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The RAMS HORN

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Time & Date of this month's meeting:

Wednesday February 23, 2000

MEETING STARTS AT: 7:00 P.M.

at : CHURCH of the HOLY SPIRIT

Hatch & Plank Roads, Webster

PROGRAM: COMPUTER FLIGHT SIMULATORS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, we are nearing the middle of the building season. Hopefully your projects are proceeding as you planned. Why not bring your project for Show & Tell and share with your fellow members some advice.

Les Mayo has stepped forward and agreed to manage the RAMS Open House 2000. Jim Ciotuszynski will be working with Les to learn the ropes and to assist in making this an easier process. Jack Hayward has documented the steps he followed to manage the event three years ago. I have added some information for the other five to the book. Les has some good ideas and is discussing them with various club members. Please help out in any way you can. The event is scheduled for August 5 & 6. Andres Rodriguez has filled out the AMA sanction paperwork and will be our event CD.

I have heard that John Mitchell and Alex Antonelli have had some medical problems. The club wishes them well and a speedy recovery.

Please let me know if you can help out at the Festival of Ideas at the Brighton High School, March 11 from 1:00 – 4:30, we could use some help. At this time, they have scheduled three groups of students with about 20 in each group.

This month's program will be a hands on demo of various simulators. The discussion will include the latest available Graphics accelerators and setting up the RealFlight Simulator. Bring a floppy and take home a copy of the Hobbistar 60 and Bud Nosen Big Stick setups (only available from the RAMS). The model setup files will be available for download free on the RAMS web site February 25 at 6:15 PM. This will give our meeting attendees an advanced release preview. We will post any RealFlight simulator plane files that we receive as long as they are offered free.

The paperwork for requesting the AMA Gold Leader Club has been submitted to the AMA.

The Combat events for 2000 are now scheduled for May 20 and July 29. There will be more information posted in the newsletter and our web site. We will probably move the Fun Fly to June. That way we will have one event scheduled from May (Fun Fly) through September (Our first 4-Club Fun Fly).

See you at the flying fields.

Ron

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

The February 23 club meeting is the last time dues for 2000 can be paid with out the late charge. After all, ten bucks is ten bucks! If you will not make the meeting, renew by mail at the address below. Just make sure you send me a COPY of your 2000 AMA card. You can not fly with the RAMS with our your current AMA. And, don't forget, the dues for 2000

are only \$90.00!!

RAMS c/o Dixon Smith

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RAMS Regular Business Meeting

January 26, 2000

The RAMS Annual banquet started at about 6:15. We had 28 attending the dinner. Dave Foehner and Tom McCoy were guests of the Rams. (Dan's and the Hobby House did not attend). Dinner was finished by 7:00. There was plenty to eat and the meal was excellent. Thanks go to Bud for arranging another successful dinner.

President Ron Swift called the meeting to order at 7:10. The club officers were introduced. Fist time visitors Richard Miller and John Skinner where introduced. A motion was made and seconded to approve the December **1999** minutes. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Treasure: Alex Antonelli passed out the December financial statement. He also

stated that the RAMS club now owns the trailer at the Macedon site.

Membership: Dixon Smith reported that there where 46 active (paid) members. 2000 dues are due by the February 23rd meeting without incurring a late fee of \$10.00.

Field Directors: Rod Curtis reported that there is a lock problem at the Fordham field, and a new lock will be installed in the spring.

News Letter: It was reported by Ron Swift that this last issue of *The RAMS Horn* was not in color due to it being a Nostalgia newsletter (and also a color copier problem).

Liberian: Dave Redden reported no new additions.

Freeze in: Rod Curtis reported that the only thing that was missing was snow. The turnout was the best yet, and the parking lot at the Macedon field was full.

Field Development: Don Geldof was appointed as the head of the committee, and he would like suggestions on field development issues for both sites.

Sound Management: Jim Prindle reported about the town of Macedon's proposal of a residential limit of 65dba measured at the property line. It does not look like the Macedon site will be affected. Jim has done some measurement of aircraft flying at the field and the sound meter recorded a level of 68dba. Rod Curtis has talked to some of the residents around the Macedon field and the only concerns seemed to be about our starting time of 9:00 Sunday mornings.

50/50: The winner was Dixon Smith and he donated the winnings to the RAMS club.

Old Business: Bob Abbot brought in the Real Flight simulator and had the form to fill out for anybody that wanted to rent it. The proceeds will go to the purchase of a second copy of the flight simulator.

New Business: Bud Seaberg announced that there was a retirees luncheon on February 2nd at the Log Cabin restaurant on Rt. 31F. Starting at noon and that anyone could attend.

Announcements: The next BOD meeting is at Paul Spara's house on February 9th, and the meetings are always open to anyone who wants to attend. The next regular RAMS meeting is on February 23, 2000.

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Show and Tell: Chuck Rasbach brought in his latest airplane. It was a Goldberg **Ultimate Biplane (framed by Bob O'Neil)**, It had an OS .91 4 stroke engine in it and was covered with 21st century coverite covering. It weighed in at 7 ½ pounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm, and then after a short break the awards ceremony was started. Ron and Paul handed out all except the Rubsam Award, which previous award winner, Ron Monroe, handed out.

Award winners were:

Rubsam Award: Sandy DuVall

Broken Prop Award: John Young

Grandfather of the Year: Bob O'Neil

Junior Flyer of the Year: Ricky Nyhan

Special Service Award: Dave Foehner (work on the K runway, etc. etc.)

Club Support Awards: Dan's Crafts and Things & Performance Hobbies

Other award winners were: Eric Adams, Lorrienne Adams, Bob Abbott, Alex Antonelli, Robert Antonelli, Chuck Boyer, Rod Curtis, Mike Daly, Dennis Ekwortzell, Sonny Freed, Jack Grafman, Don Geldof, Paul Georger, Joe Green, Jack Hayward, Bob Herden, Bill Jolliff, Leonard Kmiecik, Jr., Leonard Kmiecik, Sr., Tex Mantel, Ed Markowski, Tom McCoy (San Fran Award), Corney McGuinness, Bob McMillan, Ron Monroe, Jim Orbanek, Dave Ottney, Dave Pontillo, Jim Prindle, Adele Rasbach, Dave Redden, Andres Rodriguez, Mark Rohlin, Norm Roof, Jr., Jim Roth (the Missing Man Award), Bud Seaberg (5 consecutive years on the BOD), Dix Smith, Paul Spara, Ron Swift, Joseph Trenkler, Carl VanVoorhis, Ed VanWagner, Brian Vincent, Cliff Weeks, Stan Wells, and John Young. Many thanks to all who participated and helped out to make 1999 a successful year!

Respectfully submitted by

RAMS Secretary, ***Jim*** Ciotuszynski Jr.

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting **February 16,**
2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:10Pm by president Ron Swift. Those in attendance were: Jim Ciotuszynski, Dix Smith, Jim Prindle, Paul Sparta and Ron Swift, Les Mayo.

Les volunteered to manage the RAMS Open house in August 2000. Jim Ciotuszynski also volunteered to help in run the open house event. Ron Swift gave Les a 3 ring binder of information on how the past events where run. Les communicated some ideas he had for additions for the open house. R/C car demonstration, a combat demonstration and advertising the week before during the Canal Days. Other suggestions where an event story board, listing times of the various demonstrations. Having Tom McCoy involved in sponsoring the open house. Having members donate models that they have lying around in their basement for the raffles. Ron went thru a walk thru of the event in detail on how things have run in the past. Jim Prindle had suggested that guest flyers from other local clubs be given a gallon of fuel to get expert flyers for the air show. Ron also suggested to put an article together with images form the open house and submit it to the district vice president and it could possibly be printed in the AMA magazine. Also other suggestions on various types of advertisement ideas. Other issues where to get the scanner from AMA for the open house for the impound area. Ron suggested coming up with a proposal for the format for the open house and then presenting it to the members at a RAMS regular meeting.

Noise Measurement: Jim found lack of support for the lock box for the noise measurement meter. Jim would like to implement his original proposal for random sound checks at the fields. If your aircraft was found to be over the db limit, then the offending aircrafts owner would then have to develop and action plan to reduce the noise. Jim suggests that we use this year as a “learning tool” for this year. Jim will present his original document at the next RAMS meeting.

Gold Leader Club Award: Ron submitted to AMA on 2-1-2000

AMA Charter Application: Dix Smith received it last year and turned it over to the secretary. If he does again this year he will give it to Jim Ciotuszynski ASAP.

Sanction the 4-Club Fun Fly: Andres suggested sanctioning the event. The general feeling of the board was to do it. Also this would allow the club to advertise the event. Jim Prindle is the CD for this event.

Submitting sanction info to AMA: We have two combat events and one fun fly scheduled for this year. There was a request for a member of the RCCR club Jim Warner to have an open class in addition to the scale class for the combat event. The dates for the combat events are May 20th and July 29th of 2000.

Flight simulator loan/payment/late charges/ enforcement: No new news.

Brighton Festival of ideas (March 11): Ron would like to ask the club to purchase the gilders for the event. The cost would be about \$130.00. The board agreed that it would be a good idea and it will be brought up for a vote at the next RAMS meeting.

Award Banquet wrap up: The club took in enough money except for two meals which Dave Forner and Tom McCoy we asked as guests. The club ended up paying \$28.00. Dave was touched with the award for his help at the Macedon field. Ron put pictures and information on the RAMS web site.

Program for the next RAMS meeting: Flight simulators. Ron would bring in his system with the Realflight simulator and Jim Ciotuszynski will bring in a system with Microsoft FS 2000/Realflight.

Around the table:

Membership: Dixon Smith reported that active membership (paid) stands at 40.

Treasure: Ron Swift submitted Alex Antonelli's report to the board.

Paul Spara has his proposal about the memorial to remember past members. Photo album containing: list of names of deceased members. Pictures of any of these members if possible. Section, which would also contain photos of RAMS events and members at those events. Budget: Start-up funds \$50-75 to cover purchase of the album and logo for cover and printing of initial set of photos. Caretaker: Album would be in the possession of the VP initially; club may designate another member/position (historian) to be caretaker of the album. Other suggestions: Ron Swift suggested that current BOD, special committee members, members that have left should also have their pictures in there. Jim Prindle suggested that Paul make up a sample to bring to the next meeting. Paul would bring up this proposal at the next RAMS regular meeting.

Jim Prindle explained that the 4-club fun fly was an event between the RCCR, Skyrovers, GVF, RAMS, and the host club pays for the food for the day. The event consists of open flying for the day and open to the public. This event should be in the AMA sanctions. Ron suggested making contacts with other clubs and circulating a flyer of the RAMS various events possibly coordinating events with other clubs in the general area. Jim also wants to have decals so when your plane has passed a sound inspection one I placed on your aircraft.

Ron Swift. There was a suggestion brought to his attention to reducing the quorum, which in the bylaws is 25%. The general consensus of the board was not to change the quorum rate and to come up with ways to get more people to participate at the regular RAMS meetings. Ideas to get more members are better programs. Listing of upcoming votes in the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by

RAMS Secretary, **Jim** Ciotuszynski Jr.

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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