



## 2006 RAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## **AMA CHAPTER 468 CHARTERED IN 1971**

**AMA Gold Leader Club for 12years since its inception in 1993**

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**THE RAMS OCTOBER 24, MEETING - at the Webster Volunteer Firemen's Building, Sanford Street, Webster, NY 7:00 PM—9:00PM. Visitors are welcome**

## **CALENDAR OF BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR 2006**

### **RAMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE (TUESDAYS)**

**Oct. 24      Nov. 28      Dec. 19**

### **BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)**

**Nov.13      Dec. 4**

## **2006 EVENTS**

- All the scheduled events for 2006 have occurred. Take any chance you have to continue to fly before the snow flies.
- Don't forget that the January banquet is scheduled for the January meeting. It is also the awards night. Tom Starsmore is investigating a new place to hold it next year because the place where we held it for the last 2 years has closed in Irondequoit.

## **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

Alex Antonelli

**Program: The program for the October meeting will be a monokote demo by Ron Monroe**

## **A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The following motion was made, seconded, and discussed at the September 26, 2006 membership meeting. We decided to vote on this motion using a

secret ballot process at the October, 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Note that discussion has ended and only voting will occur at that meeting.

**“In recognition of the job requirements of the Field Directors, the RAMS will reimburse these directors for the following expenses:**

- 1. Annual club dues**
  - 2. Personal gasoline – up to \$200 annually (receipts are required)**
- Effective beginning 2007.”**

The following are the nominees for the RAMS 2007 Board of Directors. Since there are no positions where a runoff is necessary, a motion will be made at the October membership meeting to elect all nominees as shown. No secret ballot will be required.

President*:	Al Bensley
Vice President*:	Ray Stacy
Treasurer*:	John Coushaine
Secretary*:	Jake Kirsch
Ontario Field Director:	Larry Clarke
Ontario Safety Director:	Dave Ottney
Macedon Field Director:	Rod Curtis
Macedon Safety Director:	Dave Playfair
Membership Director:	Jose Soler
Program Director:	John Dennis
Community Affairs Director:	Tom Starsmore
Newsletter Director:	Alex Antonelli

\* Officer

If you are interested in serving on the BOD, please let us know. You can nominate yourself or be nominated by someone else. Election will be held at the October meeting [John Powers is looking for good and current R/C related photos to put on the website. We have almost none from this year. Send any photos you would like him to consider to \[jpowers3@rochester.rr.com\]\(mailto:jpowers3@rochester.rr.com\).](#)



**Thanks Ray for the great presentation and Coagulations to Kyle.**



# President's Letter

Al Bensley

If you read my letter in the last edition of the newsletter, you probably concluded that I would try to fly my Aresti this season. Well, I did. As planned Dennis Ekwortzell flew it first, getting it trimmed up and ready for my novice skills. I managed a couple successful flights that day but quit when the crosswind was above my comfort zone. The next time out the day was perfect. There was about a 10mph wind from the west and it was steady. Better to land as the ground speed is reduced significantly. After about four flights and many practice landings, I was getting to feel confident that I could fly this plane. On the next flight, I did some rolls, inverted flight, and a couple stall turns. Everything was going well. I decided to do a controlled spin (which I've done before). I took the plane up high so I could recover well above the ground. The spin went well and I pulled out flying to the east. As I was headed toward the trees I rolled into a fairly sharp right turn. THEN, WOW!! The plane snapped to the left, went into a spin, and crashed in the cornfield. During the spin I tried to recover but I had no control of the plane. My first reaction was that there was a radio problem, but after I found the plane we determined that wasn't the issue. Jim Prindle, who watched the whole episode, had the best diagnosis of what happened. He explained that when I pulled out of the original spin the plane's airspeed was low and when I banked it sharply, it caused a wing tip stall resulting in the spin/crash. There is a lesson in here for all of us new/novice pilots. When flying in windy conditions, ALWAYS be aware of your AIRSPEED, especially when flying downwind. That was my mistake. After pulling out of the spin I was headed downwind and from a groundspeed standpoint, the plane looked plenty fast. But it must have been close to stall speed (airspeed) and when I banked it one of the tips stalled resulting in the snap roll and spin.

Anyway, it didn't take me long (luckily) to find the plane in the cornfield. I had sheared part of the wing off, broken the vertical stab, and buried the cowl into the mud. The good news is that the Aresti is currently repaired and ready to go again. I had purchased a spare wing last year (an omen?) so the wing wasn't a problem. I thoroughly cleaned the engine so that's in good shape. I reconstructed the vertical stab and the cowl. Ron Monroe gave me a couple scraps of red and blue MonoKote to patch up the holes. So, the Aresti is ready to fly and I'm a bit smarter. I guess that's the way the learning process is supposed to work.

Let's turn to a little business. The upcoming membership meetings are important for you to attend. At the next meeting in October we will vote on a motion that was discussed at the last meeting. We will also elect the 2007 Board of Directors. Both of these activities are detailed in another section of this newsletter. At the November meeting the BOD will present the proposed 2007 budget for discussion. It will be voted on in December.

It's also that time of year to begin thinking about nominations for the Rubsum Award, Broken Prop Award, and the Junior Award. Input from the membership will be very much appreciated.

That's it for now.

Happy landings.

## OCTOBER BOD MEETING MINUTES

Al Bensley

### Directors present:

Al Bensley  
Ray Stacy  
John Coushaine  
Tom Starsmore  
Larry Clarke  
John Dennis  
Rod Curtis  
Alex Antonelli

### Absent:

John Powers  
Jake Kirsch  
Tom Strickland

1. Meeting was brought to order at 7 PM by Al Bensley
2. Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was approved
3. 2007 budget assumptions were discussed. The detailed budget will be reviewed at the next BOD meeting prior to taking it to the membership in November.
4. The list of 2007 BOD nominees was reviewed. All positions have been filled with no "two hatting". List will be published in the newsletter and voted on at the October membership meeting.
5. Al Bensley is completing the process for the club's GOLD Leadership status for 2007.
6. We will ask the membership for annual award nominees at the October meeting.
7. Tom Starsmore is looking for a location for the Annual Banquet in January.
8. Larry Clarke will look into options for getting the access road to the Ontario field filled and graded.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

# SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The September business meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by president Al Bensley.

Guests: Haley Wheaton

Program: Special presentation

Announcements:

- Dick Fry earned his wings

Business:

- Elections: all positions same as in 2006 except the following nominations:
  - o Ray Stacy for Vice President
  - o Dave Ottney for Fordham Safety Director
  - o John Dennis for Program Director
- Budget process for 2007 was discussed
- BOD approved an application of chemicals and fertilizers to improve the runways at Fordham and Macedon fields
- John Powers has requested pictures to be put on the website
- Minutes for the August meeting were approved
- Motion for recognition of Field Director positions was made and seconded:
  - o In recognition of the job requirements of the Field Directors, the RAMS will reimburse these directors for the following expenses:
    - Annual club dues
    - Personal gasoline: up to \$200 annually (receipts are required)
  - o This motion will be effective in 2007 and added to the bylaws
  - o Proposed amendment to pay \$200 to Field Directors without need for receipts and no club dues reimbursements. Proposal was seconded but did not pass when voted upon.
  - o Motion that this issue be tabled until the October membership meeting and voted upon via secret ballot; seconded and approved.
- Haley Wheaton was voted into the club; welcome!

## Show-and-Tell:

- Upper left - Dave Ottney showed a 1/12 scale Henschel 129B
- Upper center - Mike Daly showed a \$10 kit profile "Batwing"
- Upper right - Bob Hendrickson showed a Great Planes Big Stick 40
- Lower left - Clay Wheaton showed an all electric Edge 540 Freestyle
- Lower right - Mike Pence showed an all foam JU-52





Dick Fry receiving his solo wings from president Al Bensley.

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT**

Larry Clarke

Larry Clarke reported there are 166 members consisting of 139 Sr. & 27 Jr. members who paid their 2006 dues.

## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



**B1B on takeoff**

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