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The RAMS HORN

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Time & Date of this month's meeting:

Wednesday June 28, 2000

MEETING STARTS AT: 7:00 P.M.

at: **Fordham Field, Ontario - Route 104**
Across from the Ontario Motel

See map inside this newsletter!

PROGRAM: SAFETY and FLYING

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The **RAMS 2000 Fun Fly** seemed to be successful despite the weather. The results were:

1st Place **Bob McMillan** with 44 points

2nd Place **Corney McGuinness** with 43 points

3rd Place **Joe Green** with 41 points

The club actually made around \$80.00 from the event. Thanks for everyone who helped out including CD Jim McCarty, Concession Champions Bob O'Neil, Leo, and Tom Lanze, Raffle Rampager Bob Abbott, Photographers Sonny Freed and Art Denard, the contestants and especially the spectators.

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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.

We do not have commercial trash pick up at either

flying field. A member must pick up after you and

take your trash home to dispose of it.

Please take home and dispose of all trash you have at the fields.

The fields are:

CARRY IN AND CARRY OUT ALL (of Your Trash)

ITEMS PLEASE, THANK YOU !!!

Upcoming Flying Events

- June 24, 2000 **RCCR** Combat Meet
- July 2, 2000 W W 1 Air Show
Old Rhinebeck, N.Y.
- July 22, 2000 **RAMS** Fly with the BOD
Macedon Field
- July 29, 2000 **RAMS** Combat Meet
Ontario Field
- Aug. 5 & 6, 2000 **RAMS** Annual Open House
Macedon Field
- Sept 3, 2000 **RAMS** Four Club Fun Fly
- Nov. 25, 2000 **RAMS** Annual Auction
- Jan 1, 2001 **RAMS** Annual Freeze-In
Macedon Fiel

2000 **RAMS** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Sound Management:

Two of our Macedon neighbors visited our field on Sunday, June 19. They complained about the noise and the planes flying over their back yards. Even though several club members couldn't believe we were actually flying over their properties, it was later proven that if we fly west of the hill, the planes often do fly over their properties. While they understand the noise reduction program the club is working on, the over fly and the noise bothers them. I'd suggest that we DO NOT fly past the hill to the West at the Macedon Field. And we do need to drop the sound levels of some of our planes (I have two culprits I'm working on now measured at 101 and 108 dba respectively).

Club Events:

Our next club event is the combat event July 29. Several pilots have requested moving the combat events to Macedon Field. This will be brought up at our meeting at Fordham Field this month for a vote. The thought is that the planes are easier to locate when they go down. Sounds like a reasonable request.

Les Mayo and crew are working at finalizing the preparation for our Open House on August 5 & 6. I hope every member will help out. This could be our busiest year ever (if the monsoon season ends soon!).

I'll end with this story:

Two birds were watching from a tree at the activity on the field below them. Several birds on that field were hopelessly attempting to complete a project that would improve the lifestyle of many of the area birds. Everything they tried didn't work. It was, after all, a difficult task, but a worthy task and they persisted. It was getting dark out. Taking note of the trial and tribulations of those on the field below, each observer bird took off on their separate courses.

One went looking for others to converse with about the inefficiencies, lack of organization and the deviance from tradition demonstrated by the field birds. After several hours worth of discussion, many more birds were clamoring about the "major problems" and "stupidity" of the field birds and how they will never get it right! They went off to relate this story to their friends. And soon the story of these stupid field birds was circulated and discussed in many bird communities. "Oh those inefficient, unintelligent, field birds would never get it right. We should have been consulted and they never would have had problems!"

The second bird traveled a different route. This one went to his friends and discussed the field bird's situation. After some discussion, this community of birds offered and then compared the various suggested solutions to the field bird's problems. A way to help the field birds was agreed upon. That night, these problem solver birds met at the field. They brought some of their personal friends and quickly put their plan into motion.

The next day, the original two observer birds met at that same tree. The first bird articulated astonishment that the field birds had found an answer to their problems and were working at solving the situation. It seems that some items were found at the field that solved the problems and some of the work was actually started! The field birds spent the rest of the day finishing the task and later, celebrated their success together.

The second observer bird commented that the field bird's idea indeed helped out the rest of the bird community. The first observer bird chirped twice and flew off to relay the story to his friends about how the stupid field birds after wasting a day, stumbled onto a rather obvious way to fix their problem.

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

When you renew, be sure to add the \$10.00 late fee to your check and send it to me along with a copy of your 2000 AMA membership. You know you can't fly with the RAMS without a current year AMA card along with your RAMS membership card. As always renewing by mail is the easy way to "get on the runway". My address is on the back of the newsletter at the bottom of the application which should also be filled out and sent to me.

RAMS c/o Dixon Smith

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FROM THE OPEN HOUSE

DIRECTOR

Help!!!! The Rams need the help of their members. Hello, my name is Les Mayo and I've volunteered to coordinate the open house this year. I can not do this task with out the support of the members. I need volunteers for the following positions: Food Service, Raffles, Flea Market, Parking, R.C. Car Program, Set UP, Registration, Public Address, AirShow, Student Pilot Instruction, Field Promotion, Field Preparation. Give me a call at 265-3898 and I can give you more details on the different tasks. The open house this year is Aug. 5&6. This event is very important to the well being of our club. I need your help, many hands make lite work so let's all pull together on this. Thanks Les Mayo.

RAMS Regular Business Meeting

May 31, 2000

President Ron Swift called the meeting to order at 7:05. The club officers were introduced. Fist time visitors where introduced: Jim Myer, John Dennis, Steve Lewis. Second time visitors where: Gary Batt and Leo Herbeck. There was a motion to vote them in as new members, the vote passed. A motion was made to approve the April 2000 minutes. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Librarian: Dave Redden reported two new entries that where donated by Bob O'Neil. Bob stated that one of the tapes was about rubber band powered/tissue aircraft. The other tape was on helicopters.

Treasure: Alex Antonelli submitted the April financial statement to the club for review.

Field Directors: **Rod Curtis** reported that there was wheat planted in the leased farmland. Ron also warned the membership that there are a few geese living at the pond and they fly real low. **Bob McMillan** reported that the field was rolled and in good shape until the monsoon hit. The field has been cut to a depth of about 1 ¼ inch and is very flyable.

Membership: Dixon Smith reported that there where 126 members, 113 senior and 13 junior members.

Safety: Jim Prindle reported no incidents at the flying fields. Ron Swift brought up as a reminder not to taxi aircraft back into the pit area. Turn off the engine before you reach the safety area (fence at Macedon, tall grass at Fordham) and retrieve your plane from that point.

Newsletter: Ed Markowski had nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Sound Management: Jim Prindle reported that he has measured about 30 aircraft. There were only a few that were over the 96db limit. He has been getting positive feedback and great cooperation from the membership.

Field Development: Don Geldof reported that the parking lot was complete and Dave has received his check. Rod Curtise reported on the progress on the expansion of the car track. The track was graded and all that remains is the removal of the rocks.

Fun Fly: The date is June 17th at Fordham field. Ron Swift is looking for volunteers.

Combat Event: Ron Swift reported that the event made around \$110.00. There were seven pilots registered in the event. The next combat event is scheduled for July 29th at Fordham field weather permitting.

Open House: Les reported that everything is going well. He got some volunteers from the Civil Air Patrol to help with the parking. He still needs some help for the flea market portion of the event. Les will be contacting individuals to arrange informal meetings to coordinate with the various departments. Corny McGuiinness reported that he was contacting other clubs in the area about the open house.

50/50: The winner was Les Mayo and he donated his winnings of \$14.50 to the club.

Old Business: None stated.

New Business: Rams Hats. Due to lack of interest no order will be placed. The club will be looking into the purchase of t-shirts. **Festival in the Park:** Ron Swift is looking for volunteers to help out at the event on July 7th, 8th and 9th. Ron will be getting more details out to club members in the near future. **Field certificate special offer:** The board has extended the field certificate offer. This allows members that have not purchased their required 5 certificates to get them at a discount. You can purchase all five for the cost of \$250.00 or the remainder of your certificates for the accumulated cost of \$250.00.

Announcements: The next board meeting is going to be at Dixon Smith's house on June 14th. The next Rams regular business meeting will be on June 28th at Fordham field. The meeting was adjourned for show and tell.

Dave Ottney brought in an electric aircraft for show and tell.

Respectfully submitted by

RAMS Secretary, **Jim** Ciotuszynski Jr.

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting **June 14, 2000**

President Ron Swift called the meeting to order at 7:05Pm. Those in attendance were: Jim Ciotuszynski, Dix Smith, Jim Prindle, Paul Sparta and Ron Swift, Alex Antonelli, Rod Curtise and Ed Markowski.

Ontario Field: Jim Prindle reported that it was under some water. There was a suggestion about moving the event to Macedon. Ron stated that it was not possible due to the sanctioning of the event stated it to be at Fordham field. There is some new development going on to the east of the east-west runway. Just be cautious when flying when there are people in that area. More information will be published as details become available.

Noise Measurement Results: Jim Prindle reported that he has measured about 30 different aircraft; most of them are within the 96db limit. In general, the program seems to be working well.

Safety: Jim Prindle will put together a program on safety. This program will be presented at the June meeting.

Broken shelters at Macedon: Ron Swift said he would talk to Bob McMillan about either fixing them or replacement of the items. Rod Curtise said he would get them out of the storage shed to take a better look at them to get a better idea of what type of repairs need to be done.

Events: Fun Fly: Ron Swift stated that any and all help for the event would be appreciated. There will be a work party on Friday June 16 at 3:30, weather permitting.

July 29th combat: George Rodriguez suggested on relocating the event form the Fordham field to the Macedon field. Ron is going to bring it up at the next club meeting to get other

people's opinion. Ron stated that the pilots liked the last combat event at Macedon because it was easier to find downed aircraft. Ron also stated that a couple of non-club members commented on how nice the field was.

Fly with the board: Paul Spara will be coordinating the event. The possible event date is July 22, 2000 at Macedon field.

Sonny Freed donated a freezer. Ron Swift will pick it up this weekend.

Program for the Next meeting: The program will be safety.

Around the table: Paul Spara will be getting some pictures from Ron Swift for the club memorial book. Ron Swift is going to setup a computer to bring to the meeting in August and September. This will allow club members a convenient way to get their images into the memorial by having them scanned into the computer electronically. Alex Antonelli passed out the budget statement for review. Alex brought up the issue what to do with the field certificates that have not been picked up by members. It was decided to just mail the remaining certificates to the individual members. Rod Curtise reported that the pond was very full of water. The signpost was busted and will be repaired as soon as possible. Due to the rainy weather, Rod has not been able to finish the car track. Rod suggested considering a commercial mower for the fields. The mowers the club has now are not meant to cut the amount of grass that we are currently experiencing. The mowers are frequently requiring repair due to the heavy use. A suggestion was to check into leasing and an outright purchase price then present it to the membership. The carry-in carry out will start to be enforced. The trash cans will be removed as soon as possible. Jim Prindle just wanted to remind people not taxi behind the safety fence; that is when returning from a flight turn off your engine before entering the pit area. It is still acceptable to taxi your aircraft out to the runway.

Membership: Dix Smith reported that the current active membership stands at 134. The junior and student membership stands at 13. There are concerns that people that are not members of the RAMS are flying, if you see somebody that you don't recognize, just ask to see their club membership card, if they cannot produce it then ask to see their AMA card. If you suspect the person is not a member, write down the person's AMA number and any other

information you can (license plate number, car type etc:) and contact Dix Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

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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Global ARF .46 Ultimate Bipe kit, some work has been done. Has a 2 1/2 inch alum spinner and a Bisson Pitts style muffler, for OS .46 engine. \$150.00 for every thing- Rick Matteson 716-381-5909



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