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THE RAMS March 25, 2008 MEETING, MacGregors 1129 Empire Blvd Rochester, NY 7:00 PM—9:00PM. Visitors are welcome

CALENDAR OF BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR 2008

RAMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE (TUESDAYS)

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

BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

Apr. 14	May 12	June 9	July 14	Aug. 11	Sep. 15	Oct. 13
Nov. 10	Dec. 15					

2008 CALANDAR OF EVENTS

Finger Lakes Air Pirates Inc. Swap meet <u>Static Display at RM&SC</u> <u>E³ static Display at RIT</u> <u>Static Display at RM&SC</u> Dick Parshall Float Fly <u>RAMS Fun-fly at Williamson Airport</u> Canandaigua Chiefs E Fly RCCR Ray Edmunds Memorial Fun Fly. GENESEO AIR SHOW Canandaigua Chiefs Air Show IRCHA Jamboree <u>RAMS Open House</u> <u>RAMS Northeast Heli Jamboree</u> Interclub picnic RD – rain date	April 5 <u>April 19</u> <u>April 24</u> <u>May 10</u> May 17 & 18 June 14- RD - 15 June 21 June 28 & 29 July 11-12-13 July 19 & 20 August 14-17 <u>Aug. 23 & 24</u> <u>Aug. 29, 30 & 31</u> ?????????????
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Alex Antonelli

- Please note: The meeting location has changed. There is a conflict with the Webster Firemen's Hall for this month. The meeting will be at MacGregors on Empire Blvd. See attached maps.

- Plans for the Williamson airport fun-fly in June are complete. The folks there enjoyed having the RAMS there last year they have extended an invitation for 2008 as well. More to follow.

MARCH PROGRAM

Andres Rodriguez

AMA President Dave Mathewson will be the program for March. Please attend the meeting and be sure to bring any questions you may have to ask Dave, ie: what the AMA's position is on your subject or what he sees as the future for RC. Don't forget that the meeting is at: MacGregors @ 1129 Empire Blvd. Rochester, NY starting a 7:00 PM.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dave Playfair

The start of daylight saving time is our signal that spring is fast approaching, and the list of winter modeling projects should be nearing completion. *Should* is the key word here... As I look around at my fleet of 8 flying machines, only half are in any sort of airworthy condition. Makes me wonder where all those "cold winter nights" went! On the bright side, there's surely a few days remaining for us all to prepare for the upcoming season.

The BOD has been active in coordinating the 3 fun fly's our club is hosting this year. The Open House and Heli Jamboree will be consecutive weeks at the end of August, and an additional event at the Williamson-Sodus Airport will be held mid June. Please let our contest directors (Andres, Larry Clark, and Jake Kirsch) know what your availability is to help out, as these events are significant to our clubs health. We have also initiated a "free lesson" program to anyone who purchases a qualifying aircraft from Performance Hobbies or Dan's Crafts. A coupon will be awarded with any \$100 or greater kit, inviting the new hobbyist to our fields for help with setup, checkout, and even a mentored flight if they are AMA members.

As you know by now, the March Membership Meeting is being held in a private room upstairs at Macgregor's Tap Room on Empire Blvd. It seems the RAMS meeting schedule for 2008 did not reach the proper hands at the Webster Fire Department, so in addition to crashing Tommy's back room last month, it was already booked for March. We'll see how this location suits us, as it has some benefits over the firemen's hall; there's over 100 types of ice cold beer, there's no setup, take down, or cleaning, the atmosphere has character, it's FREE, and did I mention the beer? I'll be taking an informal survey afterwards to get input from those who attended on their thoughts.

The AMA has started an All-Star program, comprised of a small team of respected and recognized pilots from across the board whose task is to represent the AMA and the sport of model aviation. The distinctive list includes (among others) QuiQue Somenzini, Andrew Jesky, and our own Kyle Stacy! Congratulations Kyle, you'll make a great ambassador to our hobby!

"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it."

-Henry Ford

MARCH BOD MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The March BOD was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Dave Playfair

Attendees:

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| [X] Dave Playfair (President) | [X] Bob Hendrickson (Vice President) |
| [X] Jacob Kirsch (Secretary) | [X] Al Bensley (Treasurer) |
| [X] Jose Soler (Membership Director) | [X] Tom Starsmore (Community Affairs Director) |
| [X] Ray Stacy (Macedon Safety Director) | [X] John Dennis (Ontario Safety Director) |
| [X] Rod Curtis (Macedon Field Director) | [X] Larry Clarke (Ontario Field Director) |

[X] Andres Rodriguez (Program Director)

[X] Alex Antonelli (Newsletter Editor)

[] Carl VanVoorhis (Librarian)

Business:

- The February BOD meeting minutes were approved
- Annual Audit was completed; RAMS passed
- Summer Event Status
 - o Williamson Airport (June 14th)
 1. Sanction and insurance application submitted
 2. Key volunteers have been determined; more are welcome!
 - o Open House (Aug 23 – 34)
 1. Sanction received
 - o Helicopter Jamboree (Aug 29 – 31)
 1. Sanction applied submitted
- Membership Meeting Location
 - o March Membership Meeting will be held at MacGregors on Empire Blvd. (bottom of Irondequoit Bay)
 - o Mis-communication by Webster Fire Department for February membership meeting, and the hall was already reserved for March
 - o BOD to re-evaluate meeting location at April BOD meeting
- Intro Pilot Program progress update – the RAMS would provide local hobby shops a coupon to give to customers for a one-time inspection, test flight and lesson (using a RAMS aircraft) at the Macedon Field
- Indoor Flying at Armory on March 16th from noon - 5 PM

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The February meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by President Dave Playfair at Performance Hobbies

Guests: Curtis Thomas, Phil Nguyen and Patrick Nguyen were all voted into the club; welcome!

Program: Postponed due to inability to get into Webster Fireman's Fire Hall.

Announcements:

- Lifetime Membership was awarded to Ed Van Wagner (write-up in newsletter)
- Kyle Stacy was chosen to be on the AMA All Star Team. AMA All Stars are ambassadors to the general public to promote RC aviation. Congratulations Kyle!
- April 19th and May 10th from 11-4 – RSMC static display (See Tom Starsmore)
- April 24th – E-cubed Fair static display

Business:

- The January Membership Minutes were approved

Show-n-Tell:

- Clay Wheaton showed a Great Planes Reactor. It is an electric biplane that was designed by George Rodriguez and includes a CG stand.

SHOW & TELL



Clay Wheaton with a Great Planes Reactor.

[Ed Man Wagner Life time membership](#)

The name "Ed Van Wagner" has been synonymous with the RAMS for the past 36 years. He is one of the pioneers that helped shape our club into what we enjoy today.

In the early days, flying fields were hard to come by. When the club lost the Castor Spinks property on Ridge Road, they bounced around place to place, including a recycling property on Rt. 31F owned by L. Plum. Ed was instrumental in securing the rented land where Fordham Field is located. He was one of the hardy souls that spent countless hours picking rocks and clearing enough area to make a viable set of runways.

But, he was not just a rock picker! He served as club president, and for over 10 years he was the newsletter editor. The RAMS club logo is one of the fruits of his labor.

He shared his flying and building skills with countless members. His creative project, "How to make a metal windshield with a wood chisel" benefited many! As a Xerox researcher, one of his patents deals with the transfer of xerographic images to other materials. This, of course, led to the idea of transferring airplane plans to balsawood. He sheared that concept with the club, and authored an article in RCM describing his methods.

In the true spirit of the RAMS by-laws, "*Support all forms of model aviation*"; Ed volunteered to mentor students competing in the science Olympics. He spent many hours teaching his building and flying techniques to several schools. When the available designs did not satisfy his needs, Ed developed a model suitable for the event and the skills of the students. His attention to detail even included the use of odorless glues to "preserve the attention span" of the children.

Leader, mentor, author, teacher, inventor, editor, and a great rock picker, Ed has set the perfect example of what our club is about. For these reasons, the board of directors has unanimously decided to grant Ed Van Wagner a lifetime membership to the Rochester Aero-modeling Society. Thank you, Ed, for what you've done for the RAMS, and for model aviation!



[MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT](#)

Jose Soler

Jose Soler reported the membership count thru the Mar. 2008 BOD meeting is 115. This consists of 99 Sr., 15 Jr. and 1 associate members to date. **DON'T FORGET FEBRUARY 26, 2008 WAS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO PAY YOUR DUES WITHOUT INCURRING A LATE FEE.**

[PROGRAM](#)

Andres Rodriguez

March (CONFIRMED) Presentation by: **AMA President Dave Mathewson**

April (CONFIRMED) All about Jets, Turbines, airplanes, etc. by: **Dominic Cognate**

May (CONFIRMED) RAMS safety regulations and flight line courtesy by: **RAMS Safety directors**

June No program, the meeting will be at the flying field

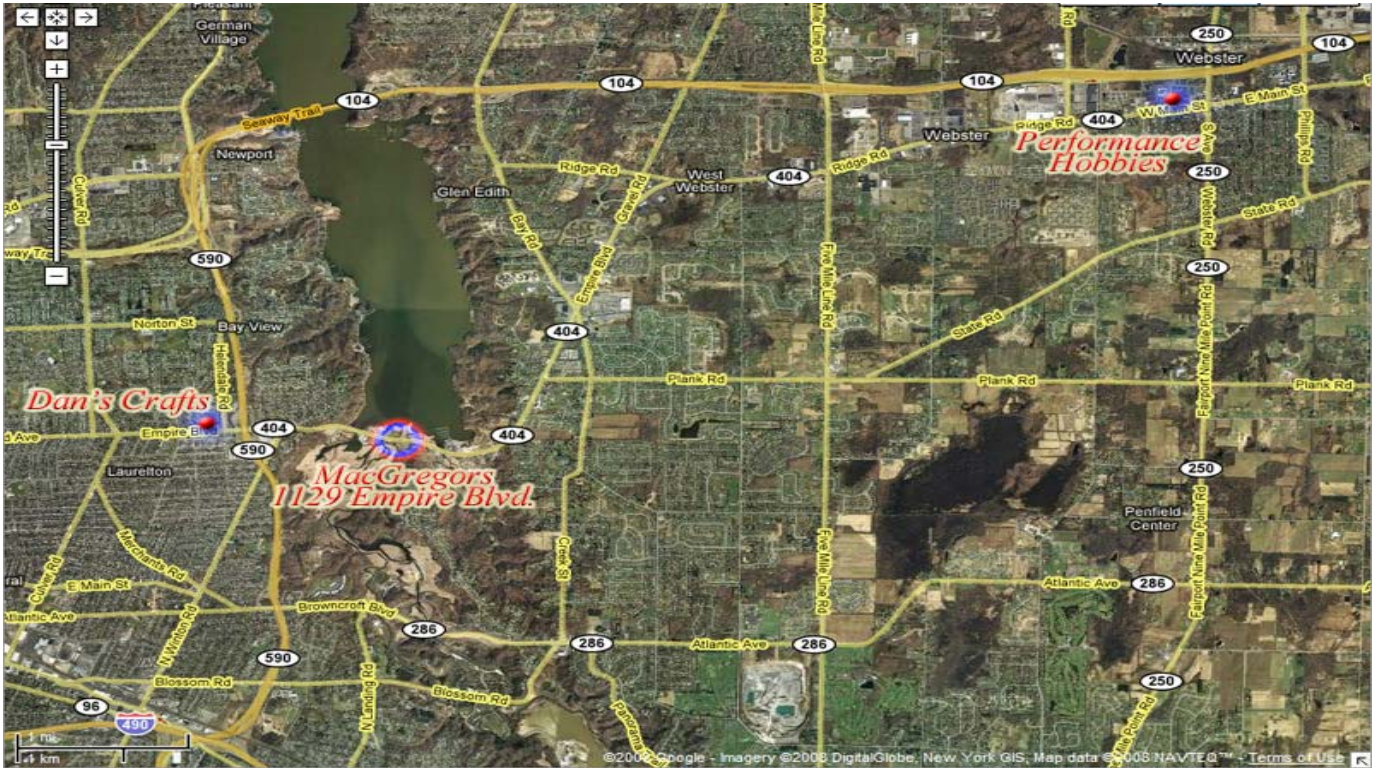
July No program, the meeting will be at the flying field

August No program, the meeting will be at the flying field

September Electric power, motors, batteries, speed controls (ESC) by: **J. Clark**

Other subjects under consideration are:

- Engines, running, maintenance, repairs and storage.
 - Flying off water, floats, flying techniques, safety
 - Presentation by the Manager of the Curtiss Museum
 - Tour of the Williamson airport
 - Miniature replica engine collection by a Rochester master machinist.
 - Restoration of MIG (Full size)
- I will consider any additional ideas or suggestions.



PICTURE OF THE MONTH



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