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The RAMS HORN

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Time & Date of this month's meeting:

Wednesday September 27, 2000

MEETING STARTS AT: 7:00 P.M.

at : CHURCH of the HOLY SPIRIT

Hatch & Plank Roads, Webster

PROGRAM: GIANT SCALE PLANES

<http://www.rcplane.com>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The program for September is an open presentation and discussion about building Giant Scale models. Rick Matteson and Ron Swift will be leading the discussion. Examples of engines, radio components, building materials, and models will be on display at the meeting. The public is invited to attend (as always).

Bring your items for Show & Tell.

The flying season is ramping down for some flyers and building season is about ready to start. For those putting your planes away for the season, it is a good time to put a little extra after run oil into the engines and close up the carb and exhaust openings. Making up a 3x5 card with any repairs, rebuilding, etc for next year is a good idea also.

Alex and team have finalized a budget for next year. It will be based on 120 active senior members. The rest of the finances are similar to this year's budget. With the double payment of the mortgage, we are just at the breakeven point. We're in good shape providing we don't run into some unexpected expenses.

Nominations for club officers will be solicited at this month's club meeting. Final nominations will be requested and voted on at our October meeting. It is time to elect some new faces as club officers. Many of the existing board members, including yours truly, are not planning to return as a club officer.

We have had a pretty fun and safe flying season. With six flying events this year (two combat meets, Open House, Fun Fly, 4-Club Fun Fly, and the Freeze-In) we have had a busier schedule as any year in recent memory. Thank you to all the members who worked as instructors and presenters at the public functions this year. It was a very successful flying season despite the rainy, wet season.



Robin Lehman with his friend Peter George. Both had to borrow the Lunak shown as they could not bring the real big ones with them

Plans are being made

to contact Robin Lehman (Photo on the left) to see if we can set up an open

glider clinic at one of our fields next summer. Robin has been a club member and generates worldwide interest in gliders. In the past, the RAMS have had a large group of glider enthusiasts due to Robin's influence.

A proposal for considering a New Membership category will be presented at this month's meeting. The idea is to create a membership category, with reduced cost, for those who have been active seniors for two years or more and have fulfilled all of the Senior membership requirements, but for one reason or another cannot fly any longer. This will provide a way to keep those members who want to remain active as mentors, builders, coaches and event volunteers.

Recently I have received some complaints regarding members who have knowingly not fulfilled their club financial obligations, but fly at the club fields anyway. These club members will be contacted individually so a payment plan can be worked out. Until a plan is in place with Alex, these individuals will not and do not have membership privileges (no flying or voting on club issues). It is hard to enforce this, but something must be done.

Well, keep flying and get your building supplies and kits lined up for the "building season". We still have the Fly with the BOD scheduled for Saturday October 7, and the club auction coming up on Saturday, November 25. If you can help out with the auction, please let me know. We will need additional auctioneers, gophers, concession stand operators, and buyers and sellers! I have received calls from non-members asking about the auction. This could become our largest auction ever!

The next Board of Directors meeting is at Paul Spara's house on Wednesday, October 11. The meetings are open to the club members. Feel free to join us.

See you at the flying fields!

Ron

GRASS CUTTING REMINDER

Fordham Field : Sundays and Wednesdays from 4:00 pm thru 7:00 pm

Macedon Field : Mondays and Thursdays from 12:00 noon thru 4:00 pm

Snow Plowing at Macedon as required.

**CARRY IN AND CARRY OUT ALL
ITEMS PLEASE, THANK YOU !!!**

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

flyng 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.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 7, 2000

RAMS Fly with the BOD

Macedon Field

Oct. 27, 2000 **JAMESTOWN Flying Aces** Auction
Falconer, N.Y.

Nov. 25, 2000 **RAMS** [Annual Auction](#) Doors open at 10:00
AM at the

[Church of the Holy Spirit](#)

Dec. 27, 2000 **RAMS** Last Meeting in 2000

Jan 1, 2001 **RAMS** Annual Freeze-In Macedon Field

Jan. 31, 2001 **RAMS** Annual Awards Banquet

March, 2001 Festival of Ideas

April, 2001 Mall Show (tentative)

Jul 29 & 30 2001 **RAMS** Open House

Macedon Field

Aug 18, 2001 **RAMS** Fun Fly

Fordham Field

Nov. 25, 2001 **RAMS** Annual Auction

[2000 RAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS](#) Phone list

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

It's that time of the year again. Your 2001 AMA membership renewal should be arriving soon. Be advised that you CANNOT renew your RAMS membership until you have renewed your AMA for 2001.

If you are a new member and joined under the reduced fee (August to December) please be reminded that in 2001 you will be entering your 2nd year of membership

in RAMS and are responsible for field certificate purchases as stated in the by-laws. Don't forget to vote in the club elections in October.

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 Regular Business Meeting

August 30, 2000

President Ron Swift called the meeting to order at 7:05. The club officers were introduced. First time visitors where introduced: John Locklena , Ernie Webber and Art Webber. A motion was made to approve the July 2000 minutes. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Treasure: Alex Antonelli submitted the July 2000 financial statement to the club for review. Alex suggested pre-paying another year of the Macedon Field mortgage. The mortgage would be paid off in the year 2004.

Field Directors: **Rod Curtis** reported that he had fertilized and rolled the field and should be ready for the 4-club fun fly.

Fordham Field was reported to be in good shape. Questions where brought up about the construction. Ron Swift stated that he had talked to the landlord about next years lease and that we

would still be able to use the land also that we would probably be there for at least another two years.

Membership: Dixon Smith reported that there where 138 members, 124 senior with 14 junior members. Dixon also stated that AMA membership packages should be showing up soon, and in order to be a member of the RAMS you must be a member of the AMA.

Safety: Jim Prindle reported that there was an accident at Macedon filed. What had happened is that the rubber insert from a starter was stuck to the spinner of a running aircraft. The rubber insert then was ejected from the aircraft and hit the pilot in the area of the left eye. The person that was injured was flying alone and fortunately another club member showed up shortly after the accident to help tend to his injury. Jim also warned about the dangers of moving from flight pad to flight pad especially when there are other pilots nearby flying. This act of pad jumping can potently cause cross talk between transmitters thus possibly loosing control over your aircraft. When flying at Fordham field fly the pads of the active runway. This safe practice allows communication to be heard by all pilots. Also, be polite and don't leave your flight box gear on the pads after your flight.

Newsletter: Ed reported that he had sent out the members filed certificates.

Committee Reports:

Sound Management: Jim Prindle reported he measured his first twin-engine aircraft it measured 88dba. Many other aircraft have been measured and most fall within the 96dba measurement.

Combat Event: Ron reported on the financial aspects of the event. Eleven pilots entered the event. The event was considered

success even in spite of the weather.

Open House: Les personally expressed his gratitude to everyone who helped and participated in the event. Forty-six pilots participated in the event. Of the forty-six pilots, forty-three were members of the RAMS club. Les gave a breakdown of the financial success from the event. Les also volunteered to run the event for the club next year.

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

50/50: The winner was Ron Swift and he donated it to the club.

Old Business: None Reported.

New Business: 4 club fun fly September 3rd: This is a sanctioned event so aircraft will have to go thru a safety inspection and would have to have been flown before the event. Beverages will be available during the day and dinner will be served around 3pm. Just show up and fly. **Jim Prindle** made a motion that the club matches the proceeds that were from the student pilot program from the open house event. There was a second to the motion. The motion was restated to reflect that the club would contribute enough to bring the donation for the Toys for Tots to a level of \$400.00. The floor was open for discussion. The motion was voted on and passed. There was a motion to pay ahead an additional year of the mortgage for Macedon field. The motion was seconded. The floor was open for discussion. This would bring the payoff date to the year 2004. The motion passed. There was a motion to pay the rent for Fordham field. There was a second. The floor was open for discussion. The motion passed. **RAMS T-shirts:** Bill Mckee reported pricing for t-shirts. He stated he could get 100 shirts for about five dollars each with a one-time

screen charge of \$90.00. V-neck shirts are priced at \$7.72 each. The consensus was to hold off on the purchase until we are sure of the financial details. **Event calendar for 2001:** January 1,2000-Freeze-in: March Festival of ideas at Brighton High School: April/May Mall Show at East view Mall: May combat event at Macedon Field: June Fly with the board: July combat event at the Macedon field: July 29,30 Open House at Macedon field: August 18 fun fly at Fordham field: October Fly with the board: November 25th, , auction. Les Mayo was talking with members form the other clubs and some interest was generated in a multi-club air show. Les is looking for volunteers to be a member of a team to work on the details of the event.

Announcements: The next board meeting is going to be at Rod Curtis' house on September 13th at 7pm. The next Rams regular business meeting will be on September 27th at the Church of the Holly Sprit. The program will be giant scale aircraft. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by

RAMS Secretary, *Jim* Ciotuszynski Jr.

RAMS Board of Directors Meeting **September 13, 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 Curtuse, 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 was 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 renegotiations 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 3rd. 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).

RAMS Memorial Book

Bring Photos and Names

*****Scanner will be available at September's Meeting*****

Please bring your photos that you would like to submit for inclusion in the RAMS Memorial Book. Ron Swift will again provide the computer and scanner to digitize your photos. A special thanks goes out to Ron and to the members who brought out some excellent photos and other memorabilia to our August meeting. We will scan photos at the meeting or you can leave them with

Paul Spara, who will return them to you. Thanks for you input.

Respectfully submitted by

RAMS Vice-President Paul Spara

REMINDER

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE :

If you are interested in rubber band & small electric airplane models come to the XEROX Gym for an afternoon of flying fun. Dates will be:

Dec. 9, 2000

Jan. 9, 2001

Feb. 10, 2001

Mar 10, 2001

Time : 1:00 - 5:00 pm