

The RAMS HORN

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Time & Date of this month's meeting:

Wednesday October 27, 1999

MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

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

PROGRAM: RC SAFETY & NOISE ABATEMENT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hopefully, by the time you read this, you have already received a message about the two work parties at the Macedon Field on Saturday, October 23 and Saturday, October 30, starting at 9:30 AM. Dave Foehner has added a lot of topsoil to the west runway extension to help level that area of the east-west runway and the new NE and NNW extensions have been rock hounded.

We are planning to rake, fertilize, seed, add straw and roll the new runway areas. Also, we will put up the walls on the shelter, weather-proof the shelter, and get the pump and irrigation system running. Doing this now will get the new areas of the field prepared for next year. Please bring a rake to the work session if you have one. **(UPDATE!! The job is finished! See the photos!)**

In case you missed last month's RAMS membership meeting, you missed the fine program given by Dave Bishop, professional commentator and avid RC enthusiast. His photo and a [nice letter to the RAMS membership](#) are posted on our web site.

Dave, if you are reading this, we thank you again for spending your time with us. I have contacted Dave to obtain construction information for building a turbine engine that he discussed. With any luck, I will be able to construct an engine, obtain AMA approval for using it, build a trainer jet for grass operation, and learn to fly it by the RAMS Open House 2000 (the last weekend in July). Ah yes, the

sound of a real turbine engine would be different.

Speaking of sound, Andres Rodriguez will be giving the program for the October meeting. He will be discussing various ways to reduce the volume of noise that our models create. (Of course to the pilot, the worst sound is flutter! Or possibly balsa and ply being reformed by an inadvertent nose landing) This will be a timely program considering the upcoming building season and the proposed field rule to limit our planes' sound levels to a maximum of 96 DBA measured using the AMA procedure.

I received a phone call from past RCCR president, Trevor Ewell, who volunteered to speak in support of the RAMS based on the successful defense of their field in North Hampton Park. Seems like word was being circulated about a noise complaint causing the Town of Macedon to refuse our Special Use Permit (allowing recreational use for property zoned as agricultural). Anyway, the offer is much appreciated, however, this rumor started from some misinformed persons. We have no renewal problem for our special use permit.

We do have some cleanup activities in the gravel pit before Bob Burkwit's permit will be renewed. The Town of Macedon has sent a list of issues to be taken care of by October 29. I will be working with Bob to get the few minor issues resolved, but this has nothing to do with our ability to fly at our field.

We will be finalizing the year 2000 budget at our October meeting. The proposal to pay our mortgage a year ahead reducing the interest paid by \$2000 will be voted on (this will take a year off the mortgage as well). Also, nominations for the year 2000 club officers will be accepted. We will have final nominations and the elections at our November meeting.

I've been asked about winter flying and the Freeze-In 2000 event. Fordham field in Ontario generally closes for the season once the snow gets deep. Our Macedon field remains open all year round. Macedon is easier to maintain in the winter because the snow plows don't close the entrance every hour, the access road and parking areas are at a higher elevation than the county roads and we have a shelter with a fireplace to keep us warm. All plowing at Macedon is paid for by donations. The Freeze-In will start at around 10:00 AM, Saturday, January 1, 2000 at the Macedon Flying Field.

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.

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 membership stands at 152 with 132 Senior. and 20 Junior/Student. AMA renewal time is upon us. Remember, you cannot be a member of the RAMS unless you have your AMA membership up to date. In this case it will be the 2000 membership card. So, be sure to get that AMA renewal in the mail !

New memberships may be mailed to me (as always).

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NOTE FROM THE SAFETY DIRECTOR

SAFETY:

There is a concern the high grass barrier in front of the pilot pads is not adequate for the larger aircraft being flown today. In an attempt to maintain pilot safety, An 18" high fence has been placed in front of the pilot pads, at the Macedon flying field. For the protection of all, do not taxi aircraft behind the fence.

The procedure should be, start your engine, take your aircraft to an opening in the fence. When landing, taxi your aircraft to an opening in the fence and shut the engine off.

Safety is everyone responsibility. Please feedback your thoughts or concerns.
Safety Director, Jim Prindle

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I have a WHITE KADET LT-40 ARF that was found by a neighbor of our Ontario field. She was out horseback riding and found the plane to the north of the ore bed (pond). The plane apparently landed in a tree and fell to the ground. It is repairable. It also has no identification or AMA numbers on it. It will be on display at the next meeting awaiting claim by it's owner.

RAMS Regular Business Meeting

September 29, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Swift at 7:05 and the board of directors was introduced. Visitors were introduced as follows:

John Horsfall, Daniel Coccozzelli, Don Ogren and John Bell. John Horsfall was a second time visitor and voted in as a member.

Treasure Report: Spending is on track. A check for \$800.10 has been sent to the Ronald McDonald House.

Membership: 132 Senior and 20 Junior.

Safety: Proposed 96db sound recommendation. Membership feedback is that sound limit should be mandatory for 2001.

Field Development: Don Gildof reported the plan to add fill to the West End of the main runway and to finish grade the K runway. Work sessions were planned for the last two Saturdays in October to seed the new areas.

50/50 winner, Chuck Rasbach, donated the winnings to the club.

New Business: Robert Abbott presented a case for the club to purchase a Flight

Simulator program. A motion was made and passed to make the purchase. Bob accepted the action item to get the Flight Simulator.

A motion was made and passed to purchase club tee shirts.

The October program will be noise manage by Andres Rodriguez. This program is very timely.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dave Redden introduced program speaker Davey Bishop. Davey is a commentator for RC events in England. He is also the organizer for an annual two day RC event. RC events in England are big business and are supported by professional airshow teams. Videotape of Davey's show will be put in the RAMS library.

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Prindle for
RAMS Secretary, **Christopher Calabro**

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting
October 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by president Ron Swift. Those in attendance were Jim Prindle, Bud Seaberg, Rod Curtis, Ed Markowski, Paul Spara, and Alex Antonelli as acting secretary. Ron reported that because of the lateness in the flying season he will not attempt to get the frequency spectrum analyzer from the AMA until next year.

The ½ year membership was discussed with reference to field certificate purchase. Those who join at the ½ year membership are responsible for the purchase of their first field certificate the next membership renewal. It was agreed that this should be part of the year 2000 bylaws update.

Volunteers are needed at 9:00 AM to assist the setup of the hall at the church for the auction on November 27th. The BOD recommends that the rules for the auction be reviewed by the membership at the next meeting. It was suggested that items under \$5.00 are OK for sale prior to the auction start. The club will greatly accept any donations for sail at the auction whose proceeds will go to the club treasury.

Field Development - Rod reported that Macedon field is in great shape. Work parties are needed for 10/22 and 10/29 to work on the new runways. Work is to start at 9:30 and be finished by 12:00 noon. Bring rakes and spreaders. The shelter is also to be winterized and the exterior oiled. Don Geldof has volunteered to continue to chair the field development committee for 2000.

Y2K budget – Jim McCarty examined the Mortgage situation and stated the following: By paying approximately \$2,693 this year (October 1999) the club will shorten the mortgage by 1 year and save \$1,707 in interest over the life of the mortgage. This could enable a large reduction in annual dues in the year 2006(\$47). Based on the Y2K budget this early payment is possible as well as a \$5.00 reduction in yearly dues. The BOD recommends both the dues reduction and early payment of the mortgage. The BOD also recommends passage of the 2000 budget as proposed by Bud Seaberg.

Jim Prindle has agreed to check with the other clubs in the area to confirm timing for our events for the coming year. Bud Seaberg will check with Rundts for the January banquet.

Ron reported that Trever Ewell from RCCR approached him and volunteered to assist the club with any noise problems if needed. Ron suggested that the club give Dave Bishop a “T” shirt as a thank you for last months program. The BOD approved the suggestion.

Club officers nominations as of BOD meeting – President – Ron Swift, vice president – Paul Spara, Treasurer – Alex Antonelli, Secretary – (OPEN), Membership director – Dixon Smith, Program director (OPEN), Field director – Macedon (Rod Curtis) Fordham field (OPEN), Safety director – Jim Prindle (both fields), News letter editor – Ed Markowski.

Field rules - Bud will make a motion to accept the clarifications to the field rules at the next meeting. Copies of the proposed changes were handed out at the last meeting. Jim is to recommend sound adopting a maximum sound level of 96 DBA as measured using the AMA procedure for the year 2000 fields.

Membership – 152 members, 132 seniors and 20 student members. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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).

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The following items are for sale by Fred Armes, PO Box 603, Indian Lake, NY12842 (518-

648-5883). The items, however, are located in the Rochester area at the home of Paul Georger (716-377-6092), Sibby Romano (315-524-5444), or Carl Van Voorhis (716-352-0882). To inspect, call the person identified after each item. Any offer different than the asking price should be made to Fred Armes. Otherwise the persons in possession can make the sale.

1. Ultra Sport 40 with ASP 40 engine \$50. Call Carl
2. Lazy Ace Biplane with Super Tigre engine and Futaba Skysport Radio Channel 37. Never flown. \$ 450. Call Sibby
3. Lazy Bee with OS 25 engine and Futaba FM Radio Channel 45. Also floats and extra wing not covered. \$200. Call Paul
4. Goldberg Clipped Wing Cub with Saito 50 engine and Airtronics FM Radio Channel 19. \$300. Call Paul
5. Big Stick 40 with OS 40 engine and Futaba FM Radio Channel 16. Needs small repair. \$200. Call Carl
6. Royal Air 40 Trainer with Super Tigre 40 engine and Futaba AM Radio Channel 56. On floats-- can be converted back to wheels. \$ 150. Call Carl
7. Sky Bolt Biplane with OS 60 engine and Futaba FM Radio Channel 60. \$250. Call Carl
8. Sig Smith Mini Plane, biplane in the bones , needs to be covered, includes motor mount , cowl and wheel pants. \$ 50. Call Carl
9. Ace Digipace II \$ 25. Call Carl
10. Flight Box with battery, starter, electric fuel pump, and electric panel. \$ 30. Call Carl
11. Also many building tools and supplies. Call Fred Armes for details.