



2006 RAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THE RAMS May 30, MEETING - at the Webster Volunteer Firemen's Building, Sanford Street, Webster, NY 7:00 PM—9:00PM

CALENDAR OF BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR 2006

RAMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE (TUESDAYS)

May 30	June 27	July 25	Aug. 29	Sept. 26	Oct. 24	Nov. 13
	Dec. 19					

BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

June 12	July 10	Aug. 14,	Sept. 11	Oct. 9	Nov.13	Dec. 4
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2006 EVENTS

Finger Lakes Air Pirates	June 4
Batavia RC Club Fun-Fly	June 3 - 4
Ray Edmunds Memorial Fun Fly (RCCR)	June 24 - 25
RAMS Open House Fun-Fly	July 22 - 23
Sky Rovers fly-in	July 29 - 30
Great Electric Fun Fly (RCCR)	August 19 - 20
Northeast Helicopter Jamboree	Aug 25 - 27

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Alex Antonelli

Program: The program for May is "Andres Rodriguez on Field Safety and etiquette."

New Pilot Training: RAMS Members -- Due to instructor availability, the training take place at the MACEDON field Wednesdays (weather permitting). We will use the Macedon field as the weekly training site until further notice. You will need to use your own judgement regarding weather. Our airplanes (and pilots) don't function well in rain, and winds over 10 mph are difficult for beginners to fly in. Have fun, AL BENSLEY

New Safety Directors at Fordham Field: Tom Strickland and Tom Starsmore have volunteered to be Co-safety directors at Fordham field.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Al Bensley

I'm writing this letter at about 10 AM on Sunday the 21st of May. The weather today has not been great with wind and rain this morning and forecasted wind gusts to 40 mph this afternoon. I ran the Lilac 5K race this morning and plan to play in a charity golf tournament in the afternoon. I run and golf at about the same skill level that I fly RC planes so I've come to the conclusion that in weather like this, running and golfing are a heck of a lot cheaper.

We still need a lot of volunteers for our Model Airplane Show and Helicopter Jamboree this summer. As CD for the Model Airplane Show I have sent a note to those who volunteered last year to help again this year. I hope to get experienced people in each of the activities (impound, put up/take down, raffle, flight line, safety inspection, etc.) and then fill in with other volunteers so everyone can fly in the event if they so desire. As I mentioned in the last letter, Larry Clarke will manage the food concession. So please let me know via telephone, e-mail, or at the next meeting if you are willing to help.

My schedule for recruiting volunteers is the following:

May – I ask

June – I plead

July – I beg

Remember two things, (1) the success of these events is totally dependent on volunteers and (2) I don't like to beg. I expect that, as always happened in the past, our membership will step forward and we will have two very successful events.

That's about it for this month. Have fun at the flying fields.

Happy Landings

May 1, 2006 RAMS SPECIAL BOD Meeting Minutes

Jake Kirsch

A special BOD meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Al Bensley.

Attendees:

[X] Al Bensley (President)

[X] John Powers (Vice President)

[X] Jacob Kirsch (Secretary)

[] John Coughaine (Treasurer)

[X] Larry Clarke (Membership Director)

[X] Tom Starsmore (Community Affairs Director)

[X] John Dennis (Macedon Safety Director)

[X] Alex Antonelli (Newsletter Editor)

[X] Rod Curtis (Macedon Field Director)

[X] Ray Stacy (Program Director)

Minutes:

A special BOD meeting was called by President Al Bensley to address a safety issue at Fordham Field.

A motion was made as follows: The RAMS Board of Directors has accepted Jud Smith's resignation as Safety Director of Fordham Field. As a result of the safety violation and for being insubordinate to the safety director, Bob Engle is to be placed on probation for a period of one year and any violation of the RAMS' rules will result in expulsion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

MAY BOD MEETING MINUTES

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[] (Ontario Safety Director)

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[X] Larry Clarke (Ontario Field Director)

[] Ray Stacy (Program Director)

[X] Alex Antonelli (Newsletter Editor)

[] Bob Abbott (Librarian)

Business:

- The April 2006 BOD minutes were approved.
- Open House update:
 - o Looking for volunteers
 - o Fund raisers to be used for Macedon related charity

- Ontario Safety Director position needs to be filled
- Progress update with Macedon survey
- Flight instruction: notification regarding status to be sent to membership regarding instructor availability and location by Al Bensley
- Fordham Field update: impound close to completion; battery and solar panel being added
- E-cubed Fair at RIT was successful; several pamphlets distributed
- Suggestion to add information on application renewal regarding implications of not abiding by the AMA guidelines.

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The April meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Al Bensley.

Number of Members Present: 14

Guests: Richard Fry was voted into the club. Welcome!

Business:

- The March 2006 membership meeting minutes were approved.
- Still need volunteer for coffee/donuts
- Fordham Field improvements are making progress
- Fuel order
- Treasurer report: need to start thinking about strategy for reserve funds
 - o Another gravel royalty check received
 - o Rent for field at Macedon paid

SHOW & TELL:

- Tom McCoy: 1/5 scale ME109 ARF from Kondor Model Products powered by Saito 1.80; aprx 10.5 lbs when finished
- Bob Herdon: "Swoose" (half swan, half goose) float plane; appeared only as a model, and first as a free flight model in 1930s; converted to RC by Nick Zirolini in the 1940s
- Fred Bertoni: kit built glider with air brakes and an Ultimate biplane powered by an OS 4-stroke 1.10 built from a Goldberg kit.
- Dave Ottney: Laag 3 foam built from "peanut" scale plans; 17 oz with battery
- Jud Smith: P47 "Jug" Hangar 9 ARF powered by a Fuji 32; 9 channels (using multiple channels matched in the JR 9303 transmitter) and 10 servos; 15-16 lbs.
- Mike Pence: Mig 3 built from foam using "conventional" methods (formers); AUW 16 oz.





Upper left- Tom McCoy: 1/5 scale ME109 ARF
 Upper Center left – Fred Bertoni: kit built glider
 Upper Center right – Dave Ottney: Laag 3 foam
 Upper Right – Jud Smith: P47 “Jug” Hangar 9 ARF
 Center Left – Mike Pence: Mig 3
 Lower Left - Fred Bertoni: Ultimate biplane
 Lower Right - Bob Herdon: “Swoose”



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Larry Clarke

Larry Clarke reported there are 160 members consisting of 137 Sr. & 23 Jr. members who paid their 2006 dues.

E Cubed event at RIT

Alex Antonelli

The RAMS participated in the E Cubed event at RIT again this year. The members who graciously gave of their time were: Lee Bull, Rod Curtus, Dave Ottnet and Tom Starsmore. Thanks Guys for representing the RAMS in this worthwhile event.



PICTURE OF THE MONTH



I THINK THEY CALL THIS "SHORT ROLL TAKE-OFF". KINDA CLOSE I'D SAY...

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