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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 March 31, 1999**

**MEETING: 7:00 P.M.**

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

**PROGRAM: ALL ABOUT ENGINES**

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The weather forecasters are saying that the snowy season is over, but the cold temperatures are going to linger for a while. Its nice to know that the heavy snow falls are history. We are working on getting the Macedon Flying field open again. I had a good talk with Bob Burkwit, who is planning to help us move some of the snow from the Macedon flying field entrance. He will be sending us a check for the gravel that has been removed from our site. He also did some excavation of the site in response to the request from Town of Macedon, beveling the sides of the current gravel pit. Rod Curtis requested that we post the current field status on the web. By the time you read this, the field should be open and flyable. We are investigating adding current field conditions of both fields to the web site as an ongoing service. Mike Daly sent email requesting that the local area weather map be added to the web site. We have a link to the weather map now. Other changes are being prototyped for our web site including grouping the contents into information areas designated for newcomers to our site, building tips and projects, flying events, local events, RAMS membership

information, Club communication and a forum to get advice, opinions, and assistance .

We had a good turnout at the Brighton Festival of Ideas. Eric and Lorraine Adams, Bob O'Neil, Paul Spara and I teamed up to provide an afternoon of learning, building and flying. Some of the photos from the event are on our web site. As we left, many parents mentioned that their kids looked forward to our presentation. Some of the parents attended a session and later commented that they learned a lot, and were better prepared for their other sons as they grew up! We want to thank the organizers of the event for inviting us.

If anyone knows of a community group who would like a presentation about Radio Control Models, let them know that we have members who are willing to meet with them. The presentations are free and we have several members (Bob Herden, Alex Antonelli, Bob O'Neil, Ed VanWagner, Eric Adams to name a few) who are currently available and active in our area.

The "building season" is slowly coming to a close. We should be in the final phases of building our newest projects. Feel free to bring these to the membership meeting to share with the rest of the club. I've got to get some parts to finish fixing a Quadra 42, and I'm out of receivers and servos. The new digital servos from JR sure look good. Hope the tax return is a good one this year!

Don't forget to check out the Canandaigua auction on March 27th at 12:00.

If you'd like to share a ride to the auction, call me. We will be having our annual flea market at next months club meeting.

See you at the flying fields!

Ron

## **Open House Update**

The planning for the largest event of our Flying Season is under way. Flyers have been copied and circulated and the web site has been updated with some of the late breaking information. Jack Hayward is the event Contest Director (CD). I will be the acting (and possibly permanent) event coordinator for 1999. Ron Monroe has accepted the task of Flight Line

coordinator. Ed Markowski has graciously accepted the position of Concession Coordinator.

Mark Rohlin has volunteered to be our publicity director this year. We will be advertising in the AMA magazine and generating as much interest locally as we can. Initial event information has been added to the web site. Some of the local area flying clubs have made copies of our flyer and are circulating it among their members.

I have checked with the weather directors and they report that July 31 will be warm with a slight breeze from the west. Sunday morning, August 1, there will be a brief rain shower, ending at 7:30 AM followed by temperatures rising to the mid eighties, wind at 5-10 mph from the west shifting to the South by midday.

We have plenty of positions available, if you would like to help out. We need a coordinator for the student pilot program, someone to solicit donations, a coordinator for the static display area, someone to manage the flight simulator area, someone to manage the flea market area, someone to manage the welcome desk and visitor information booth. We will also need a photographer, helpers for parking, cooking, announcing, setup and cleanup. There are a host of other tasks available including putting up the road signs and taking them down again. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me.

The object of this year's Open House is to have safe fun flying our models and to share that fun with our community. Anyone interested in flying during the air show and/or the public presentations (must be a current member in good standing with the AMA) should call Ron Monroe (716) 872-1023 or at Ron Swift (315) 524-6864

## NOTE FROM THE 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 fourteen 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. This will reduce the mail requirements. Copies of the Newsletters are kept on the *RAMS* web site at <http://www.rcplane.com/>.

Note that we now have our new URL.

**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP  
DIRECTOR**

If you have not renewed your membership be advised that, according to the by-laws, you now must remit your fee + \$10.00 late charge.

Renewing by mail is a good option. New members: you should have your temporary yellow card and a key to the flying fields. If not, see me at the next meeting to straighten out the situation. Current ACTIVE membership stands at 112. Mail renewals to:

**RAMS c/o Smith  
66 Navarre Road  
Rochester, NY 14621**

***RAMS*** Regular Business Meeting

**February 24, 1999**

The regular business meeting was called to order by President Ron Swift at 7:03 p.m. Ron welcomed everyone and called for all first time visitors and guests to please stand up and introduce themselves. The guests present were Eric Adams, Steve and Jim Wheeler, Paul Loveless, George Kuipers and Keith Greer. Ron introduced all the board members. Alex Antonelli substituted for the club secretary Chris Calabro who could not make the meeting. The program for the evening is indoor flight. Eric Adams and George Kuipers were elected as new members. Welcome aboard guys!

The meeting minutes were approved as published.

**Board member reports:** - Treasure's report - Bud Seaburg reported on the finance of the Club. Membership - Dixon Smith reported there were 135 senior and 30 junior members for a total of 165. There was no safety report. Filed report – The Macedon field has been rolled for the first time

this year already. The condition of the Ontario field is unknown. Volunteers are needed to do the lawn cutting at the Ontario field this coming year. Library – Dave Redden reported he has many items available at his home and if anyone wants to borrow a videotape or a book to call him. He can bring them to the meeting.

**Committee reports:** – D. Geldof (chairman of the field development committee) reported that the committee is studying the wind conditions to properly place any other runways at the Macedon field. Don has a quotation for leveling a 400-foot spur on the field for \$1500. This does not include the gravel, which would come from our land. Don asked for arial photos of the Macedon field from any of the full-scale flyers in the club. Some members expressed concerns that no new work on runways be undertaken until the new east-west extension grass looks like the grass on the existing runway. The cost of hydro seeding is to be investigated. Ron Monroe won the 50/50 raffle and donated it to the club.

**Old Business** – The club is still in need of a **program** and **open house** coordinator. The town's concern over the trash and debris at the Macedon field has been resolved. The "stuff" was there before we took ownership of the land.

**New Business** – Tex Mantel made a motion to have 2-used Porta-Johns purchased by the club at a cost of \$300 each. The cost to service them is \$15 each time the company is called. **The motion was tabled until the next meeting.** Tex is to develop a cost comparison for rental with weekly service (what we have now) compared to his purchase proposal.

Paul Spara placed 2 motions before the membership.

The first motion reads: "**Motion for Changing the Membership Fees for First Time Senior Members to the RAMS.**"

Individuals petitioning to join the RAMS, as senior members, after August 1<sup>st</sup> will pay \$50 dues and the \$10 initiation fee. Requirements and limitations of this pro-rated or late season membership are as follows:

- Only first time senior club members are eligible.
- All other membership requirements as stated in the by-laws must be met. **The motion was passed.**

The second motion reads: "**Motion for Changing the New Membership Practices for the RAMS.**"

All new members of the RAMS would go through a probationary membership period. Probationary (1 month) membership requirements:

- Be a current AMA member in good standing
- Be sponsored by a current senior member of the RAMS.
- Pay required membership fees
- Probationary period cannot last longer than one (1) month and at that time the probationary member may be voted in as a new member by a vote of the general membership, or if refused membership, all previously paid membership fees would be refunded.
- Probationary members will have NO voting privileges within the RAMS
- During this probationary period unlimited flying is permitted, but a gate key will only be available upon conversion to permanent member status. **The motion was passed.**

April program is the annual Flea Market

### **Announcements:**

- S&W Hobbies is offering fuel at \$10 per gallon for 15% nitro plus shipping and other DEC charges.
- Donations requested for FA3 to send the team to the world competition.
- RC Air-crafters of West Senecia, NY are having an auction on 3/21.
- Bob O'Neil has arranged a tour of the control tower at the Rochester airport. Anyone interested please contact Bob or sign up at the meeting.
- The Club received an invitation to attend an event being held at the Ronald McDonald House on 2/26/1999 from 5:30 to 7:30
- The Festival of Ideas program will be at the Brighton High School on 3/13/99 for RC flight. There will be demonstrations at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. Anyone that can help please contact Ron Swift.
- Ed van Wagner is in the need of help for a rubber-powered event to be held at St. John Fishers on Saturday February 27, 1999 between 10 to 12. Anyone that can help please contact Ed.
- Next board meeting is at Bud Seaberg's house 7:00pm on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be an Auction in Canandaigua on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Next club meeting is Wed. March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Show and Tell:

Eric Adams brought his Kadit LT25. He has an OS25 and Futuba Skysport 6 radio. Dave Ottney brought four peanut scale models and discussed building and flying them. Ron Swift brought in his 250 gram WATTage B2 Stealth electric, which he had flown prior to the meeting.

## Program:

Paper airplane contest: Len Kmiecik, Sr. won the duration flight. Sonny Freed won most original design and Ron Swift won for most accurate (after 61<sup>st</sup> try as per Dave Redden, witnessed by Stan Wells).



Respectfully submitted,

Alex Antonelli, Acting club secretary for *RAMS* Secretary,

***Christopher Calabro***

***RAMS*** Board of Directors Meeting

**March 10, 1999**

Attending the meeting hosted by Bud Seaburg ; Ron Swift, Ed Markowski, Tex Mantel, Rod Curtiss, Paul Spara, Dixon Smith, Chris Calabro. We reviewed the agenda at 7:15p.m. which consisted of doing what we can to increase our club member attendance at other clubs events like the March 27th Auction in Canadaigua at the Middle School, Doors open at 10:00am for \$2.00. The float fly in May was also mentioned. Thanks to Paul Spara and the Fella's that helped get New flyer rights and some modification of new Flyer's rights. We have some success in getting the newsletters out sooner and you can still get the newsletter off the web page. A new Field Development team has been established and it is being

headed up by new chairman Don Geldoff , and other members include; Ron Swift, Jack Hayward, Paul Spara, and they are investigating the most feasible solutions and ways to get a “Northeast runway extension” would be for the club.

Implementing a new pilots and intermediate pilots into Training programs was discussed and Tex Mantel offered a lot of good ideas to do so. Dave Ottney has talked about this with Ron Swift also.

We voted to move the BOD meetings back to 2 weeks before the regular business meeting.

We talked about the Open House, and Jack Hayward is the CD, Ron Swift is the coordinator, Ed Markowski has agreed to get the Eats for the event. We will have 2 weekends of social get together and fly in with the BOD. The First will be at Macedon Field Hosted By Bud Seaburg so get a plane ready and come fly and Chat with all of us there, Macedon will be June 12th at 10am weather permitting , and on August 14th come fly and chat again at Fordham field , same time different place , hosted by Chris Calabro. We will have some hot dogs and pops and have TWO great flying weekends.

We then got a peek at Bud’s planes, His newest being built a Mew Gul ! and his completed Moki 1.8 powered Midwest Extra 300 \*0 “wing span. WOW ! So don’t miss that fly in !

when the meeting resumed we went around the table, Dixon reported that on the roster before the Feb. cut off date we had a roster of 164, but however to date at time of meeting we only had 106 paid members! Bud then reviewed the budget and finances with us , Rod Curtiss presented the board along with Tex Mantel a plethora of information about many new tractors and the decision was made to purchase a Husquavarna YTH180 for \$2000.00.

The r/c car track also has a possibility of getting moved to the East side of the pavilion for safety reasons and to make it bigger. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

The next board meeting will be at Chris Calabro’s house please call at 387-9474 and leave a message if you want to come!

Respectfully submitted by,

***RAMS*** Secretary, ***Christopher Calabro***

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## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Remember that there is a supply of **RAMS** logo patches ( \$3.50 ) and **RAMS** Logo Tee shirts available ( \$ 7.50 ) ( sizes large & extra-larges).