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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 July 28, 1999

FLYING : ANYTIME

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

at : **MACEDON FIELD**

PROGRAM: OPEN HOUSE PLANS AND FLYING

<http://www.rcplane.com>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There has been considerable discussion over the proper conduct on the flying fields of late. In order to remind everybody and to provide a safe environment in which we can enjoy our hobby a copy of the RAMS field rules is included in this Newsletter. Please review them and have a safe and courteous flying season. Also, the rules are available on the web at <http://www.rcplane.com/FieldRules/>

It is only a few days from our annual Open House. I have received a lot of calls from local newspapers who want information about the RAMS and our event has been well advertised, thanks to the work of Mark Rohlin. This is the first year we have placed ads in the local publications. Also, the support club members are giving Ronald McDonald House is greatly appreciated and is part of what makes us a Gold Leader club in the AMA. If you can come out to the Open House to help out, please do. It looks like we will have record attendance this year (as long as the weather hold up) and we could use the help.

We will begin setting up for the event at noon on Friday, July 30, there's plenty to be done.

Safety and etiquette seem to be the most recent topic among our fellow

club members. We have copies of the AMA safety rules as well as our own club rules posted at both flying fields. It never hurts to re-read these and understand what is required of both the pilot and the model. Each club member should have their own copy of these rules.

Our club is growing and we have several new members who might not be aware of the rules and what is expected by other club members. We should discuss any action that does not follow the rules with the offending member when the event is noticed. This includes reminding members not to smoke on the pad and pit areas, taking a frequency pin from the frequency board (even if you are the only one at the field at that moment), removing all your equipment from the flying pads when the model has landed, and returning the transmitter (with it turned off) and the pin to the frequency board. Also, remember, no flying over the pits or parking areas, and so on. We have all slipped up on a rule or two and a friendly reminder can help prevent "next times" from happening.

We should at least take advantage of the good weather and fly our models. Take a friend along when you fly, and fly safely. We are contributing to the growth of one of the best hobbies ever. Few hobbies combine mechanical, technical, and intellectual skills, interpersonal relationships, community involvement and fun the way radio control modeling does.

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

- 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 4 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

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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

In compliance with the vote taken by the membership earlier this year, a reduced senior membership will be offered to new members effective August 1, 1999. The conditions are as follows:

- 1) Individual must have a valid AMA membership for 1999.
- 2) The fee will be \$50.00 (plus \$10.00 initiation)
- 3) The membership will be retro-active back to Jan 1, 1999
- 4) On Jan 1, 2000 the member will be responsible for the full membership fee for 2000. Full membership fee is \$95.00 per year.
- 5) On Jan 1, 2000 the member will enter their 2nd year of

membership and as such will be responsible for Field Certificate purchase as set forth in the by-laws.

New memberships may be mailed to me (as always). To the best of my knowledge, all fully paid members should have their key to the flying fields. Please contact me if you do not have your key.

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Combat 704

We started with a pilot's meeting and also, a meeting for the judges. There were 13 pilots competing in this, the RAMS third hosted Combat meet. The day started out heavily overcast and winds from the Southwest.



The event winners with CD, Dave Ottney.

- First Place - Jim Warner with 580 points
- Second Place - Rod Boatman with 505 points
- Third Place - George Hartman with 500 points
- Fourth Place - Joe Green with 480 points



The pilots and some of the models flown during the event. Last combat event had 15 pilots, but some pilots who attended the last event had to work.

Others, like club president, Ron Swift, didn't finish his plane in time for the contest.



The rough weather did clear out and made the flying conditions picture perfect. It did reach 90 degrees and the humidity was pretty high. Here, the flight line is being shown during the fourth of five heats.



This is a picture of a hand launch of one of the models. Safety and reliability were the key words of the day. The flight line was located far to the north to keep a safety zone between the spectators and the

models. The event started at nearly 10:00 A.M. and was completed by 2:00 P.M. Dave Ottney and crew are to be congratulated for a job well done.

More photos are located at
<http://www.rcplane.com/Combat704/Combat799.htm>

RAMS Regular Business Meeting

June 30, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:10p.m. by president Ron Swift, the board of directors were introduced and we noticed all the new visitors, including ; Adelle Rasbach, Terry Eagle, Bob Abbot, Andy Ogelson, Erin Green, Tom Cole , George DelVecchio, Matt Sietzma, and Kara Rogers, after we met them , they all submitted to wanting to join and were voted in. Also voted in was a junior member Jason Roberts who could not be there. Welcome new members and enjoy !

The minutes were then approved as written for May, Then it was time for the officers reports.

Bud gave us the usual financial review and also informed us that 2 airshows are coming up, on the 10th and 11th of July is the Stars airshow at Olean Municipal Airport, and The SkyRovers from Phelps are having a show on the 17th and 18th of July !

Membership is reported to be 125 senior members, and 16 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 close to 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 !!!!! He also informed us that the renovations should be complete for the open house!

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

Ron Swift then proposed to allot \$200.00 on advertising for the July Open House and that was approved, we also voted to amend the bi-laws and set a limit for matching charity donations up to \$500.00.

Then we voted to Ronald McDonald House to be the Charity of choice for now and we will match dollar for dollar for the open house donations! Ron Monroe won the 50/50 raffle and he donated his winnings to the club.

The next board of directors meeting will at Jim Prindle's house on July 14th at 7p.m., please call Jim if you want to attend , and the next 2 club meetings will be July28th at the Macedon Field, and August meeting will be held at the Fordham Field. September 4th will be a 4 club fly in.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:10p.m.

We were then treated to a super show and tell event which featured a float fly plane a gorgeous new trainer owned by Chuck and Adelle Rasbach, a gorgeous Aeromaster Bi-plane built by Ron Monroe, and from Area 51, The Roswell Flyer displayed and flown by Bob Mac! Thanks to all !

Have a great time flying, and always be safe !

Respectfully submitted by

RAMS Secretary, ***Christopher Calabro***

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting

July 14, 1999

The BOD meeting was held at Jim Prindles's house and was started at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Ron Swift, Jim Prindle, Bob McMillan, Dixon Smith, Ed Markowski, Bud Seaberg and Paul Spara.

The expansion project at the Macedon Field was reviewed. A large area at the juncture of the two extensions and the main runway will be ready for raking. A work party was planned for Saturday July 17.

There may be spurious radio signals affecting flying at the Ontario Field. An AMA frequency check meter is being sought to use at Ontario to try to locate the source of the signals.

Jim Prindle attended the last Ontario Zoning Board meeting. One of the items on the agenda was the extension of Lincoln Road through to Dean Parkway. This would go through the middle of the parcel that we use as the Ontario field. Preliminary approval was given for the studies and the work should begin within two to three years.

The forms for the AMA Gold Leadership for the RAMS were lost in the mail pile. They were completed and sent in but may be too late for this year. A past RAMS member Gene McMullin has passed away recently. He was living in Prescott Arizona.

The BOD discussed ways to pay tribute to deceased past RAMS members. Different ideas were put forward for memorials. This will be

brought up at the next meeting for directions and possibly forming a committee to study the ideas and make a proposal to the membership. Andres Rodriguez will not be here for the 704 Combat meet on July 24. Dave Ottney has filed to be the new director.

The Open House publicity is in place and has appeared in some local papers. This should bring out a good crowd to the Open House. We need volunteers for many functions at the event. Aircraft inspection sheets are complete and all pilots from other clubs will be given free meal tickets during the day. A cub scout troop will be camping overnight at the field and helping where needed.

Fun Fly Plans the next RAMS event will go into high gear after the Open House is completed.

Noise measurement is still in the data gathering phase. A lot of good info has already been gathered.

Some discussion about flying courtesy and safety was had. It was agreed that if an unsafe condition exists or if a pilot is acting in an unsafe manner bring it to the attention of the pilot first and then to the Safety Director for resolution. A program on flying safety will be had during the September meeting.

After a brief break a round table discussion occurred.

The fields are in great shape for flying. The John Deere tractor is back from repairs. There are 147 paid up members in the club.

Respectfully submitted by

Ed Markowski 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).

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For Sale: NIB Super Tiger .61 ABC engine w/muffler, never used. Towers Price is: \$180.00, and I will sale it for \$140.00. If you are interested in buying it, I can be reached at (315) 524-6104 or email me at:

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