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**AMA CHAPTER 468 CHARTERED IN 1971**

**AMA Gold Leader Club for 13 years since its inception in 1993**

**WEB SITE: WWW.RCPLANE.COM**

**THE RAMS April 24, 2007 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)

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

### BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

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

## 2007 CALANDAR OF EVENTS

<b>"E cubed" Science Fair – RIT</b>	<b>April 26</b>
<b>Rochester WINGS</b>	<b>May 4-5</b>
<b>Display &amp; flying – Williamson Airport</b>	<b>May 20</b>
<b>JUNIOR AVIATORS" day at Fort Ontario</b>	<b>June 2</b>
<b><u>RAY EDMUNDS MEMORIAL FUN FLY</u></b>	<b>June 23 &amp; 24</b>
<b>Meeting at Macedon Field</b>	<b>June 26</b>
<b>RAMS Open House</b>	<b>July 14 &amp; 15</b>
<b>FORT ONTARIO R/C FLY-IN" at Fort Ontario</b>	<b>July 28</b>
<b>Meeting at Fordham Field</b>	<b>July 31</b>
<b>Northeast Helicopter Jamboree</b>	<b>Aug 24 – 26</b>
<b>Interclub Picnic</b>	<b>Sept 9</b>

**\*\*\*RAMS events**

# 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 next event will be the annual "E<sup>3</sup>" 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 the day of the event. Parking near the gym has also been arranged.
2. On May 20<sup>th</sup> 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) of electric helicopters. Tom Starsmore 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.

Bob Hendrickson informed me that RCCR has given him an electric winch setup for launching gliders, here is Bob's comment: " I also wanted to notify the members that we will have an electric glider winch at Macedon field and to contact me if interested at 377-2534. We plan to use this at times when there is minimal activity of powered aircraft."

## April Program

John Dennis

"RC Radios - Five Decades of History" presented by Hugh Howes.

## President's Letter

Al Bensley

I was just watching the Weather Channel on TV. Kind of depressing. The long range forecast calls for more of the same snow/rain, wind, and cold that we're experiencing today (Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>). With luck, I hope we can get out of this weather pattern by the end of next week and we can begin some serious flying then. It may take a few days more for the Ontario field to dry out.

Sometime this weekend, I will update the membership list on the website. The remaining names will be those who are current 2007 members and have been on the list before. Being on the list is voluntary so new members must post their own information. This also applies to the 2006 members who are renewing late. We will update the list once per year. Any changes can be made by the individual members. The process is simple and can be done on the website using the access code to the directory (contact any BOD member if you don't know it) and your AMA number.

I met with the Town of Macedon Assessor on March 25<sup>th</sup>. My purpose was to better understand the basis of our assessment and to explore any potential opportunities for tax reduction. I found the meeting very informative and the assessor was very helpful in explaining our current situation and how we could apply for some tax relief in the future. I won't go into detail here, but I was satisfied the property was accurately described on the assessment rolls (acres of woodland, wetland, wasteland, tillable, etc.). Tax relief can come from two different directions. First is the simple reality that the Macedon tax base is increasing due, in my opinion, to a very progressive town government who have welcomed the likes of Wal-Mart and Lowe's into the community. This effectively spreads the tax burden over a larger base, reducing taxes for many residents and land owners. The second avenue of tax relief requires some work on our part. In summary, we can apply for an agricultural exemption on the acreage that is currently farmed. I believe we can qualify. There are some commitments (ie strings attached) we need to make, but these are reasonable. I will submit the application sometime this summer (deadline is March 1, 2008) and if approved, we would see the results in the fall 2008 school tax bill. The combination of these two activities has to potential of significantly reducing our tax bill and significantly reducing our own budget gap. I'll update you on any progress.

And last, I don't think it's too early to start asking for volunteers for our Model Airplane Show on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. I have volunteered to be Contest Director again this year and I have just received the documents from the AMA sanctioning the event. Larry Clarke has again volunteered to manage the food concession. This is a major undertaking and we should all thank Larry (and his wife Janet) for their continued support. I still need more help in all areas so please contact me or Larry if you're willing to help this year. Remember that this event, combined with the Helicopter Jamboree in August, is critical in trying to balance the 2007 budget. Volunteers are necessary for their success.

That's enough for now.

Happy Landings

# APRIL BOD MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The April BOD meeting was called to order at 7:08 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)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Dennis (Program Director)                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Antonelli (Newsletter Editor)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Abbott (Librarian)                             |  |

## Business:

- The March BOD meeting minutes were approved
- Motion for approval to spend a maximum of \$240 for maintenance of the Macedon Field's improvements (mulch, flowers, etc.). The motion was seconded. The motion was amended to spend a maximum of \$120 at this time due to low membership enrollment. The remaining \$120 will be released if the 140 senior member level is reached, and upon BOD approval. The amendment was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Macedon Assessment evaluation: The BOD will look into tax exemption for agricultural use, and the going rate for rental of the field as it relates to crop yield.
- Discussion around membership
  - o Reimbursement of initiation fees to new members
- April Program: old radios by Hugh Howes
- Bob Hendrickson (VP) will be heading instructor recruitment initiative
  - o Suggestion for an instructor mailing list
- Glider winch donation from Ed Ortman and the RCCR obtained by Bob Hendrickson. Winch will be available for use in the morning (since it requires a cable to be pulled across the runway). Installation is being planned.
- April 26<sup>th</sup> - RIT E-cubed Fair Static Display
- May 20<sup>th</sup> - Williamson Airport Static Display
- Genesee Valley club is sponsor for the Five Club Fun Fly
- Dave Playfair has produced a new tri-fold flyer

# MARCH PROGRAM

John Dennis

The march program was on Model Rocketry. Dave Riedel and members of the MARS club brought many displays of their hobby and explained how their systems work, the rules required to launch the rockets, some of the types of engines used, telemetry and in some cases RC control of the rocket propelled airplanes. Those that presented were:





Thanks go out to: Dave Riedel, John Derimiggio, Nat Kinsey, Chris Prinzi, Krista Prinzi for bringing out their rockets and rocket motors and for putting on a very informative presentation.



## MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The march business meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Al Bensley

**Number of Members Present:**

**Guests:** Doug Kulp and Keith Graves were voted in to the club. Welcome! Russel Weaghe attended as a visitor.

**Program:** Model rocketry by Dave Riedel and the MARS club.

**Announcements:**

- Field repair at Macedon addressed with farmer
- Financial audit completed
- Open House scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> which happens to coincide with the Geneseo Airshow; looking into changing date with AMA.
- Al Bensley (Pres.) will be meeting with the Macedon property assessor to review the taxes for Macedon field with respect to agricultural use and wetland exemptions

**Business:**

- The February Membership Minutes were approved

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to modify the dues and fees schedule as follows:

**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)

## Show and Tell

- Alex Antonelli showed a Harbor Freight digital scale for \$12 (0.1g increments) and his rebuilt scale Ryan YP-16 used as an Army Air Corps trainer
- Bob Hendrickson showed a Horizon Hobbies Twist 3D and his field box setup
- Bob Wyman showed his Hobby Lobby Telemaster Electro with a 6 foot wingspan weighing 5.5 pounds
- Fred Bertoni showed a "Puddlemaster" float plane powered by a brushless electric motor. It features velcro attached pontoons for flying off of land/snow.



Upper left – Bob Hendrickson showed a Horizon Hobbies Twist 3D and his field box setup

Center – Bob Wyman showed his Hobby Lobby Telemaster Electro with a 6 foot wingspan weighing 5.5 pounds

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## NEW STUDENT TRAINING

Bob Hendrickson (VP)

### PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM for 2007

We are planning a vigorous new pilot training program for the 2007season. RAMS will return to the system of assigning a training pilot and making a 'aircraft readiness advisor' available. The Wednesday night open training at Fordham may also continue, that is being discussed. We are trying something new as well: the T Hawk. People interested in flying with the RAMS will be able to fly a durable electric trainer called the T Hawk. From there they can decide if they want to continue by joining up and learning on a traditional trainer. The RAMS also offer a program where several pilots have special permission by the AMA to offer temporary membership to the AMA for 30 plus days for a student to evaluate if they want to get involved with RC flying without having the expense of joining the AMA.

Bob Hendrickson has agreed to be the training coordinator, which means people interested in flying with us can contact him at 377-2534. Dennis Ekwortzell is in charge of 'train the trainer" so contact him if you are willing to serve either formally or informally. Dennis & Bob would also appreciate hearing from people that can serve as aircraft readiness gurus. We are hoping that every member will continue the tradition of mentoring new pilots at the fields, as is so often the case. All of the above also applies to helicopters !/  
Bob & Dennis

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Jose Soler

Jose Soler reported the membership numbers for 2007 to date are: 134 members consisting of 115 Sr., 17 Jr. and 2 associate member.

## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



**“ Firefly”- WW II British Naval fighter**

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