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THE RAMS MARCH 27 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 2007

RAMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE (TUESDAYS)

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

BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

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

2007 CALANDAR OF EVENTS

Canandaigua Chiefs Auction	March 24
Rochester Museum & Science Center	April 10
FLAPS Swap Meet & Auction	April 21
"E cubed" Science Fair – RIT	April 26
Rochester WINGS	May 4-5
Display & flying – Williamson Airport	May 20
JUNIOR AVIATORS" day at Fort Ontario	June 2
<u>RAY EDMUNDS MEMORIAL FUN FLY</u>	June 23 & 24
Meeting at Macedon Field	June 26
RAMS Open House	July 14 & 15
FORT ONTARIO R/C FLY-IN" at Fort Ontario	July 28
Meeting at Fordham Field	July 31
Northeast Helicopter Jamboree	Aug 24 – 26

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Alex Antonelli

The RAMS have been invited to participate in several events this year that are educational in nature.

1. The first event will be held on April 10 at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. It is the week of Spring break from school and the RM&SC is hosting "Trains, Planes and Automobiles" exhibit which we have been asked to place some equipment on display. It is a week long event and they would like to have someone from the club there every day during the week long event. If you would like to represent the club on any day please contact Tom Starsmore for details. You will have to be there with your equipment from 10:00 AM until 4 PM to watch your display. It would help to have a buddy along to allow for breaks.
2. The second event will be on April 22 at RIT it is the annual "E³" Engineering and Technology Fair. This year's Fair will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2007, from 10 am to 2 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Clark Gymnasium of the Rochester Institute of Technology. Again if you want to attend the morning or evening session please contact Tom Starsmore for more information and a note to show RIT security to access the Gym to off-load and pick up your equipment at the end of the event. Parking near the gym has also been arranged.
3. On May 20th the RAMS have been invited to participate in the annual "Fly-IN Breakfast" at the Williamson airport. We have been asked to provide a static display as well as possibility providing a flying demonstration (weather permitting). Tom informed me that the display will be in a hanger at the airport. Again contact Tom Starsmore if you would like to participate in this event.

March Program

John Dennis

The March meeting program will be MODEL ROCKETRY presented by Dave Riedel.

President's Letter

Al Bensley

Due to the fact that I'm late getting this letter to Alex for the newsletter, I'll keep it short and to the point. There are a few topics I want to review with the membership.

First is the proposed dues and fees structure. It is printed in this newsletter and will be voted on at the March membership meeting on the 27th. I believe a change like this is necessary for our club to be more aligned with other clubs in our area and also reflects the changing nature of our hobby. At the meeting I will go through the proposal in detail and then explain the rationale before opening up for discussion and voting. Anyone who has an interest in this important subject should attend the meeting.

Next is the budget. As you may recall, the income projected for membership dues was based on an estimate of 140 senior members. Last year at this time we had 130 seniors which grew to 139 at yearend. To date we have 108 senior members. The math is simple. We are 32 members short of our budget projection and 22 less than where we were last year. Our challenge is obvious. To balance the budget, we will have to cut all unnecessary expenditures, use some of our "reserve" money, or make up the income in other ways (recruit more new members, etc.). I don't want to overreact at this time but we should not ignore the situation because it's early in the year. We should be making plans on how to correct it. What I do want to squelch is the notion that "if it's in the budget, we can spend it". Only the Field Directors and the Contest Directors have discretionary budgets that they control. **ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES NEED TO BE PREAPPROVED BY THE BOD.** This has always been the club's policy, but I believe it needs to be reinforced now. My personal opinion is that we will find a way to deal with this income gap and allow us to fund all the activities that the budget outlined. Enough about the budget. As always your creative thoughts are very welcome.

And last is an update on the Flight Training Program. We have two volunteers who are currently qualified flight instructors and a couple more members have volunteered to be preflight/setup instructors. Also, Dennis Ekwortzell has volunteered to be "Trainer of trainers". He will be training potential flight instructors. So if you are a competent flyer, but need some experience with the training process, Dennis will help you become a qualified instructor. We hope this process will create a larger pool of instructors. Again, **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** for this program. Please let a BOD member know if you are interested. As I have stated before, this program is essential in our efforts to retain our new members.

We are planning what should be a very interesting and informative program at the March meeting. Dave Riedel, et al, will give us a presentation on Model Rocketry. I hope to see many of you there.

Happy Landings

In order to attract new members to the RAMS the BOD is presenting the following proposal to the membership for discussion and approval.

DUES AND FEES SCHEDULE

Al Bensley

Definitions:

- 1. Senior – 19 or older on application date**
- 2. Junior – 18 or younger on application date**
- 3. Student – Full-time student on application date**
- 4. Associate – as defined in the RAMS by-laws**
- 5. New Member - A person who has never been a member**
- 6. Returning Member – A person who has been a member in the past, but not in the previous three calendar years**
- 7. Renewing Member - A person who is a current member or has been a member in the previous three calendar years**

The following dues and fees schedule is subject to the guidelines set forth in Article 4 of “The By-laws of the Rochester AeroModeling Society”.

Annual dues and fees:

- 1. Initiation fees for all classifications are waived.**
- 2. Senior:**
 - a. \$60.00 for New members**
 - b. \$95.00 for Renewing or Returning members**
- 3. Junior and Student: \$10.00**
- 4. Associate: \$15.00**
- 5. Late fee: \$25.00 (defined in bylaws)**

If approved, the above schedule shall be retroactive for all New 2007 members (initiation fees and partial dues will be refunded).

MARCH BOD MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The March BOD meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by president Al Bensley.

Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al Bensley (President) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Hendrickson (Vice President) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Kirsch (Secretary) | <input type="checkbox"/> John Coughaine (Treasurer) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jose Soler (Membership Director) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Starsmore (Community Affairs Director) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Playfair (Macedon Safety Director) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Ottney (Ontario Safety Director) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rod Curtis (Macedon Field Director) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Clarke (Ontario Field Director) |

[] John Dennis (Program Director)
[] Bob Abbott (Librarian)

[X] Alex Antonelli (Newsletter Editor)

Business:

- The February BOD meeting minutes were approved
- Discussed drop in membership with respect to approved budget.
 - o Currently down 32 Senior members of the anticipated 140 used to create the 2007 budget
 - o Will look into trimming the budget as appropriate to close the budget gap and minimize impact to the club's reserve fund
- Proposal to change the Dues and Fees Schedule (see March Newsletter for proposal); to be voted upon at March Membership meeting
- March meeting program: model rocketry
- Flight Training discussion; continue to need dedicated instructors
- 2007 Northeast Helicopter Jamboree
 - o AMA Sanctioning application has been submitted for the Helicopter Jamboree in August
 - o Scott Gray is the featured pilot
- April 10th – Rochester Museum and Science Center has invited the RAMS for a static display
- April 26th – RIT E-cubed Fair has invited RAMS for a static display

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The February program was presented by Alex Antonelli with much help from Dave Playfield and Dennis Ekwortzell about winter flying. Alex had his 80" Cub ARF set up with BEE GEE floats. These floats are NO good for water flying but are good for flying off snow/ice. Alex also exhibited his radio glove, which completely surrounds the transmitter keeping it and your hands warm while flying. The gloves are available from suppliers, (you have to look for them in the RC magazines).

Dave Playfair represented the heli group. Dave brought a device he made to keep the window on the radio glove raised off your fingers during a flight. Anyone interested in obtaining one of these standoffs should contact Dave. The device replaces the neck strap hook on the radio.

Dennis answered technical questions as to placement of the floats with relationship to the plane's CG and balancing the plane.

During the winter months every Thursday morning a bunch of retirees meet at the Macedon field to fly fixed wing aircraft on floats. Weekend flying appear to be heli flyers doing their thing. All are welcome



Alex with the Cub on floats.



Radio glove

The February business meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by the Secretary Jake Kirsch.

Number of Members Present:

Guests: Russell Waeghe; interested in joining the club

Program: Alex Antonelli discussed flying outdoors in the Winter.

Announcements:

- Indoor at Rochester Armory on March 4th canceled

Business:

- The January Membership Minutes were approved
- "Thank you" from Bill Stauber for the RAMS assistance with the Armory Indoor Flying

Show-and-Tell:

- Bob Herden showed a design by Carl Goldberg Sailplane in construction originally a free flight called Old time gas about 40 size motor ran for 20 to 30 seconds then cut off. Bob converted it to RC to be able to get it back. 78" wing span polyhedral about 40" fuselage. Bob installed a 40 surpass.

Show and Tell



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Jose Soler

Jose Soler reported the membership numbers for 2007 to date are: 108 members consisting of 99 Sr., 7 Jr. and 2 associate member.

WEB MASTER'S REPORT

John Powers

From the webmaster: Just in case you didn't get the note, the RAMS forum is back up under new management. You can get to it from our main page by clicking on the Forum link. Browse and read without registering. By registering you can post and discuss anything you wish with [mostly] other RAMS members (not limited to members). Let me know if you have any trouble. Also, if you are not on our email list and would like to be (or visa-versa) shoot me a note. But, the best way to get on the list is to register yourself through the membership directory. Use the gate combo for a password. jpowers3@rochester.rr.com

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



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