

# The Rams Horn

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Dedicated to the safe pursuit and advancement of model aviation.

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*Time & Date of this month's meeting:*

Wednesday October 28, 1998

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

at : CHURCH of the HOLY SPIRIT

Hatch & Plank Roads, Webster

**PROGRAM: WINTER PREP, STORAGE OF PLANES AND STUFF**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had quite a good flying season this past summer. Many of us are still flying and will continue to fly throughout the year. For those who are interested, there is a patch, the All Season Flyers, issued by the AMA to those who cause an aircraft to be flown each and every month of the year. You need to have a form signed by someone who witnessed your flight.

This month's membership meeting is one of importance to many of the members. October has traditionally been the meeting where the new budget is proposed, modified and voted on. Also, the officers are nominated and elected for the next flying season. On top of this, we have the by-law amendments to vote on. I hop everyone who can make the meeting will show up and vote.

The **RAMS** activities for 1999 have been discussed. So far, the proposed events are as follows:

Annual Freeze-In January 1<sup>st</sup>

Awards Banquet January Meeting

Brighton Festival of Ideas March 1999

Greecetown Mall Show May 1999

Open House July 31<sup>st</sup> / August 1<sup>st</sup>

Two Combat Events ?? ??

Fun Fly

Annual Auction November 1999

The club is growing, and if there is strength in numbers, this list of activities will be easy to accomplish without burning out anyone. Lets keep the capital F in the fun, and encourage the safe pursuit and advancement of radio controlled model aviation.

If you are interested in helping out or coordinating any of these events, let one of the board members know.

The next Board of Directors meeting is at Bob O'Neil's house on November 11 at 7:00 P.M. These meetings are always open to the membership. The December 16th Board of Directors meeting is at my home in Ontario at 7:00 P.M., and the incoming and outgoing board members are expected to attend. It is during this meeting that the nominations for the coveted Rubsom Award and the Special Service winners are nominated and voted on. Once again, you are welcome to attend these meetings.

We have had a successful year no matter how you measure the success. I congratulate each member for keeping this year a safe one and for helping out wherever you could.

See you at the flying fields,

Ron

## SAFETY NOTE :

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

## INFO NOTE :

If a club member wants to publish an article in this newsletter please send the article to Ed Markowski no later than ten days prior to the monthly meeting. If the article is short, a typed version is fine. If the article is long, an electronic version sent to : ( [EDMSKI@AOL.COM](mailto:EDMSKI@AOL.COM) ) or a floppy version would be appreciated. The article will be put in the newsletter as soon as space permits.

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## **1999 Proposed Operating Budget**

A copy of the proposed operating budget for 1999 is included for your review prior to the meeting. A vote on the budget is expected so bring your questions.

Respectfully submitted by

**Bud Seaberg**

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## ***RAMS By-Laws Changes***

### **Article 4- The Dues, Fees and Special Funds of the Organization**

The dues and initiation fee(s) of the organization shall be determined by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a vote of the membership. Dues shall be levied based on the classification of membership. All dues shall be paid according to the calendar year and shall be paid by the end of the regular membership meeting in February. Any renewing member failing to renew by that date, shall also be charged the initiation fee(s) in order to reinstate membership.

*Special Fund and the mechanics of its use:*

*Capital Certificates were moneys raised for the purchase and initial construction of the Macedon Flying Field. All members of the RAMS share in the financial responsibility for the Macedon Field during their membership through the support of the Capital Certificate Refund Account. This system provides a balance of money while permitting the individual members to change. Therefore:*

- 1)** All Senior Members shall support a Capital Certificate Refund Account. The main priority and purpose of this account is the repayment of Capital Certificate moneys to departing members. This fund shall be established and maintained by the ongoing sale of Capital Certificates, issued by the club as an adjunct to the club treasury.
- 2)** The actual purchase price of Capital Certificates shall be determined by the Board of Directors, and subject to approval by a vote of the membership.
- 3)** Each Senior Member shall be required to purchase one (1) Capital Certificate per year for five (5) consecutive years, or may take advantage of any existing special discounts for the requisite five (5) certificates. Members may purchase additional certificates beyond the required five (5).
- 4)** New members shall have the option of delaying the purchase of their first certificate until their second year of membership. Thereafter, the requirement for each Senior member to obtain a minimum of five (5) certificates, as stated in item **3** above.
- 5)** In the event that both husband and wife become members, their obligation to the Field Fund shall be that of only one (1) Senior Member. Each and every other Senior Member of that family shall have the regular Senior Member obligation to the Field Fund.
- 6)** Capital Certificates shall not be negotiable or directly transferable among members. Departing members may submit a written request for the return of the original amount of their Capital Certificate moneys to the Board of Directors within sixty (60) days after their resignation or failure to renew membership. Requests shall be refunded within thirty (30) days that funds are available from the sale of new certificates. Requests received more than sixty (60) days after resignation or failure to renew membership shall be honored only by special approval by the Board of Directors. In the event that a member dies, a member of the BOD will contact the surviving spouse or heir(s) to arrange for the repayment of the deceased member's Capital Certificate moneys. Capital Certificate moneys may also be donated by any senior member. Donation forms are available from the Vice President.

Respectfully submitted by

**Paul Spara**

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# ***RAMS*** MEMBERSHIP REPORT

ALL MEMBERS :

October is the month for starting the cycle of renewing your membership for 1999. **Please** use the following procedures :

- Send in your AMA renewal as early as possible
- On receipt of your 1999 AMA card fill out the RAMS club application completely. Use the last page of a RAMS Newsletter
- No renewals will be accepted with out the completed paperwork
- Verification of AMA is made by showing proof at the time the application is processed or if by mail, a copy of the AMA card must be enclosed

If there are any changes or corrections to names, addresses or any other data please see Bob O'Neil at a meeting or mail info to Bob before the end of the first week of November. Current data will be used to make up the new membership cards.

It has been a good season for flying and we did have quite a few new members join the club this season.

Happy landings.

Respectfully submitted by

**Bob O'Neil**

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## ***RAMS*** Regular Business Meeting

**September 30, 1998**

The September regular meeting of RAMS was called to order at the Holy Spirit Church Hall by President Ron Swift at 7:05 PM.

Visitors were Patrick Thompson, Corey and Scottie McGuinness, Clifford Weeks, Joseph Green, Larry Clark, Norm Rouse, and Chris Calabro.

Minutes were approved as published.

Ron Swift ( in Bud Seaberg's absence ) reported that our financial situation is fine.

Carl Van Voorhis announced that the Experimental Aircraft Association 1999 calendar can be purchased at a very reasonable cost if we order at least 12 calendars. Each month features a super airplane photo. Regular price is \$ 10.99 plus shipping. If we order 12 or more the cost is \$6.65 with shipping included. So far, four members have signed up.

Bob O' Neil reported that total membership is 148.

Ed Markowski reported that Newsletter subscriptions are at \$ 5. per year for non- members. Also, a donation jar for donuts will be used to help make up our running deficit in providing donuts.

Paul Spara reported that the secret ballot produced the most votes for Proposal 2. A discussion of the details of amending the By Laws in line with this proposal ensued. A number of clarifying changes were agreed upon as the basis for a motion to amend the By Laws. A motion was made and seconded to amend the By Laws in accordance with this agreement with the vote to be taken at the October meeting after publication in the Newsletter.

A report by the Field Development Committee was submitted and is attached as a part of the minutes.

Old Business: Hugh Howes announced that Club jackets which were ordered have arrived and can be picked up now. Ron Swift reported on the August Fun Fly at Fordham Field. The event was very successful in participation and financially. Special thanks were extended to Andres Rodriguez and Ed Markowski.

New Business: The meeting was opened to nominations for 1999 Club Officers. Nominations were:

President: Ron Swift Accepted

Paul Spara Declined

Vice President Paul Spara Accepted

Treasurer Bud Seaberg Not Present

Jim Mc Carty Declined

Secretary Carl Van Voorhis Declined

Jack Hayward Declined

Membership Director Joe Green Declined

Dick Smith Accepted

Field Director Ron Monroe Declined

Rod Curtis Accepted

Program Director Ron Monroe Declined

Mike Daly Not Here

Tom Mc Coy Declined

Bob Mc Millan Declined

Joe Green Accepted

Safety Director Dave Ottney Not Here

Ken Scott Declined

John Gee Accepted

Newsletter Editor Ed Markowski Accepted

Jim McCarty reported on his recent visit to AMA headquarters in Muncie, Indiana for The Society of Antique Modelers meet. He said it was a great show, 312 entrants, fine field, nice headquarters facilities and well worth the trip.

Len Kmiecik moved that we reimburse Len Jr. \$ 30. for his medical costs due to his injury while mowing grass at Fordham and \$ 26. for new pads at Fordham Field.

Paul Georger announced that there will be a Retirees Luncheon on October 16th at the Log Cabin Restaurant.

Bob Herden reported that we have been asked to do an RC show at a Boy Scout Jamboree (approx. 150 scouts ). Several volunteer flyers already. More are welcomed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM and followed by the Program. The Program was a demonstration of Hinging Techniques by Ron Monroe and a Flight Simulator demonstration by Ron Swift. Both programs drew a crowd.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

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# **RAMS Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 14, 1998**

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

Absent: Mike Daly.

The meeting was called to order at Ken Scott's house at 7:07 PM.

Ron Swift reported that the Field Development Committee is planning to present recommendations for future improvements by springtime.

Review of nominations for 1999 Officers indicate a need to fill openings for Secretary and Field Director positions.

The maintenance of the Fordham Field in 1999 is a problem. Investigation of possible solutions is underway.

Ron Swift reported that plans for our Annual Auction are all set for November 28th. Advertising flyers are being distributed.

Bud Seaberg presented his recommendation for the 1999 Budget. After discussion and modification, a Budget which is basically status quo for most expenses and dues was agreed to. The amended Budget will be submitted to the membership at the October meeting.

We discussed the 1999 dates for our Annual Open House. A check of dates for competing events by other local clubs will be undertaken before a final decision.

Bud Seaberg submitted his Treasurer's report through September which indicates we are on Budget or better.

Rod Curtis reported that the storage shed at Macedon has been given two coats of paint- stain by Paul Georger and Dennis Ekwortzel.

Ron Monroe reported that he is planning a program on winterizing planes, engines, and radios.

Paul Spara reviewed the final draft of the amendments to the By Laws as agreed upon at the last business meeting. These changes will be published in the Newsletter and voted on at the October meeting.

Dave Ottney moved that we allow all members who have not completed their purchase of Field Certificates to buy out this obligation at a total cost of \$ 250. This window of opportunity would be open until October 31, 1999. The motion carried.

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

*RAMS Secretary, Carl Van Voorhis*

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## **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.

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

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## **CLASSIFIED**

Need to borrow a log splitter for work at Macedon Field. Call Paul Georger at 377-6092 or Rod Curtis at 381-1445.