

# The RAMS HORN

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*Time & Date of this month's meeting:*

Wednesday November 29, 2000

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

at : **CHURCH of the HOLY SPIRIT**

**Hatch & Plank Roads, Webster**

**PROGRAM: Pot Luck!**

<http://www.rcplane.com>

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for showing up at our last meeting. It was nice to be able to complete the club business.

At our Macedon field, Dave Foehner is working on filling in the center most area, where the NE and NW extensions meet the main runway. The cost estimate Don Geldof got from Dave for accomplishing the work is \$1500.00. More info will be given at our meeting.

The planning for the auction is still going on. The auction starts at 10:00 AM at the Church of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, November 25. We will need some

help to run the auction. A few of us are arriving at 9:00 AM to set up the public address system, the concession area and the greeting table.

The auction has been a lot of fun for many of us over the past years. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and allow our out-of-town guests to attend.

We still need some club members to fill the currently vacant club officer positions. These include President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Field Director for Fordham Field, and Secretary. Bob Herden has accepted the job of Programs Director for 2001. See his note contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Andres Rodriguez has coordinated with Tom McCoy for obtaining the toys to donate to the Marine's Toys for Tots program. With all of the donation funds, 80 gifts were purchased. Many thanks to all of the club members who helped with the donation flight program and especially thanks to Andres and Tom for taking care of gifts for the kids.

Our web address has been renewed for another two years and is registered with Network Solutions. The renewal is good until October 7, 2002. This effectively reserves the **RCPLANE.COM** for the club. You may have noticed a few changes to our site. Hopefully the information is easier to navigate to and is more focused toward visitors. A new area of our site will be developed to provide "club member only" information. In the members area will be a capability to submit pictures and articles for the newsletter and the web site, and member's contact information (for those who approve).

We did receive a check for the gravel pit operation. Bob Burkwit also removed over 30 55- gallon drums and other metal scrap that we inherited with the property when we bought it. The removal cost the club over \$500. Bob deducted the removal fees from the amount we were owed.

Don Geldof has arranged for our indoor flight program at the Xerox Gym. The information is on our web site along with a map to the gym. Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> is the first date, from 1:00 until 5:00 PM. The cost is \$3.00 per pilot.

I've got one more of these president's messages to write, then hopefully you will read the next president's thoughts, instead of a blank space. It is healthy for the club to rotate leadership. I will enjoy the creativity of contributing to the club as the newsletter editor. Ed has done a great job over the past three years, but like myself, it is time to move on.

See you at the RAMS events,

Ron

## GRASS CUTTING REMINDER

Due to the cold and winter season, we will no longer be mowing the fields. However, we fly all season long...Plowing of the access road at Macedon will occur as needed. Fordham field will close when we can no longer drive in. Make sure not to fuel your plane, nor open the fuel containers in the shelter.

The frequency board is now located in the shelter at Macedon and uses pins. The normal frequency board is still in use at Fordham field. Dress warm and bring a flying buddy.

We do not have commercial trash pick up at either

flying field and both portalets have been picked up for the season. Take your trash with you. If you don't, another 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](#)

Link to the event calendar

[2000 RAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS](#)

Link to the current board of director information

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

## INFO NOTE :

If anyone wants to submit information for our 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 can be sent to :

( **EDMSKI@AOL.COM** ) or a snail mail a floppy version (not having to retype everything is appreciated). Accepted articles will be put in the newsletter as soon as space permits.

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the **RAMS** Newsletter and not a hard copy in the mail go to the our web page and download/print it. Copies of the Newsletters from 1996 are kept on the **RAMS** web site at <http://www.rcplane.com/> Let me know and I'll stop sending the hard copy. This will reduce the mail cost.

**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP**

**DIRECTOR**

The new 2001 membership cards are now ready for distribution. If you are a newer member renewing for your 2nd year, you are required to purchase Field Certificates as required in the By Laws. If you do not wish to purchase (at least 1) I am required to withhold your membership card making you not eligible to fly. If you are in your 2nd year and have not purchased Field Certificates (per By-Law requirements) I have no choice but to hold back your 2001 card until you have satisfied all of the membership requirements.

For those members who wish to become Associate Members as set forth in the By-Laws, please be sure to indicate your choice on the membership renewal form. Cost is \$15.00 per year.

I would like ALL renewing members to please indicate on their renewal form the year that they first joined the RAMS. This information will assist in future information on club membership as needed by the BOD or AMA.

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**

**38 Wyndover Road**

**Rochester, NY 14616**

# **RAMS** Regular Business Meeting

**October 25, 2000**

President Ron Swift called the meeting to order at 7:10. The club officers were introduced. First time visitors where introduced: Jerry O'Dell, and Kevin Ryan. A motion was made to approve the September 2000 minutes. Motion passed.

## **Officer Reports:**

**Club Memorial:** **Paul Spara** is still looking for photos and names for the memorial. Contact Paul for more information.

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

**Field Directors:** **Rod Curtis** reported that the walls where up on the shelter. He was also planning to fertilize the runway. Rod will leave two tables out for the winter months flyers. He asked people not to re-fuel aircraft inside the pavilion. Snow plowing has been locked in for the snow season. **Fordham Field Bob Abbot** reported that Fordham field was in good shape and that it possibly need to be mowed. There where comments about how rough the road was. Ron stated he would talk to Bob about the road condition.

**Membership:** Dixon Smith reported that there where 140 members, 126 senior with 14 junior members.

**Safety:** Jim Prindle reported that there were no new safety issues.

**Newsletter:** Ed reported nothing new.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Auction 2000:** Ron is also looking for volunteers to help at the event. Contact Ron Swift if you are willing to help. There will be a flea market from the opening of the doors until about noon. Then the remaining items will be auctioned off.

**50/50:** The winner was Dan Wagner.

**Old Business: RealFlight Simulator:** People expressed their experiences with the computer simulation program. All comments where positive.

**Associate Member program:** The floor was opened to questions and comments. There was some explanation of when an Associate Member would be able to fly. The only time would be at an AMA sanctioned event. There was a motion to move to the question. There was a seconded. The Associate member program motion passed.

**Officer Elections:** Nominations where open to the floor. There was a motion to close the nominations. There was a seconded. The following persons where elected to the 2001 board: **Secretary:** Jim Ciotuszynski, **Membership:** Dixon Smith, **Librarian:** Dave Redden, **Newsletter:** Ron Swift, **Field Directors:** **Macedon:** Rudy Steiner. **Safety:** Dennis Ekwortzel. **Program Director:** Bob Herden. There are still openings for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Field Director.

**New Business: Jim Prindle** found out that HiTech is giving money to clubs for field development. He volunteered to gather the information to submit an application on behalf of the RAMS. **Bob O'Neil** stated that he was getting requests about the Science Olympiads competition. Bob is looking for volunteers to help with the school competition. This involves meeting with students at the schools one day a week. If you are interested in the event, contact Bob O'Neil. **Ron Swift** stated that he got a call form Brook about the Festival of Ideas. This event is scheduled for March 3, 2001. Ron made a motion for the club to participate and purchase the gliders for this event. There was a seconded. The motion passed.

**Announcements:** The next board meeting is going to be at Jim Prindle's house on November 15 at 7pm. The next Rams regular business meeting will be on November 29 at the Church of the Holly Sprit. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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

**RAMS** Board of Directors Meeting **November 15, 2000**

President Ron Swift called the meeting to order at 7:10Pm. Those in attendance were: Jim Ciotuszynski, Ron Swift, Alex Antonelli, Ed Markowski, Rod Curtise, Dix Smith and Jim Prindle.

**Toys-for-Tots:** With all of the donations there will be toys for about 80 children.

**Program changes:** Bob Herden had a list of ideas for making the program portion of the meeting much more appealing to the RAMS. Some suggestions where to start the meeting on time and keeping the business end of things focused.

**Goals in review:** Ron Swift read a document from the beginning of the year about goals he had for the club. The goals where meet and most times exceeded all expectations.

**Associate Member:** Dixon has a card made up, and is working on a modification to the membership application. The by-laws will also be modified to reflect the new category of membership.

**BOD 2000:** Jim Ciotuszynski has had to withdraw from being secretary for the 2001 season. There are still openings for President, Vice President, Treasure, field director for Fordham and Secretary. The board is working hard in recruiting people for these offices. If you are interested, please contact any current member of the 2000 board.

**Gravel Pit:** The club has been paid from Bob Burkwit. There was a deduction from the total amount for the cleanup of the gravel pit. The town zoning board visited the property in October and they found some items that had to be done to the property in order to renew the clubs special use permit. Items include: sloping of some banks, the placement of some signs, and the removal of the pallets. The property will be re-inspected on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Indoor flight:** The event is scheduled for December 9, 1 to 5pm. There will be a \$3.00 charge per flyer. For a map and more information, see the RAMS web site at <http://www.rcplane.com>.

**Web site updates:** Ron Swift is planning on some new areas for the web site. A plan is for a members only area and a FTP area for newsletter and photo submissions.

**Auction 2000:** Ron is looking for volunteers to assist as gofers and auctioneers.

**Field Development:** The work has begun at the Macedon field for the K-runway fill in.

**Around the table:** Rod Curtise reported that the field is ready for winter. There are two tables for people to use to get their aircraft flight ready. The frequency board has been moved inside the pavilion. **No refueling or engine starts in the pavilion.** Rod was going to put markers on the snow fence just in case the snow gets a little deep and covers up the fences. **Alex Antonelli** passed out the budget statement for review. He also stated that the port-o-johns where scheduled for pickup and where removed from both fields. **Jim Prindle**

suggested that the field rules should be posted at each field. **Dixon Smith** reported that there were seven members for the year 2001.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by

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

## **A NOTE ABOUT PROGRAMS**

At our October meeting I volunteered conditionally to be Program Director for the year 2001. I then invited members of the Board to my house on Nov. 8 to discuss related issues.

Members Ron Swift, Alex Antonelli, Dixon Smith and Jim Prindle showed up for the discussion. Their accumulated experience and comments were illuminating to say the least.

There seems no doubt on their part or that of any other member I have talked to - that quality programs are crucial to a good turnout and successful meetings. It certainly has to be said that we have had some very good programs in days past. My primary concern has been time table disruptions which prolong the business meeting or delay in any way the start of the speakers program.

An agreed goal is to start meetings at 7 o'clock on time and to begin the program portion no later than 8:15. Meetings should conclude by 9 p.m. Ways of accomplishing this were discussed. These will be of interest to incoming BOD members. I am now confident that program speakers will get the consideration they deserve and look forward to setting up programs for the next year.

Respectfully submitted by

Bob Herden

## **MEMBERSHIP REMINDER**

We still have a supply of **RAMS** logo patches ( \$3.50 ) and **RAMS** Logo Tee shirts available ( \$ 7.50 ) ( sizes extra-larges).

# REMINDER

## ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE :

If you are interested in flying rubber band & small electric airplane models come to the XEROX Gym building 337 just West of Phillips Road on Micheldean Parkway (see the web site for a map) for an afternoon of flying fun. Cost is \$3.00 per person each day. Dates will be:

Dec. 9, 2000

Jan. 9, 2001

Feb. 10, 2001

Mar 10, 2001

Time : 1:00 - 5:00 pm



Let the building season begin!

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Make offer.

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This engine test stand, is from [PSP](#)

[Manufacturing](#). The kit was ordered from the Internet. It can handle a wide variety of engines and is a high quality, strong unit. The throttle control cable and position lock are a nice feature. The tank mount is rugged and simple. A review appears in the engine section of the RAMS web site.

It costs more than the wood and cast powdered metal styles that are available, but this unit can handle a wider range of engines.



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