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The RAMS HORN

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Time & Date of this month's meeting:

Wednesday November 25, 1998

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

**at : CHURCH of the HOLY SPIRIT
Hatch & Plank Roads, Webster**

PROGRAM: AUCTION PLANS/Show & Tell – bring your projects!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a really good meeting last month. The election of club officers, the budget approval, and the passing of the changes to the bylaws were major accomplishments. Thanks to all for your votes and support. We have another good crew to oversee the club's 1999 projects and act for the benefit of the club members.

Trying new things. Seems like it takes more effort from each of us to tackle things in a way that is different from the past. I had the opportunity to talk to Trevor Ewell (of RCCR) and we discussed our club event calendars. He extended an invitation for the RAMS to participate in a joint Fun Fly on the Sunday of Labor Day, 1999. The Sky Rovers (Phelps), RCCR and Honeoye Falls Flying Club have a get together each year at this time. I have talked to Richard Shearer of the Sky Rovers and we have been invited by the clubs to attend the 1999 event in Phelps. It was suggested that the RAMS consider hosting the event in 2000. I think this is a great idea. The topic will be discussed during our next club meeting.

We have already undertaken hosting two Combat 704 events in 1999, and will have three other events scheduled. This proposed joint Fun Fly will be the sixth scheduled flying event for the RAMS in 1999. It is nice to have an active R/C club with two quality flying fields and members willing to share with the general public. To some, the number and quality of the events are an indication of the health of the club.

In other news, it was reported that the owner of the corn field to the west of the Macedon flying field, our neighbor, made a comment that he is very upset about one of our club member's planes flying over his house. He said the plane flies there daily and is a very loud red bi-plane. It is very disturbing to him.

We need to protect our right to fly on our field. We don't have any right or need to fly over our neighbor's houses! If you're having trouble keeping your plane over our flying field, ask for help from an instructor.

Also, we have received an offer over the internet to invest in a business harvesting balsa wood from a 180 acre farm in Ecuador. If anyone is interested please email **JLloor@aol.com**.

At our Board of Directors meeting in October, the board decided to provide a Field Certificate buyout program for those members who have not yet fulfilled the five certificate membership obligation. What this means is that you can buy all remaining field certificates for a total of \$250.00. This program will be available until October 31, 1999. The reason for this special program is to allow current members the opportunity to participate in the buyout, now that the Bylaws have been clarified. If you have any questions about this, please call or ask a board member at one of the meetings. If you have already paid the \$75.00 for four certificates, there will be no refund, but the obligation will be met.

We have planned for the best auction ever. It is said we have participants coming from Syracuse, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and other surrounding areas. The Church of the Holy Spirit meeting hall will be ours to use until 4:00 PM and Dave Pontillo will be supplying the pizza. Ed Markowski assures me that there will be plenty of coffee, soft drinks, and other refreshments available. We will have tables available for items donated to the club. There will be a flea market area for selling items less than \$5.00. The auction itself starts at 12:00 on Saturday, November 28th and the doors will be open at 10:00 AM for setup. As always, the highest bidder will own the item, method of payment is between the buyer and seller. The seller has the final bid on auctioned items. Please identify your items with your name and a brief description of the item.

'Til next time, fly safe, be considerate of others, and we'll see you at the club meetings and flying fields.

Ron

RAMS NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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**) or a floppy version would be appreciated. The article will be put in the newsletter as soon as space permits.

RAMS INTERESTING INFO

An interesting use for R/C

DISCOVERY NEWS BRIEF:

Hobby Plane Snaps Dino Tracks

High-tech dinosaur trackers took to Wyoming skies last week, using a remote-controlled airplane the size of a modest pterodactyl and its on-board camera to follow the footprints of some of the most powerful creatures ever to walk the Earth.

It was the first test of a hobby plane for the study of dinosaurs. Such radio-controlled planes can fly lower and slower than passenger planes, can take more detailed and sharper photographs, and in the long run are cheaper and safer.

"It seemed to be an inventive way of getting data that we could not easily get any other way," says Neffra Matthews of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Denver-based National Applied Resource Sciences Center, which operates the plane.

As the yellow aircraft buzzed a sandstone flat dotted with so many dinosaur tracks that paleontologists call it "the ballroom," a camera fastened to its belly snapped photographs. Digital mapping specialists will assemble them into an aerial view of the 165-million-year-old tracks.

Then researchers can link the tracks in a kind of connect-the-dots pattern to draw clues about which direction the dinosaurs were heading and whether they were traveling as a herd or family group.

Early results suggest large meat-eaters left the tracks on a middle-Jurassic beachfront as smaller dinosaurs, possibly their offspring, tagged along. Few other dinosaur traces remain from the period in North America when much of the western half of the continent lay beneath an inland sea.

"This was really the first attempt to use this kind of technology and so far the results have been excellent," says BLM archaeologist Michael Bies, who is coordinating research on the tracks discovered last year.

A BLM scientist who is also a remote-controlled plane buff first suggested using the aircraft to survey fragile archaeological sites. A typical plane runs around \$500, but the BLM shelled out about 10 times that for its model, which has an eight-foot wing span, burns methanol and came customized with extra fuel tanks and gyroscopes that keep the plane and its camera stable.

"Anybody can strap a camera on a plane and take random pictures," says Randy Claussen, a radio-controlled airplane aerobatics champ who piloted the BLM's craft on its maiden flight. "It's another thing to do it precisely for mapping."

By Michael Milstein, Discovery Online News

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RAMS Regular Business Meeting

October 28, 1998

The October regular meeting of RAMS was called to order at the Holy Spirit Church Hall by President Ron Swift at 7:11 PM.

Visitors were Patrick Thompson, Cornelius Mc Guinness, Clifford Weeks, Jim Roy, and Philip and Steven Farley.

New members elected were Clifford Weeks, Cornelius Mc Guinness, and Patrick Thompson.

Minutes were approved as published.

Paul Spara brought up the incident at Northhampton Park involving a full scale aircraft pilot complaint to the FAA resulting in a temporary shut down of Northhampton by Monroe County until the results of a new hearing. Various members contributed information about the incident.

Bud Seaberg presented the September financial report which was good news. We received an additional \$ 1000. income from gravel mining in September.

Rod Curtis reported that the corn has been cut at Macedon. Pavilion is enclosed. Large spools have been placed outside the pavilion for engine fueling and starting. A snow plowing fund has been started.

Ron Swift reported that Jack Hayward has agreed to act as the Contest Director at our 1999 Open House.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Steve Farley.

Old Business: The By Laws amendments which had been tabled at the September

meeting to allow for publication were discussed and approved by the membership.

New Business: Dave Ottney proposed a May and July Combat Meet (exact dates to be determined later).

Election of Officers: The following were elected to the respective offices for 1999.

President	Ron Swift
Vice president	Paul Spara
Treasurer	Bud Seaberg
Secretary	Chris Calabro
Membership	Dixon Smith
Field Director	Rod Curtis Bob Mc Millan
Program Director	No one
Safety Director	John Gee Jim Prindle
Newsletter	Ed Markowski

There was a discussion of the Budget 1999 as published in the Newsletter. The Budget was approved as published.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM and was followed by Show and Tell and the Program.

Show and Tell: Ron Swift showed an Air Master 40 T which he had just completed and described the construction and problems encountered. He also showed his new OS 91 with pump and described its operation. Paul Spara showed his new Sig Cavalier with a 40 FP engine. John Gee showed his new Astro Hog.

Program: Ron Monroe went over winterizing your equipment---- engines, radios, batteries, and planes.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting
November 11, 1998

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

Absent: Mike Daly and Ed Markowski.

The meeting was called to order at Bob O' Neil' s house at 7:00 PM.

We reviewed our 1998 goals --- Membership, By Law Clarification, and Communication and agreed that great strides were made in each area.

The Field Development Committee is being rejuvenated and will look into the

possibility of a N/E runway. Additional committee members are welcomed.

Election results were reviewed.

The Awards Banquet is scheduled for our January meeting date at the Holy Spirit Church Hall. The Board will review good deeds and decide on Awards at the next Board meeting.

Business meeting dates will continue to be on the last Wednesday of the month at the Holy Spirit Church Hall. Board meetings will be held on the Wednesday night two weeks prior to the business meeting.

The Annual Auction is ready to go. Doors open at 10 AM and the auction starts at noon.

The Sanction Application for the Open House will be submitted soon. We are still investigating to determine the best date considering other local events which may compete with our event.

Bud Seaberg presented the Treasurers report for October which indicates a financially successful year.

Rod Curtis reported that wood cutting and splitting is winding down for this year. We have an adequate supply for this winter. Winterizing of the pavilion is nearly complete. The plans for our Annual Freeze In are set.

Paul Spara presented a letter from Chuck Boyer reviewing the origin and use of the Field Certificate monies. Paul suggested we might want to use Chuck' s letter as a basis for a Club statement explaining the Field Certificates. After discussion, it was agreed that the By Laws adequately explain the Field Certificate Program.

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

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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).