

## ***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 30, 2000**

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

**at : CHURCH of the HOLY SPIRIT**

**Hatch & Plank Roads, Webster**

**PROGRAM: INDOOR FLIGHT**

**<http://www.rcplane.com>**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Open House event was a success despite the rainy weather on Sunday. I have received email and verbal comments from people who attended saying they had fun, even on Sunday. Many thanks to all of the event flyers (43 of 46 were RAMS members) who kept the show worth watching. Also, thanks to the club members and friends for helping out. Les did a great job coordinating the event. Some of the new ideas that were tried at this year's event were the ice cream, the Color Guard from the Marines, Toys-for-Tots as our charity of choice, and the impound/announcing coordination was really smooth. Les even has a few

scars to show for his efforts! He will be providing a detailed report to the club. There were over 77 models flown over the weekend.

Nominations for 2001 club officers will be requested at our September meeting, with final nominations and the vote during our October meeting. Many of the current officers do not plan to accept a nomination for office. It is time for new leadership for the RAMS to carry us in this millennium. It is necessary for the health of the RAMS to have new officers and I hope you consider donating some of your time to serve as an officer.

I had the opportunity to talk to Bob Burkwit, our landlord at Fordham Field and who rents the gravel pit at Macedon from us. Work is being performed at Fordham field to meet the town regulations. Bob has sold the area to the north of the existing building. The existing driveway will be widened to two lanes, our gate will be moved further to the north, power and phone will be run to the new building area, a drainage culvert will be added under the road, and the drainage ditch along 104 will be cleared out. Also, our lease for Fordham field will be renewed at the current rate. No contract will be signed for the lease, however.

The Four Club Fun Fly will be held at our Macedon field this year on Sunday, September 3 from 10:00 am – dusk. The public is invited to watch as we fly and there will be beverages for sale all day long. At 3:00 pm we will have a lunch provided free to all flyers and immediate family members. A nominal charge for the food will be requested from others who would like to dine with us. This is the first time the RAMS have ever hosted this event. I hope every club member will come out for this event and fly. There will be a great number of models and weather permitting, lots of flying all day long. I'll have at least one buddy box trainer system at the event for members of the clubs to fly. We are not going to have the normal student pilot training at this event.

Planning for our annual auction, Saturday, November 25 is under way. Posters are being made so they will be available for the pilots at the 4-Club Fun Fly. It will be nice to have other area flyers at the auction this year.

If you have had any luck at all, you should have been able to find a day or

two to fly between the wet rainy days this summer. By the time you read this, fifteen of my models will have been flown at one field or another this year. We can only hope for an Indian Summer and a winter with snow for our winter flyers.

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.

### **ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE :**

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.

## **CARRY IN AND CARRY OUT ALL**

### **ITEMS PLEASE, THANK YOU !!!**

## Upcoming Events

- Sept 3, 2000                    **RAMS** Four Club Fun Fly
- Nov. 25, 2000                 **RAMS** Annual Auction
- Dec. 27, 2000                **RAMS** Last Meeting in 2000
- Jan 1, 2001                    **RAMS** Annual Freeze-In Macedon Field
- Jan. 31, 2001                 **RAMS** Annual Awards Banquet

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## 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

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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## *RAMS* Combat Event July 29, '00

Even though we only had one RAMS pilot enter this contest, we did have quite a few RAMS helping out in the preparation, judging, cooking, cleaning, etc. Many thanks to Corny McGuinness for all his contributions. He even flew the 1/12 scale Bearcat I built in the event. That's the first model I've built that competed in an AMA sanctioned competition event.

We had two classes of combat competition in the event., the 2105 which features 1/12 scale models from the WWII era with a 0.21 CI engine (max) and an all up weight max of 3.0 lbs. The scale outline of the model cannot deviate more than 5% (judged from 15ft away). The second class was the Class B Open. These planes can weight up top 3.5 lbs with a maximum of 0.30 CI displacement. The models entered in the event weighed under 3.0 lbs! We did have as many as 7 planes in the air at once and the competition was fierce.

I got the impression from the pilots and RAMS members that everyone had fun at the event. We even managed to make a little money and the prizes

were well worth winning thanks to Performance Hobbies and TufFlight.

The winners of the events were:

### 2105 Combat

- James Bodnar - 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Jim Warner - 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Rod Boatman - 3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Open Class B Combat

- Joe Chovan - 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Mark Mozo - 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Steve Scicchitano - 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Jim Warner, one of the area combat competition organizers, suggested that the 2001 combat events switch to the 2610 class rather than keeping with the 2105. We will have to vote whether the RAMS want to continue to host and support these events. The 2610 allows engines up to 0.26 CU and a 10% deviation from the scale outline. Total displacement for a twin is 0.30 CI. More details can be found at <http://www.scalecombat.com/>

Submitted by Ron Swift

***RAMS*** Regular Business Meeting

**July 26, 2000**

President Ron Swift called the meeting to order at 7:05. The club officers were introduced. First time visitors where introduced: Paul (last name not know). A motion was made to approve the June 2000 minutes. Motion passed.

**Officer Reports:**

**Treasure:** Alex Antonelli submitted the June 2000 financial statement to the club for review.

**Field Directors: Rod Curtis** reported that the Macedon field was in good shape.

**Membership:** Dixon Smith reported that there were 137 members, 123 senior and 14 junior members.

**Safety:** Jim Prindle reported no new issues. So far this year has been a very safe flying season.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Memorial:** Paul reported that at the August meeting there would be a computer setup with a scanner. This will allow members a convenient way to get their photos into the memorial book without having to be without their pictures for a period of time. If you have items please contact Paul Spara.

**Field Development:** Don Geldof reported that Dave Foehner had a bulldozer problem and has not been able to work up an estimate for the "K-runway fill in.

**Combat Event:** Ron Swift stated that it would start about 10am. Registration starts at 8:30. It is a sanctioned AMA event. Corny McGinnis reported that they're two Pico kits donated for prizes.

**Open House:** Les reported that everything is going well. The only thing he needs now one person for registration. Les also had flyers for people to hand out. Les also asked the membership to bring items for the swap shop. Ron Swift made a motion to waive the 96db rule for the open house event ONLY. The motion was second. The motion passed.

**Old Business: Walworth festival in the park:** Ron Swift reported that all that participated had fun. There are photos on the Rams web site at <http://www.rcplane.com>.

**Fly with the board:** Ron Swift reported that there where about 11 pilots. Fun was had by all persons that attended. Another event is being planed for sometime in October.

**New Business:** Alex Antonelli would like to form a committee to work on an investment plan for the clubs liquid assets.

Ron Swift made a motion to move the combat event from Fordham field to Macedon field. The motion was second. There was a vote on the motion and the motion passed. Jim Prindle made a motion to purchase a TNC tachometer for statistics gathering for the sound measurement program. There was a second. There was a discussion to peruse the purchase of the meter at Performance Hobbies at a possible discount. The motion was passed.

**Announcements:** Paul Spara had some handouts that he had downloaded from the IMAX web site about aerobatics. The next board meeting is going to be at Bob McMillan's house on August 16<sup>th</sup>. The next Rams regular business meeting will be on August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Church of the Holly Sprit. The program will be indoor flight. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted by

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

**RAMS** Board of Directors Meeting **August 12, 2000**

President Ron Swift called the meeting to order at 7:05Pm. Those in attendance were: Jim Ciotuszynski, Dix Smith, Ron Swift, Alex Antonelli, Bob McMillan, Rod Curtice, Paul Spara, Jim Prindle.

**Noise measurement:** There are no new results. Jim also stated that he has measured his new lawnmower at 3 meters and it measured 76db.

**Combat Event wrap up.** Ron Swift reported that there where eleven flyers at the event. Only one of them was a RAMS member. The total

made from the event was \$76.00. Jim Warner from RCCR will be submitting the results from the event to RCCA). A suggestion was made to Ron to have a 2610 event in replacement of the 2105 class event. The question came up whether or not to have the combat events from the lack of club members entered in the combat event. The general feeling of the board was that many people had wanted to participate, but for one reason or another, they just did not have any aircraft to fly in the event.

**Open House:** The donations for the charity Toys for Tots student pilot program total was \$153.99. Ron Swift suggested that the club do a one for one gift matching. He will bring this up at the next regular business meeting. The bottom line is that the club made money; people had a lot of fun even though Sunday was a washout of a day. There were 43 RAMS pilots registered for the event and 77 different aircraft.

**BOD 2000- Candidates for upcoming election:** Ron Swift stated he would not be returning as president. Paul Spara will not be returning as vice president. Bob McMillan said he is also looking for a replacement for field director of Fordham field. Rod Curtise is vacating his position as field director of Macedon field.

**Gravel Pit/farm lease- Contract review team:** Ron Swift will contact the Ron Magda about the lease that is currently in place for the farming that is being done at Macedon field. **Gravel Pit:** The existing contract expires in February 2001 for the gravel pit. At this time, Ron Swift is looking for members for a committee to help in the recommendations of the renegotiation of the contract.

**Fordham Field:** Ron Swift reported that the work that is being done east of the field is the town told Bob Burkawitz he needed two-way road access to the property that he had sold just north of the current building. He will also be running underground power/phone service to the new building site. Bob will also be moving the gate from its current position to a new location farther to the north. The new building that is going in will be used for storage for cars, boats etc.

**Fly with the board:** Ron Swift suggested that we have another fly with the

board event on Saturday October 7. The event would take place at Fordham field.

**Frequency Scanner:** Jim Prindle reported that he had scanned both Macedon and Fordham fields and he found no interference at either field. In fact, it was stated that Fordham field was the better of the two fields.

**Fun Fly:** Alex Antonelli and Ron Swift have been working on getting information from the other clubs that are participating in the event on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. After various e-mail notes from the other clubs, the basic premise is that this is a friendly “Fly in” and that the host club provides a sit down meal and a day of fun flying. There will be beverages for sale during the day. Then dinner will be served

**November 25 Auction:** The hall has been reserved and we are looking for someone to organize the event. Ron Swift suggested that we shift the format from a “buyers auction” to a more of a balanced auction. Admission will be \$3.00 at the door.

**Field Development:** Ron Swift reported that Don Geldof is still working on getting the estimate for the K-runway fill in. There was also talk to revisit the idea of a helicopter hover pad/flying area due to the interest of many of the members in the club.

**Memorial Photo Album:** There will be a scanner at the next regular meeting (August) so people can have the photos in the RAMS memorial album. Please submit your names and suggestions to Paul Spara.

**Program for the Next meeting:** The program will be indoor flight.

**Around the table:** Alex Antonelli passed out the budget statement for review. There was a suggestion to pay another years worth of the Macedon field mortgage in advance. Alex was going to research the suggestion and then possibly make a proposal to the club. **Membership:** Dix Smith reported that the current active membership stands at 138. The junior and student membership stands at 14 and the senior at 124. Dix had a sample of the new 2001 RAMS membership cards. The meeting

was adjourned at 9:30.

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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