

## *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 August 25, 1999**

**FLYING : ANYTIME**

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

**at : Fordham (Ontario) FIELD**

**PROGRAM: FUN FLY PLANS AND FLYING**

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that more than half of the summer is behind us. Another four weeks and the official Fall season will begin. We still have lots of good flying days left. We have our annual Fun Fly on August 28, the four club Fly-in on September 4, and of course our club meeting on Wednesday, August 25 will be flying at Fordham Field in Ontario. A business meeting will follow the open flying. We will have our meeting at Fordham field even if it rains.

Our **Close Out the Century Fun Fly** will occur on August 28 starting at 10:00 A.M. See Andres' article elsewhere in this newsletter. Come on out and support this event, even if you don't plan to join the flying part. We will have the student pilot program for those who want to fly one of our planes. The public is invited to participate!

The Interclub Fun Fly is scheduled on September 5 at 9:00 AM at the Sky Rover's flying field in Phelps, NY. The event is down RT 88 and there will be signs posted at the turnoffs. We hope to get a map on our web site.

In case you missed our second BOD Fly-in on Saturday, August, 14, a few members did show up, even though the morning started out overcast and windy conditions. John Young flew one of his four stroke powered giants, Bob McMillan flew his Tiger Tail (straight vertical at takeoff, followed immediately by a knife edge flyby). Jim Prindle brought a sound meter and measured Bob's SuperTigre powered Tiger Tail at 96 db at 3 meters. I flew a Lanier FunFly 40 and the 81-inch wing span Big Eliminator. We were flying even as the rain came down.

We had plenty of pop and food, but due to the low attendance, we decided not to start up

the grill. Thanks to Chris Calabro for donating the ice and rolls for the event. Bud Seaberg is verifying the use of the Church of the Holy Spirit for our annual auction. This year it will be held on Saturday, November 27. The doors will open at 10:00 AM. We will discuss the details for the auction during the upcoming meetings. If you are interested in coordinating the auction, or assisting as auctioneer, auctioneer's helper, concession areas, raffles, etc, please let me know.

The **RAMS Open House 1999 was a success** despite the weather conditions. I thank all of those who put in the hard work running this event. Of special mention, Ed Markowski, the scouts, and team for the excellent concession area, Ron Monroe for the flight line, Bill McKee for the flea market, Sonny Freed and Jim Prindle for the impound work, Rob Curtis for the 4-wheel cars, Paul Georger and team for the excellent raffles and sales, the various announcers (Bob O'Neil, Dave Ottney, and Mike Daly) and the setup and cleanup crews. There were many club members and friends helping to make this a success. Jack Hayward and I thank everyone for the help. Also, special thanks to Dan's Crafts and Things, Performance Hobbies, The Hobby House, and JR Radio for their generous donations to the event.

Many grateful visitors and guests have commented positively about the event. We had about 50 student pilots. We made \$247.19 for Ronald McDonald House and with the RAMS gift matching, that brings the total to \$494.38. The club still made about \$1271.76 (roughly),

Rod Curtis has willingly volunteered to coordinate the **first RAMS flying event in 2000!** Yes, you can look forward to the RAMS Freeze-in 2000. Some of the avid modelers are already working on their model for this event. Yes, floats and skiis are being assembled in August! Lots of new, newer before seen models! Other members are searching the archives for that elusive chili recipe that will encourage warmth and longer flights (maybe not the models!) The four wheel track will be open, but bring a shovel! This event is open to all flyers with a valid AMA membership.

Nominations for club offices will be coming up in October. How about considering running for an office? Every office is open and having more than one candidate for each office would be healthy for the club. We have had a good year and the club is continuing to grow. We still haven't fully utilized all that our two fields have to offer. It is a rare occasion to find all four pads in use at either field, even when the weather is cooperating. Stop out and fly something!

See you at the flying fields,

Ron

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## **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**

- Aug. 28, 1999                      **RAMS Annual Fun Fly**  
Ontario Field
  
- Sept 5, 1999                        **Inter-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**
  
- Jan. 1, 2000                       **RAMS Annual Freeze-In**  
Macedon Field
  
- Jan. 26, 2000                    **RAMS Annual Awards Banquet**

**1999 RAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS** \_

<u>President:</u>	<u>Vice President:</u>	<u>Treasurer:</u>	
<u>Secretary:</u>	<u>Field Directors:</u>		
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**SPECIAL THANKS**

The Open House Raffle Team would like to extend a grateful " thank you " for the generous contribution of models, radios, and modeling supplies for our Open House Raffle and Blind Auction. As a result of these donations RAMS was able to raise a substantial sum of money and at the same time generate some excitement for our guests. Contributors were Performance Hobbies, JR Radio, Dan's Crafts, and The Hobby House.

**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](http://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.

**RAMS c/o Smith  
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## **RAMS** Regular Business Meeting

**July 28, 1999**

The meeting was held at the Macedon field and was called to order at 7:21 PM by President Ron Swift; the board of directors was introduced. Alex Antonelli substituted for C. Calabro. There were no visitors. The meeting minutes from the June meeting were approved.

**Officer Reports:** **VP** P. Spara had no report. **Secretary** - There was nothing to report from the Secretary. **Treasurer** - B. Seaberg provided a copy of the treasurer's report to those in attendance. The report was reviewed by all. **Filed Report** – The Macedon field is in excellent condition and ready for "Open House" scheduled for the following Saturday and Sunday. Fordham field is in good shape. We need rain for the grass. **Membership** – 147 members (128 Senior and 19 Junior). **Safety** – R. Swift asked all members to please review the field safety rules as published in the newsletter. If any member notices another member not abiding to the club rules please take the time to talk to the member to insure they know the rules. If the member breaking the rules continues breaking the field rules notify the board. Note: **CORRECTION to the rules as published:** The start time at Fordham filed has not changed. Flying is **NOT** to start before 8:00 AM not 9:00 AM as published for Sundays. **News letter** – Good job. The board meeting minutes for July were not published in the news letter because of space restrictions, They will appear in the August newsletter.

**Committee reports:** **Training and Combat** – D. Ottney reported on the combat 704 interclub meet. A good time was had by all. **Macedon Field Development** – D. Geldof reported that all the work by the contractor has been completed. The contractor will return in the fall to fill any low spots (If we get some rain to allow the dirt to settle. A work party will be needed in the fall to final rake and seed the new runways. **Sound management** –

Nothing new to report. Open House 99 – R. Swift presented additional information on the upcoming event. Ron requested anyone who could come to please do so to help a little. Ron had copies on many of the advertisements the club had in newspapers and “Pennysavers” which he shared with the club. The first show starts at 10:00 AM on Saturday. Raffle of the hinge slotting machine was held, C. Weeks won. Fly with the Board is scheduled for August 14, 1999 at Fordham field. Please bring a plane and come to fly.

**New Business** - Purchase of a new 10' X 20' shelter (tent) was approved for the Macedon field to be used for the open house. Cost is estimated at \$189. – P. Spara presented a motion to form a committee to study how to honor deceased members of the club. The motion was passed. Paul will head the committee. 2 previous members of the club died during the month of July. Jean Mc Mullin died on July 3, 1999 at his home in Prescott, AZ and Ron Draznaewski also died.

**Announcements:** The club achieved another AMA Gold Leader Club award. Look at the web site for more details. – The next board meeting will be at B. Mc Millin house. – The next meeting will be at Fordham field on Wed. August 25<sup>th</sup>. Come early and bring something to fly. The meeting will start at 8:00 PM. – The club auction will be on November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Sprit Church.

**Show & Tell:** Robert Antonelli brought his Sig Spacewalker II powered by a Saito 120. The weight is approximately 12 pounds. It is covered with monocote in red and yellow with black automotive pin striping as a boarder between colors. Bob hoped to fly it at the Fordham filed on Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> for the first time.

Respectfully submitted by  
Alex Antonelli for  
*RAMS* Secretary, **Christopher Calabro**

## ***RAMS*** Board of Directors Meeting **August 11, 1999**

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

We discussed several options for recommendations for 2000 goals for the club.

We need to get in contact with AMA to try to use the frequency scanner meter at the fields. We need to determine if there are any spurious signals or other difficulties which will interfere with our radios for flying. Ron will follow up on this and get back to the group.

We discussed the impacts of the partial year memberships ( reductions in fees ) option. Currently we can not identify any adverse impacts.

We will be starting the 2000 budget process with a strawman budget at our next board meeting.

Per discussions with several people including Bob Burkwith we are anticipating no changes to our use of the Fordham Field at least for the next two years because of the Lincoln Road Extension construction.

We received notice that we are again a "Gold Leader Club" for the sixth year running.

Nominations for club officers for the year 2000 are due at the October meeting for election during the November meeting.

The Macedon Field Open House shows a preliminary profit. Participation was down mostly due to the hot weather. Some food and beverages were left over and will be used at the Fordham Field Fun Fly.

Noise management was discussed. We will be proposing sound limits based on the information being gathered. A base line standard needs to be set as a start.

Round table discussions :

- Membership stands at 129 senior and 19 junior and student members
- We received the current state of the finances from Bud Seaburg
- Freeze-In 2000 plans are started. Rod will run the event again this year
- Jim Prindle will look into finding a source for club hats.

Respectfully submitted by  
Ed Markowski for

*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 McMillian, 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).

## **CLASSIFIED**

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: LKmiecikjr@Aol.com