



2006 RAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THE RAMS NOVEMBER 28 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)

Nov. 28 Dec. 19

2007 Schedule

Jan. 30	Feb. 27	Mar. 27	Apr. 24	May 29	June 26
July 31	Aug. 28	Sep. 25	Oct. 30	Nov. 27	Dec. 18

BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

Dec. 4

2007 Schedule

Jan. 15	Feb. 12	Mar. 12	Apr. 09	May 14	June 11
July 16	Aug. 13	Sep. 10	Oct. 15	Nov. 12	Dec. 03

2007 EVENTS

**Annual Freeze-in
Banquet meeting
Meeting at Macedon Field
Meeting at Fordham Field**

**Jan. 1
Jan. 30
June 26
July 31**

Don't forget that the banquet is scheduled for the January meeting. It is also awards night. Tom Starsmore has booked the Jade Palace in West Webster. Old Ridge Rd. and Gravel Rd. Tues. January 30th 6-9:00 p.m. More info to follow.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Alex Antonelli

- **Program:** The program for the November meeting will be “Making a plane from leftover parts” by Bob Herden.
- **The 2007 membership application is available on the RAMS web page at:** <http://www.rcplane.com/Application2007.pdf> . You can download a copy to print it at home. The BOD wants to remind you that the 2007 dues is due by Dec. 31, 2006 but there is a grace period of up to Feb. 27, 2007. After this date there will be a late fee of \$25.00. As stated in the President’s letter there are NO exceptions to this rule. If you can’t pay your dues prior to the 2/27/07 date, it would be best to pay it early to avoid the late fee.
Note: The application is to be sent to our new membership director, Jose Soler. His address is on the form. Also, the form presupposes that membership will approve the recommended budget and dues as approved by the BOD at the Nov. BOD meeting.
- The RAMS have once again has gotten the “GOLD LEADER CLUB AWARD” from the AMA. We have gotten this award every year since it was started in 1993. We should all be proud, when you look at the number of clubs within the AMA and compare it to the number of clubs that achieve this honor there aren’t that many.

- **The following are the RAMS BOD for 2007**

President*:	Al Bensley	*Officer
Vice President*:	OPEN	
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	

If you are interested in serving as vice president on the BOD, please let Al Bensley know.

PROGRAM



Ron Monroe provided the October program with his presentation on techniques for covering. All members present had a chance to ask Ron many questions on how he does such a good job of covering his models.

President's Letter

Al Bensley

Wow, what crummy weather. The last time I was at the field was when a group of us put the winter panels up on the Macedon pavilion. I didn't bother taking a plane with me that day. Seems like the last few weeks have been inundated with rain and/or wind. On the few days that have been decent I've spent a lot of time doing fall chores around the house. As I look out the window this morning I can see that I need to do at least one more round of leaf gathering. I should have been smart and built my house on a lot with only pine trees. Anyway, I hope that some of you have found time to fly.

Now to some RAMS business items. We have some important meetings coming up. The budget for 2007 will be reviewed at the November meeting. John Coushaine has done another great job in preparing the budget which was reviewed and approved (to take to the membership) at the last BOD meeting. John won't be at the meeting so I will do the review. Per the By-laws, in November we discuss the budget so the BOD can get a sense from the membership regarding any changes that should be made. If there are items that need modification, the BOD will amend the budget at the December BOD meeting and present the final budget for membership approval at the December membership meeting. You should remember that this is an "up or down" vote. We can discuss the budget but it will not be amended prior to the vote. So if you are interested in being part of the process, please attend the meetings!

As you probably know, the Vice President position is currently vacant for 2007. The workload for this job is not high and it's a great spot for a person that wants to understand the BOD function and maybe aspires to be club president in the future. That would be ideal. In any case, if any of you would like to be nominated, let a BOD member know.

The 2007 club membership application/renewal form is now available on the website. Remember that payment is due on January 1st and a late payment fee will be required if the dues are not received by February 27th. We made no exceptions to this rule last year and I don't expect we will this year either. So if you anticipate not being in the area or that there might be a circumstance which makes paying the dues on time difficult, my advice is to pay now. Enough said.

Last and certainly not least, have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING. If you will be traveling, have a safe and enjoyable trip.

Happy Landings.

NOVEMBER BOD MEETING MINUTES

Al Bensley

The November BOD meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by president Al Bensley.

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al Bensley (President)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Powers (Vice President)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Kirsch (Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Coushaine (Treasurer)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Clarke (Membership Director)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Starsmore (Community Affairs Director)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Dennis (Macedon Safety Director)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Strickland (Ontario Safety Director)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rod Curtis (Macedon Field Director)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Clarke (Ontario Field Director)
<input type="checkbox"/> Ray Stacy (Program Director)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Antonelli (Newsletter Editor)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Abbott (Librarian)

Business:

- The October BOD meeting minutes were approved
- Special use permit for Macedon received
- The proposed 2007 Budget was reviewed; BOD voted and approved to submit to membership
- Indoor Flying: outbid for Xerox. Members are welcome to investigate alternatives.
- Vice President office is still vacant; prefer a member who is interested in becoming President.
- A motion was made as follows: In recognition of the job requirements of the Field Directors, the RAMS will reimburse these directors for the following expense: Personal auto/truck mileage traveled in connection with their duties at the rate of 44.5 cents per mile up to a maximum amount of \$250.00 per year. This reimbursement is effective for the year 2007. Field Directors will be required

to keep and submit to the Treasurer an informal log to include date, activity, and mileage. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- A motion was made to hold two meetings at the club's fields (one at each). The motion was seconded and approved. Macedon in June; Fordham in July.
- The Jade Palace has been booked for the banquet on January 30th, 2007.

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

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

Number of Members Present:

Guests: Jim Rohl; wishes to join the club.

Program: Airplane covering techniques by Ron Monroe

Announcements:

- Budget proposal in November meeting. If there is a consensus with the budget, the membership will vote on the budget. This will allow time to prepare membership applications should the dues structure change.
- Approved for Gold Leader status
- Nominations for Rubsum, Broken Prop and Junior Awards can be made to any member of the BOD. The BOD will vote on the nominations at the January 2007 BOD meeting.

Business:

- The September Membership Minutes were approved
- Macedon Field has been fertilized and weed killer applied to prepare it for next year
- Results of the vote to reimbursement of Field Directors
 - o 12 for; 15 against
- Motion made by Jake Kirsch to vote in the 2007 Board of Directors Nominees by show of hands as all positions are uncontested. Motion passed, and the 2007 Board of Directors is as follows:
 - o President*: Al Bensley
 - o Vice President*: unfilled
 - o Treasurer*: John Coushaine
 - o Secretary*: Jake Kirsch
 - o Ontario Field Director: Larry Clarke
 - o Ontario Safety Director: Dave Ottney
 - o Macedon Field Director: Rod Curtis
 - o Macedon Safety Director: Dave Playfair
 - o Membership Director: Jose Soler
 - o Program Director: John Dennis
 - o Community Affairs Director: Tom Starsmore
 - o Newsletter Director: Alex Antonelli
 - o (* denotes officer positions)

Show-and-Tell:

There were no aircraft for S&T this meeting.

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



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