

The RAMS HORN

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Time & Date of this month's meeting:

Wednesday September 29, 1999

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

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

PROGRAM: RC FLYING in Europe

<http://www.rcplane.com>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is time to start assembling your building season wish list. The fall season is now here, and new tools and R/C items are being introduced all the time. Maybe you'll need floats or skis for the Freeze-In 2000 flying event (check our web site for more info about the Freeze-In). The glues we had open to the summer air are probably weakening (we should have sealed them tightly and stored them in the freezer!). It is too early to store the planes for the season, but going through the plane and checking for worn or loose parts before the next flight might be a good idea, too...

The size of the models we fly seems to be growing. Even the combat event models are increasing in size. You may note some changes being tried out at the Macedon field to enhance the safety of the pilots. Due to the lack of rain, the safety barrier of tall grass wasn't really very effective. A barrier using a net/fence is being tested. Also, the spectator safety fence may be located further from the active runways per new guidelines from AMA.

If you are a member of IMAA, don't forget to send in your vote for the AMA District II President & Vice-President by October 15th. The International Miniature Aircraft Association is a worldwide organization (with a 4-times a year magazine *HighFlight*) pertaining to Giant models.

Work on the new runway extensions at the Macedon field should be continuing soon. Dave Foehner has done a good job of roughing in the new runways. Don Geldof is supervising the addition of more topsoil to level the runway areas. Rain was needed to help settle the topsoil. Once the additional topsoil is in place, a work session (probably in October) will be organized to rake and seed the new areas. Don will be bringing us up to

date at the meeting.

Preparations are under way for our club auction. This year it will be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Doors will be open at 10:00 AM. The auction will start at 12:00. Suggestions and brainstorming ways to make the auction more enjoyable will be part of our upcoming meeting. A flyer has been generated to help advertise the event.

We have had another successful flying season, if you measure success by the number of events we participate in, the number of flyers in the events, the number of new pilots, and the new model designs showing up at our fields. Financially, we are well off, and the 2000 budget proposed by Bud and the Board includes a dues reduction to \$90.00 as well as paying off our mortgage a year early. If we pay around \$2600, the total interest paid would be reduced by \$2000 and would pay off the mortgage a year early! We will be reviewing the proposed 2000 budget at our next meeting, even though Bud won't be able to make the meeting!

Dave Redden's friend from England, Davey, will be our guest presenter for this meeting. Davey is a professional announcer who does commentaries for R/C events in England. He will be bringing a videotape of one of the events. We will watch part of the tape. Dave Redden is making a copy of the tape for our library. Also, a request was made to have our Show & Tell before our break, so until otherwise indicated, we will try this out.

Nominations for club officers will begin at our meeting in October. Final nominations and the elections will be held at our November club meeting. All offices are open. If you are interested in one or more of the offices, feel free to talk to one of the existing board of directors. The tasks of each office are outlined in our bylaws, which are posted on our web site <http://www.rcplane.com>.



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.

1999 RAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Upcoming Flying Events

- Oct. 22, 1999 JAMESTOWN Flying Aces Auction in Falconer N. Y.
- 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
- May, 2000 RAMS Combat Meet
- July, 2000 RAMS Combat Meet
- Jul. 29 & 30, 2000 RAMS Annual Open House
Macedon Field
- Aug. 26, 2000 RAMS Annual Fun Fly
Ontario Field

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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RAMS Regular Business Meeting

August 25, 1999

The meeting was held at the Ontario field (Fordham 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. John Horsfell was the only visitor. The meeting minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Officer Reports: VP P. Spara was not present so there was 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. **Field Report** – Bob McMillian asked for help at 11:00 AM on Friday to prepare for the Saturday fun fly at the Fordham field. The Macedon field is in excellent condition. We still need rain for the grass. **Membership** – D. Smith reported the membership stands at 149 members (129 Senior and 20 Junior). **Safety** –J. Prindle reported 2 members of the club were hurt the past month by their propellers. One member required 38 stitches to repair damage to 1 finger. Another member required 20 stitches to repair his injury. **PLEASE BE CAREFULL OUT THERE.** **News letter** – Good job.

Committee reports: Macedon Field Development – Work is to be done on the west runway to prepare for seeding. A work party will be needed in the fall to final rake and seed the new runways. **Sound management** – Jim Prindle stated that at the August BOD meeting it was proposed that the field rules be changed to limit the sound level of all engines to 96dB as per the AMA guide lines. Jim is to write a proposal and bring it back to the club at the September meeting.

Open House 99 – R. Swift reported that attendance was down from previous events. The event yielded over \$1300 to the club treasury and almost \$500 to the Ronald Mc Donald house. The new shelter purchased for the Macedon field fun fly did not survive the event. The wind destroyed the metal poles. **BOD fun fly** – The weather was not good for flying but those attending had fun. **Fun Fly at Fordham Field** – flying is scheduled to start at 10:00 AM on Saturday. **Raffle** – P. Georger started a raffle for a \$1.00 per chance for an assortment of adhesives.

Old Business - None

New Business – Any member who may have memorabilia from the Wright Brother's period please contact [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX](#)

The material will be used for a display at a tooling show at the Rochester Convention Center. B. McMillian is working to have the shelter repaired and in place for the fun fly at Fordham field. Club Regalia (hats and T shirts) is available from E. Markowski. J. Prindle investigated obtaining new hats for the club. Cost for 144 hats (different color) are foam and mesh @ \$6.00 each or all mesh @ \$7.00 each. W. McKee volunteered to address getting a cost for new club "T" shirts. Some 2X sizes are still available from Ed.

Announcements – The next BOD meeting will be at Rod Curtis's house Sept 15th at 7:00 PM. The September meeting will be at the Holy Sprit Church and will start at 7:00 PM. The club auction will be on September 29th at he Holy Sprit Church.

Show & Tell: Rudy Steiner brought an all ABS plastic ARF (Jupiter) that only has 2 pieces of wood one of which Rudy added himself. It is made in Italy. It flies will on a Supertiger GS-

45. Weight about 6 lbs. About 5 hours to assemble. Hardest part was trying to use the decals from the kit. Rudy sprayed a clear coat on the decals to stiffen them for removal from the sheet and subsequent installation on the plane. H. Howes brought several old radios to the meeting. Some included receivers, transmitters, servos, batteries and switch harnesses.

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

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting **September 15, 1999**

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

The student pilot program was discussed first. Many people are participating and the program is very active. The Intermediate pilot program would be a good build on the process if the club is so inclined. We need to develop another level of learning and expertise in the club. Perhaps a poll of the members to determine the needs within the club is needed. Combat training and pattern flying is another area for intermediate training.

Frequency checks - Ron S. has made contact with people at the AMA and needs to make one last contact in order to secure the use of a frequency check meter to be used at our fields to determine whether there is an interference problem at either field.

A check for \$810 is to be sent to the Ronald McDonald House from the proceeds of our flying events.

The 1999 Fun Fly results were very positive for this year.

The membership rules change to allow a temporary membership for half a year at a reduced dues is working fine. A by-laws change needs to be looked at. We need to decide whether the temporary changes should be made a permanent part of the by-laws. A proposal will be made at the next business meeting to make a change to the by-laws and start the process to incorporate the changes.

Noise management measurement process was discussed. A noise level of 96 db was recommended as a change to the field rules. A proposal for sound management will be made at the next meeting. A program to reduce noise will be set up for the October meeting. Corrections will be considered to any plane that does not meet the standard set for the club.

A strawman budget for year 2000 was discussed. Several items were adjusted and the preliminary budget proposal will be made at the next meeting.

Proposed flying events for the year 2000 was discussed and will be presented at the next meeting. One of these events would be the Four Club Fun Fly on Sept. 4, 2000. We were

asked to host this event and tentatively we agreed. The details are to be discussed and worked out at the meeting.

Around the table discussions continued after the break.

Paul S. presented some ideas for a memorial for the Hall of Fame.

Bus S. presented some adjustments to the Field Rules.

Club Officers nominations were discussed and will be discussed during the meetings in October and November with the elections at the November meeting.

Rod C. discussed field safety and fence placement.

Dixon S. indicated that there were 132 senior and 20 junior members for a total of 152 paid members.

Jim P. discussed the RC Hobby House Owners Group process to provide funds to clubs that promote the hobby.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Ed Markowski for

RAMS Secretary, **Christopher Calabro**

RAMS FUN FLY REPORT

The RAMS Y1.999K Fun Fly is History

Our motto was:

IF YOU CAN TAKE OFF AND LAND YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

And we stayed true to that motto

Eighteen pilots, two judges, three food stand workers, and Sandy Duvall made this event a great success. Some people finished first others did not. But every body that was involved had a few laughs, told a joke or two, picked on a fellow competitor (picked on the CD) and was picked upon. In my opinion that is a **FUN** Fly. There were a few hard landings and some minor damage but not a single airplane was destroyed. Just a tree landing and a weed landing were the only mishaps.

We saw samples of sportsmanship, volunteerism, and friendship. We made a few dollars for the club's charity, and introduced a number of kids and adults to RC flying.

This CD has seen more than a few contests and has seen very good sport fliers suffer from Stage Induced Thumb Lock (SITL). For those that want to know SITL is a temporary malady that manifests itself when a person flies and thinks that everyone is watching. The symptoms are generally weak knees and frozen thumbs that will either not move the sticks or move them in the wrong direction. At this event I saw a young gentleman (12 years old) in his first contest. Mr. Nyhan flew in every event, was always under control (no SITL) and demonstrated a few skills found only in pilots with much more stick time. It is nice to see

young people like him come into our sport (grandpa Bob, we like you too).

This was the last event of the century and it was good. I will get my gloves, ear muffs, snow boots, thermal under ware, and all those things we need to fly on January 1 because I don't want to miss [the first event of the next century \(Our Freeze-In\)](#).

Andrés J. Rodríguez

Non illegitimi carborundum est

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

Professor 40 - Futaba, 40-45 class plane ARF Trainer, New in the box \$100.00
Colt 40 SLT, US AirCore low wing trainer, New in the box \$40.00
OS 40 Surpass (FS-40) New in the box \$115.00
TowerPower Delux 12 V DC starter \$20.00 Tower Hobbies 12 Volt starter battery and 12 volt DC charger \$15.00
HotShot Nicad glow igniter \$12.00
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