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The RAMS HORN

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Time & Date of this month's meeting:

Wednesday June 30, 1999

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

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

PROGRAM: SUPER SHOW & TELL

<http://www.rcplane.com>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The program for the June meeting will be a **Super Show & Tell**. Please bring your models, an engine, tool, or something to discuss to the meeting. I hear that Bob McMillan and your club president might be bringing a Roswell Flyer to the Show & Tell.

I have a new email address for those who would like to keep current. It is ronswift@rochester.rr.com. This is my new RoadRunner account. I have finally worked out the bugs in the proxy server/firewall (as of 6/22/99 ~ 1:00 AM). We can update web sites, send & receive email, use AOL, and just plain browse the Internet from our several PC's simultaneously.

Flying season is well under way and it may seem strange, but I just got around to cleaning out my flight box for the season. It is unbelievable the number of old glow plugs, stripped nose gear control horns, broken screws and other useless things that were in there. I had to scrape out some dried CA that had managed to leak?! Also, it was amazing the items that were missing. We should keep an inventory of tools, hardware, and replacement parts that should be in our flight box. A fire extinguisher and a first aide kit should be part of our inventory.

I keep two separate boxes, one for glow and one for gasoline powered models. The stuff needed at the flying field is different enough between the two to make it worth keeping two (actually all the stuff won't fit into one). I don't fly the electrics as much these days, but there is a new flight box in the works for those models.

As a safety precaution, keep the razor knife's blades covered, keep the cap on your adhesives, verify the seal on the after run oil and fuel containers, and keep your glow plug igniter connector away from other metal objects.

Looks like the weather is cooperating and we are having another great flying season. I have seen many of the club members out flying their new models and preparing for our flying events.

Thanks to Bud for coordinating the BOD Fun Fly event. We had about 25 members in attendance at various times through the day. We did a lot of flying, discussing technical merits of various R/C items, and shared a meal. The second BOD Fun Fly scheduled for August 14 at Fordham Field. Chris Calabro will be coordinating that event.

I received some information from the Flying Knights of Hamburg, NY. They have their 1999 Scale Rally taking place on August 7&8 at the Hamburg Model Air Park on Lake View Rd. They also have a Fall Auction on September 25 at the Trinity Lutheran School Gym, 145 Reserve Rd, West Seneca, NY. We will have copies of their flyers at our club meeting.

We have received three requests within the last week from some international R/C groups looking for help in getting their club started. Our web site seems to be gathering a growing readership. If you have photos, digital images, or an article you'd like to submit for use on our web site, please contact Ron Swift or Ed Markowski.

The Penfield newspaper printed an article about our club and the upcoming Open House (July 31, August 1). Unfortunately, the URL to our web site was not correct, and

some of the details contained in the article were in error. The article was a good one, however, and should help out by making more of the public aware of our event.

A motion will be submitted to the membership to spend up to \$200.00 for advertisements for the Open House. This would be paid from proceeds from the event and would be used to place ads in the Webster Pennysaver and Freetime Magazine. Mark Rohlin is doing an excellent job of getting information out to the public. This could be the largest Open House ever, based on the response on the web site and phone calls. We need the membership support to make this a successful event. If you can, sign up for one or more of the tasks on the signup sheet. At least make a point of coming out to the Macedon field On July 31 and/or August 1 to help out. See the Open House write up contained in this newsletter for more details.

I want to thank the RAMS members who attended the RCCR Fun Fly. I heard that we were pretty well represented on Saturday. Some of us attended on Sunday, but the windy conditions prevented many of the pilots from flying.

Great Planes has two updates for their R/C simulator. One of them allows the use of the R/C transmitter and the other is a new software release that includes helicopter and several other changes. Each one costs about \$70.

Team up with an instructor or another fellow RAMS member and fly. Bring the family or neighbors. Both flying fields are in great shape thanks to the teams of Bob McMillan and Rod Curtis.

See you at the flying fields,

Ron



John Hutton and planes.

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

July 24, 1999	RAMS Combat Meet
July 31 & Aug 1	RAMS Annual Open House Macedon Field
Aug 14, 1999	RAMS Fly with the BOD Ontario Field
Aug. 21, 1999	NCRCMFC Combat Meet Lockport
Aug. 28, 1999	RAMS Annual Fun Fly Ontario Field
Sept 5, 1999	3 Club Fun Fly Picnic
Sept. 25, 1999	Flying Knights Auction Hamburg, New York
Sept. 25, 1999	RCCR Combat Meet
Nov. 27, 1999	RAMS Annual Auction
Dec. 29, 1999	Last RAMS Meeting for 1999

Open House 1999



Next month, as many as

2000 people will be attending our Annual Open House. We are planning to have three air shows each day. The show times are as follows:

- 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
- 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.
- 4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

We will have open flying before and after each of the air shows.

Jack Hayward is the event Contest Director (CD). Ron Swift is the 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 is our publicity director this year. Paul Georger will be coordinating the raffles and door prizes.

We need the assistance of every club member to help make this a successful event. If possible, plan to attend at least one of the two days to help out. We especially need enough volunteers for cooking so we can work in shifts.

Bring a plane, bring a friend, bring the family, but especially bring yourself. The busiest times are from 11:00 – 1:30 and 2:30 – 4:30.



We have plenty of jobs still available, if you would like to help out, please contact me. We will be starting to set up the Macedon flying field at 12:00 on Friday, July 30.

Any pilot who is a member of AMA in good standing can fly during the non-show times. Each model must pass a safety inspection before flying in the event. It is an AMA requirement that all models must have been flown prior to this event. We will be flying five pads during the event. One will be used for the student flying program. **Please contact Ron Monroe (716) 872-1023 if you would like to be part of the airshow.**

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 141. 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**

RAMS Regular Business Meeting

May 30, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m. by president Ron Swift, the board of directors were introduced and we noticed all the new visitors, including ; Doug and Colin Mueller, Mike Pollick, Steve Wheeler and Jeff Dimochwski, All of the new members submitted to the membership their want to join , and they were all voted in , even James wheeler son of Steve Wheeler who could not be present. Congrats Guys and Great Luck to you all.

The minutes were then approved as written for April, Then ensued were the officers reports.

Bud reviewed the budget and the finances as far as April, field director Rod Curtis reported that the corn is growing at the Macedon field, and we also were informed that field director Bob Macmillan purchased a new Ontario field mower from Bob James Equipment for \$2000.00, a Wheelhorse by Toro! Jim Prindle then discussed safety issues and urged everyone to exercise caution around props due to several prop related finger munchings!

Membership is reported to be 124 senior members, and 14 juniors!

We then heard from Don Geldoff, field development committee chairman that the Macedon field additions are underway and that the new r/c car track is complete! Don also

talked about flying while the additions are being made , he said that the crew doing the work does not mind as long as they are encased in their equipment, but please exercise caution when they are working and please do not buzz them ok !!!!!

We are currently looking for volunteers for the Open house event , Please Call Ron Swift if you can help.

Our first combat 704 meet grossed \$11.00 profit after expenses and thanks to Bob ONiel and his grandson Ricky the grill profited \$69.00. Great job guys! Our own Corny Mcguiness won the event and Ron Monroe finished third! Thanks to all who helped make our event a success and special thanks goes to Andreas Rodriguez for his efforts to make the event a wonderful time and a safe one ! Great Job!

Our first BOD social "Fly In" will be held June 12th at Macedon and will be hosted by Bud Seaburg, there will be no rain date if it is rained out it will be rained out ! So if it is nice weather come and fly with the Board and have a great time!

Howard Vance was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and I Chris Calabro am still selling tickets for \$2.00 for the Great Planes Slot Machine Raffle!

The next BOD meeting will be at Dixon Smith's house on June 16th, if you would like to attend please call Dixon and let him know you will be coming!

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:42p.m..

After a break for coffee and donuts Hugh Howes gave us a great history on r/c equipment with a fabulous display of antique radio gear! Thanks Hugh and a Great job!

Have a great time flying, and always be safe !

RAMS Secretary, **Christopher Calabro**

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting **June 16, 1999**

Attending the meeting hosted by Dixon Smith were Ron Swift, Paul Spara, Bud Seaburg, Bob McMillian, Jim Prindle, Rod Curtis and Alex Antonelli substituting for Chris Calabro. The meeting was called to order at 7:01.

Jim McCarty is recovering from minor surgery; the club will send him a get well card. The board discussed field development: **Macedon field:** A work party is needed before the open house a date of Saturday July 17th was chosen. Hydro-seeding was discussed. Jim Prindle will investigate costs and obtain professional advice as to the best time to do this. Rod Curtis is to install a snow type fence around the pond to act as a barrier to prevent someone from entering the pond accidentally. Rod is to also extend the flight line fence to the east to protect the shelter. The height of the fence is to be determined. It was noted that the pond is now at least 12' deep. A \$1000 check was given to Dave Foehner for the runway installation. It was reported that installation is going well.

Ontario field: Conditions at the field are very good. The shed has been extended to accommodate the 2 tractors. A work session was scheduled for August 21st.

Ron has a commitment from Bob Burkwit to send a check for the gravel removed from the Macedon field gravel pit. New membership rules were discussed with reference to the \$50 dues and field certificates. If someone joins now under the \$50 rule his or her first certificate is dew by 2/15/2000. Ron suggested that as part of the year 2000 activities the new rules should be made a new bylaw.

Ron suggested that the Board and Club members start submitting Award nominations for next January’s banquet. It is hard to remember who did what at the end of the year when the flying season has slowed so please let Ron know now of any deserving awards. It is not too late to start thinking of club officer nominations for 2000.

Club events: Board of Directors fly-in was a success. It was hoped more members would have attended. After all expenses were paid total cost was \$7.97. Combat 704 is scheduled for July 24. No new information was available at the meeting. Open House at Macedon Field is July 31 and Aug. 1st. The board discussed what is in the works for advertising. Don’t forget the fun fly-in at Ontario field on Aug. 28th. Auction on Nov 27th – Bud to reserve the hall.

Noise measurement: Jim Prindle has started taking readings at the Macedon field. Nothing to report yet.

Iron Mike: Just to the east of the Ontario field there is a club that uses the area for paint ball wars. Chris Calabro met with Iron Mike to discuss our upcoming events to insure there were no conflicts. If you see cars in the driveway to the east of the filed on your way to the filed be aware that there are people in the area. If a plane goes down in that area “WATCH OUT” you could be mistaken as a participant and end-up as a target.

Around the table: 125 Sr. and 16 Jr. members to date. 36 old members did not renew. Post cards sent out to the 36 as a reminder.

Respectfully submitted by
Alex Antonelli for,
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 extra-larges).

UPCOMING EVENT OF INTEREST

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RAMS CLUB COMBAT MEET

FRIENDLY COMPETITION

FOOD FUN

FLYING FRIENDSHIP

ONTARIO FORDHAM FIELD

JULY 24, 1999

BRING YOUR PLANES AND HAVE FUN

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