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Notes from the Editor

The RAMS newsletter will have a new look. It is hoped that all the club news will fit on a 2 sided 8 ½" X 11" piece of paper. The newsletter on the web page may continue to be more elaborate with photo and articles but because of the cost of printing and postage this document will be greatly reduced in content. It is imperative that any club members who owns a computer and can access the Internet obtain their newsletter from the club's web page to reduce cost to the club that could be better spent on the flying fields.

The cost to publish 151 newsletters to the entire club with 49 extras for the hobby shops in the area the cost is as follows: Printing - \$13.00, folding - \$3.00, envelopes - \$1.47, postage - \$52.85 for a total of \$70.32. Therefore based on 12 issues and assuming that a 1 page newsletter will be sufficient to inform the club members of all the news each month the cost for the year is estimated to be **\$843.84**. This equates to 9.376 members having to join the club to pay for this service. I believe that those who do not have a computer or Internet access should get a hard copy, but the money could be better spent by using the Internet and saving the cost of publishing and mailing for those that have access to the Internet.

PLEASE NOTE: If I do not receive conformation by phone @ 585 266 8567 or mail @ 200 Hillview Drive Roch. NY 14622, that you need a hard copy of the news letter each month, I will assume you have a way of obtaining a copy or an e-mail copy and I will not be sending any further hard copies to your address.

Alex Antonelli Webmaster/Newsletter Editor.

NEXT MEETING OF THE RAMS WILL BE AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH AT 7:00 PM NOVEMBER 28, 2001 PLEASE ATTEND TO HELP NOMINATE SOMEONE WITHIN THE CLUB FOR THE REMAINING OFFICES OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER AND SECRETARY. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO OPERATE AN ORGANIZATION THE SIZE OF THE RAMS WITHOUT THESE POSITIONS. THE PRESENT OFFICERS WILL NOT BE SERVING FOR YEAR 2002.

November President's Letter

During the October meeting I asked again for nominations to fill a number of positions in the board of directors. Again the response was a very loud silence. Perhaps we should rethink the way the club is managed. The current model is based on the following assumptions:

1. The members want to have access to a place or places to fly their models.
2. The members want the cost of membership to be as low as possible.
3. Members will volunteer to perform the different leadership tasks needed to run the club.
4. The volunteer work is fairly distributed.

So far, 1 and 2 remain true. But too many people like to sit back and watch others carry the load. Perhaps we need to review assumptions 3 and 4 mentioned above. There are recreational organizations where the members simply enjoy the facilities and are not expected to do anything other than that. Imagine that someone keeps the grass in perfect shape. An accountant takes care of paying rent, taxes, balancing the bank accounts, etc. Another person handles all the paperwork related to membership dues and applications. We could have all that. All we have to do is operate the RAMS as so many country clubs do around the world. The problem is that country club memberships fees are a **bit** higher than ours.

I was approached with the idea that board members should be compensated for their efforts. That way people will be willing to take on the task of running the club. Fine, how about 200 dollars for each board position? That translates into a membership increase of 25 to 30 dollars. That may sound outrageous but if the membership as a whole continues to take for granted the work of a few, that may be the only way to continue to have a functioning club.

Next month, when I write my last letter as president, I hope that I can congratulate the new board members.

On a different front, Bud Seaberg and Ron Monroe collected the items donated from John Mitchell state and cleaned the soot from a fire at John's home. Jim McCarty spent hours cleaning the engines and arranging the items so they could be sold. Jim also took photos and placed the unsold items on the Ebay auction. Thanks to the efforts of these members the club raise approximately \$1000. We owe them a big thank you for their efforts.

Non illegitimi carborundum est

Andrés Rodríguez

of Webster. Sanford Street is the first right at the light heading south from the Village on South Avenue or RT 250. This is a large facility that will accommodate both our meeting and auction requirements. I am in the process of finalizing the agreement for the facility and hope to have our first meeting there on **Tuesday, January 29, 2002**. Tentatively, going forward the RAMS meetings will be held on the **last Tuesday** of each month. In addition, I have requested the hall for **Saturday, October 26, 2002 for the Annual Auction.**

RAMS Shirts:

The club still has a limited number of RAMS shirts available in various sizes for those wishing to purchase them. See Jim at the November meeting.

PROGRAM

The program will be a presentation by Ed. Keck who is a world class free flight pilot in the F1C class. Ed will discuss setup and trimming of free flight planes. In addition Ed will speak about something of interest to all RC fliers. You will have to attend to see what could be of interest to us RC's.

Upcoming Events

- December meeting - Church of the Holy Spirit
Wednesday, December 26, 2001
- January Freeze-In at Macedon Field Tuesday, January 1, 2002
- Awards Banquet - Webster Fireman's Hall Tuesday
January 29, 2002

(signature is required for membership)

*Senior members are required to purchase one Field Certificate per year (due with membership dues) until a total of five (5) are obtained. The cost is \$75.00 per certificate. The total requirement of five may be purchased at one time at a cost of \$350.00 (a savings of \$125.00). If a senior member leaves the club there is a redemption mechanism available for reimbursement of the original purchase cost of the Field Certificates. For more information, contact the Membership Director, Dixon Smith (716) 663-8752.

In Person: Bring your completed application with current AMA membership card and appropriate fee to the Membership Director at any club meeting.

By Mail: Complete the form above and send a copy of AMA membership and appropriate fee. Make checks payable to:

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