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Time & Date of this month's meeting:

Wednesday December 30, 1998

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

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

**PROGRAM: REVIEW OF 1998
AND DISCUSSIONS**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are planning to attend the last **RAMS** meeting of the year on December 30th. We will be asking for your suggestions for members as well as non members who should receive a **RAMS** Special Service Award. The combined Board of Directors have begun to compile a list of candidates. The awards are to be given out during the Annual Award banquet in January's Club meeting. Bud Seaberg will be taking reservations for the banquet. Make sure to let him know if you plan to attend. The cost will be around \$12.00.

We still need a volunteer for undertaking the position of Program Director for 1999. The Program Director is responsible for coming up with program ideas for our club meetings, as well as participating in the board of director's meetings. In the past, we have had guest presenters, as well as presenters from our own club.

The Board is discussing setting club goals for the 1999 season. If you have any suggestions please contact one of the board members.

From the comments we have received, it looks as if we have had another successful auction. Everyone seemed to have fun and Don was sure surprised to be celebrating his 50th birthday that Saturday. We will be making some changes to the Auction based on suggestions received from the membership. These include adding a notice of NO COMMISSIONS on the flyer, getting the event posted in the AMA Magazine, starting the event with a flea market, then the auction, and identifying the owner of an auction item, so potential buyers can approach the buyer at the end of the event. We had over 100 people in attendance, auctioned off over 125 items in 2 ½ hours, and made over \$600.00 for the club. A special thank you to Dave Pontillo for the donation of the pizza. Our attendees were well fed at this event between Ed's (Markowski) snack bar and Don's Birthday cake!

I happened to get an early Christmas Gift, RealFlight Add-ons Volume 2. Except for needing to swap disks everytime changes to the Airport or planes are made, this simulator is still my favorite (and also 6 year old Zachary's favorite computer game). Our grand daughter, Tara (1 year old) is practicing landing approaches on the simulator as I write this. With enough practice, I might get as good as these two pilots!

Make sure to grab a can of chili and bring your favorite beverage, plate, spoon, etc. to the Annual Freeze-In January 1st. There should be more details in this newsletter. No telling what the weather will be, but it should be a memorable occasion. If you can't make it, be sure to check out the web site that night. We'll have photos of the event and attendees.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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.

If you would like to receive an E-MAIL copy of the **RAMS** Newsletter and not a hard copy in the mail please send me a request along with your E-MAIL address or see me with the info at any meeting and I will fix you up. This will reduce the mail requirements. A copy of the Newsletter is already on the **RAMS** web site.

RAMS Regular Business Meeting

November 25, 1998

The November regular meeting of RAMS was called to order at the Holy Spirit Church Hall by President Ron Swift at 7:10 PM.

Visitors were Philip and Steven Farley.

Steven Farley was elected to membership.

Minutes were approved subject to correction of OS 91 to YS 91 engine for Ron Swift's Show and Tell.

October 1998 Financial Statement was distributed. A very successful year. Gravel mining receipts were reviewed.

Rod Curtis reports that the Macedon field is ready for winter. Bring your chili contribution to the Jan. 1st Freeze In. It will all go into one pot. Also, bring anything else you care to, food or planes.

Bob O' Neil reports that total membership is 155.

There were no committee reports.

Paul Georger won the 50/50 raffle.

There was no old business.

New Business: Bob O' Neil reports that his grandson Ricky has soloed. Much applause!

Tex Mantel suggested that we have an open flea market for about

an hour before our auction as is common at many auctions. Decided there isn't enough time this year but will consider for next year.

Ron Swift reported on proposed Award Banquet plans. Voted to have sirloin tips served buffet style at a cost of \$ 12.00 per person.

There was a general discussion about the noisy red bi plane that has been disturbing our neighbor to the West of our Macedon field. No one was able to identify any of our planes that met the description. Further, it is hard to believe that one of our planes could fly that far West and still be within sight or radio range. Tex Mantel thought it sounded like an ultra light that he is familiar with. We will investigate and report further to our neighbor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM and followed by Show and Tell and the Program.

Show and Tell: John Gee showed his in the bones WWII biplane fighter. Wow!

Program: Ron Swift discussed control push rods with some examples of good and bad.

Respectfully submitted by,

RAMS Secretary, **Carl Van Voorhis**

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting

December 11, 1998

Attending: Rod Curtis, Bob Mc Millan, Ed Markowski, John Gee, Ron Swift, Chris Calabro, Dixon Smith, Bob O' Neil, Paul Spara, Bud Seaberg, and Carl Van Voorhis.

Absent: Mike Daly, Ron Monroe, Len Kmiecik Jr., Dave Ottney, Ken Scott, and Jim Prindle.

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

We discussed 1999 goals such as:

- Northeast runway extension
- Increased attendance at other local club events
 - Shortening time required to join
 - Mailing Newsletter earlier
- Strengthening and rejuvenating field improvement projects

- Starting a club plane building project
- Starting an intermediate pilot' s training program

We discussed nominees for various awards with final selection to be at next Board meeting.

We chose Runds as the caterer for our Awards Banquet on January 27th based on their reputation and price.

Ron Swift reported that the Annual Auction netted \$ 675. We discussed several ideas for improving future auctions.

Chris Calabro agreed to set up a raffle for next year.

We discussed the possibility of a splatball plane shooting contest. Bob Mc Millan will formalize a presentation.

Bud Seaberg submitted the November 1998 Treasurers report. All is well!

Bud Seaberg will take care of the lease renewal for the Church Hall.

The January 1st Freeze In is set to go. Hope for snow. Starts at 9 AM.

An audit of the financial records will be arranged.

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 9: 45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

RAMS Secretary, *Carl Van Voorhis*

THANK YOU NOTE

There is a new Frequency Board at the Macedon Field. The "outside" frequency board will be closed for the Winter flying season. I found that snow blows inside the board - so it will be taped shut.

The new frequency board will be inside the pavilion, next to the entrance. A special thanks to Bob Nilsen for the addition on the storage shed at the Macedon Field.

A super thanks to Paul Georger for filling in for me during my absence. With Paul's supervision the fire wood cutting and splitting was completed for winter flying.

Dennis (Weed-be-gone) Ekwortzell supervised painting the storage shed,

killing weeds on the flight line and helped cutting fire wood.

I would like to thank the following people for their help on projects : Sibby Romano, Jack Hayward, Carl VanVoorhis, Kirk Johnson, Tex Mantel and George Hopkins.

Thank you to the wood splitting crew : Dennis Ekwortzell, Gordy Nonno, Warren Boudrie, Dick Sitco, Bob Weaver and Tex Mantel.

If I missed anybody - sorry - but thank you also.

Again thanks to all for the help in making it a successful year.

Rod Curtis

Macedon Field Director

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 Dixon Smith Membership Director at 716-266-7663. 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).