

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, May 26, 1999

7:00 P.M.

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

PROGRAM: ANTIQUE RADIOS (Hugh Howes)

How about that <http://www.rcplane.com> r/c stuff we need!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this, the work on the runway extension at Macedon has been started. I know there are some mixed feelings about whether we should proceed with this project or not. The final vote of 33 for 17 against reaffirms the direction we will take.



Actually, the K runway design was first proposed to the club members by the original Field Development committee. Over the years, the safety, need, cost, benefit, design, and effects on the environment have been discussed at

great length. Two years ago, the club had voted to make the runway extensions the first priority (both the West extension and the North-East extension). We voted to proceed with the West extension first due to cost constraints. Thanks to the hard work from Bob Nilsen and Rick Matteson (and support from their team), the West extension part of the project was completed last year.

I want to thank all of the members who have helped with the Macedon

Field Development through the years since we purchased the property (September 1991). This year, Don Geldof and his team should get a special thanks for their contributions of patience and time.

The weather seems to be cooperating again this year and flying is in full swing. We need to take precautions to ensure safety of both those around us as well as the aircraft we fly. Seems like we have had an unusual number of downed planes (I have one to my credit) and other safety occurrences. Take time for a few practice flights before continuing to develop advanced flying skills. Ask for help, even if it is just asking someone to be your spotter for the first few flights. Recheck the model for problems before and after those first flights.

Thanks to, Carl VanVoorhis, who renewed our club AMA charter on May 7. The paperwork got lost in the shuffle and the renewal was late.



Support our local hobby shops! If you need some R/C supplies, a new plane, or just a building solution, check out what they have to offer first.

The RAMS second Combat event will have taken place and is in the history books by the time you read this. Look at the RAMS web site for updated information.

This information age has snuck up on us in the R/C hobby. Problems with my internet provider, the web browser and my workstation PC had prevented email from arriving at my desktop for quite a few days. During that time, we did have several inquiries from people living around the world. We had a youth in Europe wanting to know how to build an airplane, some wanting to know if the club tolerated/participated in helicopter flying, stuff about the club and club membership, requests for donations, engine advice, as well as questions about flying instruction and when would be the best time for visiting our fields. It is nice to see that the web site is working pretty well as a communication tool for the club. We have over 300 visitors to the web site each month!

Some initial sound pressure readings have been taken and show some surprising results. The testing will continue, but I have talked to some modelers who have made changes to their model to help change the sound pressure. Those changes included different mufflers, new engine mounts, different props, and relocating the muffler outlet to point up rather than

down (effects the readings while the model is in the air).

We have quite a few flying events ahead of us and some great weather for flying. Practice on the simulator if you have one, practice at the fields, bring the family and friends, and have fun safely.

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 Wednesdays

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

June 12, 1999

RAMS FLY with the Club Board
Of Directors at Macedon Field

June 26, 1999

RCCR Combat Meet

July 24, 1999

RAMS Combat Meet

July 31 & Aug 1

RAMS Annual Open House
Macedon Field

Aug. 21, 1999

NRCMFC Combat Meet
Lockport

Aug. 28, 1999

RAMS Annual Fun Fly

Ontario Field

Sept 5, 1999

3 Club Fun Fly Picnic

Sept. 25, 1999

RCCR Combat Meet

Nov. 27, 1999

RAMS Annual Auction

Dec. 29, 1999

Last **RAMS** Meeting for 1999

1999 RAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS _

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OPEN HOUSE UPDATE

The planning for the largest event of our Flying Season is under way. Jack Hayward is the event Contest Director (CD). Ron Swift 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 NEED HELPERS. PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME. IF WE CAN GET SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS THEN THE TIME SPENT BY EACH INDIVIDUAL CAN BE REDUCED.

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 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 go to the web page, copies of the Newsletters are kept on the **RAMS** web site at : www.rcplane.com. Note that we now have our new URL., This will reduce the mail requirements.

**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTOR**

Current active membership (dues paid) stands at 134. Don't forget to send the late charge if you renew now.

Per by-laws: you must have the current year RAMS membership card to fly at RAMS fields.

As always, renewal by mail is quick & easy. Send your a) check, b) application, c) proof of CURRENT AMA membership to:

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

Fly with *RAMS* Board of Directors
June 12, 1999

Come to the Macedon field on Saturday June 12, 1999 and fly with the Board. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. and last until ?????? maybe

dark. Hot food and beverages will be on hand, hosted by Bud Seaberg. The weather will be great and a good time should be had by all. All members are welcome, even if you only want to socialize.



RAMS Regular Business Meeting

April 28, 1999

another group of people want to take the tour please contact Bob at his residence. Les Mayo volunteered the use of his log splitter if the club should need it in the future. Les also asked that if anyone had a wing for an extra 230 they wanted to part with. A motion to obtain "Port - A- Potty" for this year for both fields was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The May board meeting is May 12th at Ron Swift's The RAMS club meeting was called to order at 7:07PM by club president Ron Swift. Ron introduced the board. Alex Antonelli substituted for Chris Calabro as secretary. Ron requested any visitors at the meeting stand and introduce themselves. The visitors were Louis Wojciechowski, Mark Maimone and Brian Vincent. The visitors

wanted to become members and according to the adjusted rules were voted in as new members. Congratulations and Good Luck to all.

Treasurer's report - Bud Seaberg provided an update to the club treasury.

Field Director reports: Macedon Field – new grass is growing and the field looks good. Fordham field – Some water on the west end. Bob is trying to set up a work party for May 1st or 2nd. Work to start around 8:00 AM for several hours. Work will be centered on the road and pickup of the area. There is a need for people with fertilizer spreaders to help getting the spring feeding done. Contact Bob McMillian at 872 4867 if you can help. A 55-gallon “burn barrel” is needed at the field.

Program – Flee market is the program for this evening. Next meeting Hugh Howes will bring in old R/C radio equipment.

Membership Report - Dixon smith reported that prior to the meeting there were 129 active members (112 Senior & 9 Junior). **IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECIEVE FOR THIS FLYING YEAR AND YOU HAVE LOST YOUR FLYING PRIVLAGES AT EITHER FIELD.**

Safety Report – No Report.

News letter. Nothing to report. Need volunteers for the fun fly. Minutes from the March meeting were accepted as published.

Field Development – After a long discussion the club voted 33 to 23 to accept a proposal to extend the Macedon runways to a “K” configuration. Work will start in May. A proposal to delay starting of “ANY” engines at the Macedon field until after 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings was passed. There will be a Combat meet at the Fordham field on May 22. It is not open to the general public because of the potential hazards if a plane is damaged beyond control and cannot be properly controlled to a safe “CRASH”. More volunteers are needed as judges. A training session is scheduled for Sunday May 16th to train the judges in the scoring procedure. Open House – Volunteers are needed. No one clamed the 50/50 raffle. The proceeds will go to the club treasury.

Old Business – The secretary was asked to write a thank you letter to a woman who found and returned a plane lost at the Fordham field. Bob

O'Neal reported 22 people attended the tour of the Rochester International Airport's control tower. If house. The next club meeting is May 26th at Holy Spirit Church.

NOTICE:

The HobbyHouse was robbed several times last week. Be on the lookout for the following airplane radios:

JR 642	1 - complete on channel 60
JR 642	1 - transmitter only channel 50
Futuba	
4UF - Skyport 4	1 - complete on channel 58
6XA	1 - complete on channel 40

In addition there was a lot of R/C trucks and gas cars (without radio's) stolen.

Submitted by Alex Antonelli for
RAMS Secretary, ***Christopher Calabro***

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 1999

Attending the meeting hosted by President Ron Swift were, Bud Seaburg, Ed Markowski, Bob McMillian, Jim Prindle, Paul Spara, Dixon Smith, Rod Curtis, and yours truly Chris Calabro.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. .

We reviewed our 1999 goals, the Macedon runway extension is underway, we have instituted a program to amend the club's time requirement to join , we are getting the club newsletter out sooner, we are continuing to strengthen and rejuvenate field improvement projects, we would like you the members to start a club building project, and we are trying to institute an intermediate pilots training program.

We then voted to pay Dave Foehner \$800.00 in advance to expand the Macedon Field runways. The ground should be broke and the project

underway by May 22nd.

We also have the Port-a-potties back until the 15th of September! Bud then reviewed the budget with us, then we are informed that we are in need of a new tractor for the Ontario field, the board approved up to a \$2000.00 purchase to be made by Bob McMillan. Dixon then informed us that we have 133 current members. That pretty much sums up the meeting stuff, Then of course we all visited "The Swift Hobby Shop", many of us drooled on a lot of President Swift's many beautiful pieces of modeler's dreams! Great fun Ron !!! Thanks!

Safe Flying to all!

Respectfully submitted by,

RAMS Secretary, **Christopher Calabro**

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).