combat event and the Fun Fly.

Ron Monroe announced that tonight' s program is on Retracts.

The August meeting will be at Fordham Field at which time we will review the contest events planned for the Fun Fly. Be sure to bring a lawn chair.

Ed Markowski reported that an adjustment in the folding procedure for the Newsletter has improved their condition on delivery.

Bob O' Neil reports we now have 118 Senior and 26 Junior members.

Jack Hayward reported on the Camp Gran Israel flying lessons for about 15 kids and their Rabbi at the Macedon field. Bob Herden, Ron Swift, and Jack gave ground school instruction, flying demos, and flight training to all.

Ron Swift reviewed the profits from past Open Houses as follows:

'94 \$661.

'95 \$574.

'96 \$2476.

'97 \$1563.

'98 \$2128.(includes \$ 235 Ronald McDonald House donations)

Ron suggested that in view of our success the Club should make a substantial additional donation to the Ronald Mc Donald House. John Petrilli moved that we make a contribution of \$ 500. to the RMH (including the \$ 235. raised at the Open House). This motion was seconded and passed without discussion.

Ron further reported that 40 pilots performed at the Air Show with a particularly large turnout of flyers from RCCR.

Ron pointed out that the August Fun Fly will be at Fordham Field on Saturday August 28 th. Rain date will be Sunday August 29 th.

50 / 50 Raffle was won by Dave Redden and donated to the Club.

Old business: Auction is set for November 28 th at The Church of the Holy Spirit Church Hall. Doors open at 10 AM and Auction starts at Noon.

New business: John Petrilli recommended more participation in the 50 / 50 Raffle and the coffee and donuts fund at our meetings.

Len Kmiecik Jr. announced that he will not act as Field Director next year. He cited personal reasons.

The shelter has been moved back to Fordham. Improvements at Fordham were discussed. New tables will be provided. Ron Swift made available a sign up sheet for models to be displayed at the Monroe County Airport Air Show in August.

Fordham Fun Fly flyers are available for distribution.

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 30 PM and followed by Show and Tell and the Program.

Show and Tell: Bob Herden brought his Playboy old timer which he is in the process of reconstructing after a folding wing disaster. Powered by a 26 Surpass. Jim Mc Carty showed a 1938 Denny Standard engine which he has restored after discovery by Len Kmiecik Jr. in a hen house. Some Rhode Island Red had not properly kept it up to speed.

Bill Joliff brought his Bridi Trainer 40 with an OS 50 FSR engine. He plans to fly it now since his Senorita is no longer flyable.

Program: Ron Swift presented a demo on Retracts. Big ones!

Afterwards there was a discussion on building techniques and different types of glue and materials.

Respectfully submitted by,

RAMS Secretary, ***Carl Van Voorhis***

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting

July 15, 1998

Attending: Ken Scott, Bud Seaberg, Rod Curtis, Paul Spara, Dave Ottney, Ed Markowski, Ron Swift, Bob O' Neil, Ron Monroe, Mike Daly, and Carl Van Voorhis.

Absent: Len Kmiecik Jr.

The meeting was called to order at Dave Ottney's house at 7:05 PM.

Bob O' Neil reported current membership is 117 Senior and 24 Junior members.

Information package has been prepared and is available.

We will make Newsletters available at the Macedon field in a mailbox, the purchase of which was authorized.

Sunday morning student training program was considered but shelved because of apparent lack of need.

Paul Spara reported on By Law amendment status. Proposed changes to the By Laws will be

sent to the members using a separate mailing.

Our WEB site look has changed. A new look--- take a peek.

Our Open House has various advertising ideas in the works. Volunteers still needed. But, progress is being made

We reviewed the events in progress:

1. Kids from Camp Gran Israel -- a very successful hands on learning experience for a group of about 15 kids held at Macedon field.
2. Open House '98 -- on track
3. Monroe County Airport static display -- need models.
4. Combat Event at Fordham Field on August 15 th -- on track
5. Fun Fly at Ontario on August 29 th and 30 th -- progressing

Several volunteers have offered to help get the grass going on the new runway extension at Macedon. They will contact Rod Curtis.

Our new meeting place is in the hall at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Penfield.

A place to display our various awards was discussed. We agreed that the pavilion at Macedon would be the best choice.

The damaged Newsletter problem was discussed. Less than 10 % damage rate. Expensive to go to a better mailing system. Will bring up for discussion at next meeting.

Bud Seaberg reported that through June we are on Budget.

The Board suggested improvements in the shelter and new tables for working on planes be made available at Fordham Field. Something will be done.

The Board of Directors Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

RAMS Secretary, Carl Van Voorhis

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting

August 12, 1998

Attending: Rod Curtis, Ed Markowski, Ron Monroe, Ron Swift, Dave Ottney, Bud Seaberg, Len Kmiecik Jr., Paul Spara, and Carl Van Voorhis.

Absent: Bob O' Neil, Ken Scott, and Mike Daly.

The meeting was called to order at Ron Monroe' s house at 7:00 PM.

Ron Swift advised that Bob O' Neil had a Pacemaker installed today and will be home again tomorrow. Current membership is 130 Senior and 26 Junior members.

Paul Spara reported that the Field Certificate / By laws Committee has received further proposals or correspondence from Jim Orbanek, Jim Roth, John Petrilli, and Warren Boudrie. Two attorneys have been contacted, rendered differing opinions, neither conclusive as to legality of eliminating the Field Certificate program. Further study will be given by the Committee. We are considering a secret ballot to be mailed to everyone to determine which of the three proposals to propose as an amendment to vote on. The chosen amendment to the By Laws would be published (after any amendment and discussion) with a vote to be held at the October meeting.

It was announced that Ralph Crane has died. The Secretary will send a sympathy card on behalf of the members to his widow.

The Fordham Fun Fly is set for August 29 th with a rain date of August 30 th. We will be serving hot dogs and pop.

Jack Hayward in a letter to the Board protested the validity of the vote at the July meeting to donate \$ 265. of Club funds to the Ronald Mc Donald House. This amount was in addition to the \$ 235. raised at the Open House by the student instruction program. The vote had been called without an opportunity for discussion. It was decided to call for a new vote after discussion at the August meeting.

Len Kmiecik Jr. reported that the brush hogging of the rough areas has been done. Partial payment of \$170 in donated funds has been made. Len would like to pay the remaining balance of \$ 30. from Club funds. Also, he needs \$ 40. for weed killer and \$ 15. for a sprayer. These items were considered to be field maintenance and are within our budget. Len recommended that the Club purchase a chainsaw at an approximate cost of \$ 150. We decided to put a notice in the Newsletter to see if anyone has a used one that is no longer needed.

Dave Ottney has looked into tables for Fordham Field. Commercially available tables are not so hot. Dave can buy the materials in pressure treated wood for \$ 50. per table. Dave and John

Young will build the tables. In view of how handy the tables would be at the Fun Fly we authorized the purchase of the materials subject to membership approval. A donation is available if not authorized by the members.

Ed Markowski recommended the Club purchase a 101 cup coffee pot at a cost of \$ 70. This would be used at our meetings, the Open House, the Fun Fly, and at our Annual Auction. Ed will purchase and then seek approval at our next meeting.

Bud Seaberg reported that we are comfortably within our budget through July. Net profit for the Open House was \$ 1947.64

The static display at the Monroe County Airshow has been cancelled.

We discussed which activities we should plan on for next year.

The Board of Directors Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

RAMS Secretary, *Carl Van Voorhis*

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.

A vendor has been identified that will produce the RAMS jackets. The final price will be dependent upon the number of jackets ordered. If you are interested contact Hugh Howes.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

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RAMS CLUB FUN FLY

FRIENDLY COMPETITION

FOOD

FUN FLYING

FRIENDSHIP

ONTARIO FORDHAM FIELD

AUGUST 29, 1998

STARTING AT 10:00 AM

BRING YOUR PLANES AND HAVE FUN

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CLASSIFIEDS

For sale or Trade R/C Goodies :

Byron Corsair with Quadra Engine and Robart Rotating Retracts, Ziroli P-40 Warhawk project with 6" spinner and canopy from Ziroli. A set of Ziroli Corsair plans, a ready to fly .40 size jap/zero, Goldberg Electric Mirage Plane with 4 channel Futaba Radio with 3 mini servos RTF, Also Electric speed controller, (never used), flight box with starter and Dave Brown fuel pump, prop balancer and other extras. Asking \$ 980.00, Call Jim Kmet at 716-265-4008, fax # 716-265-4717.

FOR SALE most NIB:

OS 40-4 clc \$99, VECO 45 RC + parts \$50, KB 40 RC \$35, MCCOY 19 plus parts \$50, VK CHEROKEE .60 KIT \$159, WWI TAUBE KIT .35/.50 \$49, FUTABA 4CH NARROW BAND, 3

SERVOS, ACE TRICKLE CHARGER \$85, BROOKLYN DODGER 6' SPAN RC \$93 CALL Harry Braunlich 716-924-5532