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THE RAMS April 29, 2008 MEETING, Webster Community Center, 985 Ebner Drive, Webster, NY 7:00 PM—9:00PM. Visitors are welcome. See map on page 2

CALENDAR OF BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR 2008

RAMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE (TUESDAYS)

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

BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

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

E³ static Display at RIT

Static Display at RM&SC

Dick Parshall Float Fly

Batavia R/Cs fun fly

Junior Aviators Day at Fort Ontario in Oswego NY

RAMS Fun-fly at Williamson Airport

Canandaigua Chiefs E Fly

RCCR Ray Edmunds Memorial Fun Fly.

GENESEO AIR SHOW

Canandaigua Chiefs Air Show

Fort Ontario R/C Fly-in

Sky Rovers Airshow

Interclub picnic Sky Rovers

IRCHA Jamboree

RAMS Open House

RAMS Northeast Heli Jamboree

Sky Rovers Warbird Rally

April 24

May 10

May 17 & 18

June 7 & 8

June 7

June 14- Rain Date - 15

June 14 & 15

June 28 & 29

July 11, 12 & 13

July 19 & 20

Jul 26 & 27

July 26 & 27

Aug. 10

August 14 & 17

Aug. 23 & 24

Aug. 29, 30 & 31

Aug 30 & 31

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Alex Antonelli

- **NOTE: The April meeting will be held at the Webster Community Center at 985 Ebner Drive (about 300 yards east of the Webster Fireman's Hall. Enter**

through the door where the arrow points for the New Meeting Place on the picture below.



- 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.
- Anyone needing any information on the Junior Aviators Day or the Fort Ontario R/C Fly-in should contact: T. Pease 315.564.5889 Tpease1@twcny.rr.com Chairman, Hawks R/C Junior Aviators.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dave Playfair

Spring has finally arrived! I'm happy to see a fair amount of activity at our flying fields, taking advantage of weather that is optimistically short-lived for this time of year. If you haven't been out flying yet, why not? Those chores aren't going anywhere! When I first joined the RAMS four years ago, it was often tough to find a parking spot near the flight line on the better days. Though it's nice to have the sky to oneself once in a while, it's far better to be amongst our "flying family". We should all try to make a point to get out more and enjoy the key reason we belong to the RAMS!

The March membership meeting went very well, with a wonderful multi-media presentation from Dave Mathewson, including his visions for the AMA during his presidential term. RAMS attendance was lighter than it should have been, but area club members helped make a good audience. The next membership meeting is to be held at the Webster Community Center. I personally favored MacGregors, but realize there are a few issues that could hinder a productive meeting. Andres and Jake worked hard the past month to find suitable accommodations; we'll see how this location works out.

As you probably know, club membership is down from recent years. There are several incentives to make joining our club attractive for those "on the fence" over joining the hobby. As we gear up for this flying season, why not bring a friend or two? Share your experiences of model aviation with relatives and coworkers. Our best advertising is through our members!

"A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his aircraft to its maximum."
-Jon McBride, astronaut

MARCH PROGRAM

Andres Rodriguez



Here are a few pictures of the audience that attended the March meeting to hear Dave Mathewson's presentation of what he envisions for the AMA during his presidency.

Thanks to members of RCCR, Sky Rovers, GVAM and the Batavia club for attending.

APRIL PROGRAM

Andres Rodriguez

This month the program will be a presentation on Jet engines and airplanes by Dominic Cognata. Dominic is the foremost local authority on the subject. Started over 15 years ago with ducted fans and progressed to turbines. He was recently selected as a factory pilot for the top turbine manufacturer. He has promised to bring aircraft, power plants and ground equipment to share his knowledge on an area of the hobby unknown to most of us.

APRIL BOD MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

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

Attendees:

[X] Dave Playfair (President)
[X] Jacob Kirsch (Secretary)
[] Jose Soler (Membership Director)
[X] Ray Stacy (Macedon Safety Director)
[X] Rod Curtis (Macedon Field Director)
[X] Andres Rodriguez (Program Director)
[] Carl VanVoorhis (Librarian)

[X] Bob Hendrickson (Vice President)
[X] Al Bensley (Treasurer)
[X] Tom Starsmore (Community Affairs Director)
[] John Dennis (Ontario Safety Director)
[] Larry Clarke (Ontario Field Director)
[X] Alex Antonelli (Newsletter Editor)

Business:

- The March BOD meeting minutes were approved
- Summer Event Status
 - o Williamson Airport (June 14th)
 1. Sanction and insurance application submitted
 2. Key volunteers have been determined; more are welcome!
 3. Plans to set up Information tent with static and interactive display
 - o Open House (Aug 23 – 34)
 1. Sanction received
 - o Helicopter Jamboree (Aug 29 – 31)
 1. Sanction received
- Discussed offer for booth at Wayne County Fair for static display and demonstration the week before the Open House; declined due to scheduling conflict
- Discussed static display at the Rochester International Airshow July 26 & 27
- Membership Meeting Location
 - o Webster Fire Dept (or those responsible for the hall), under new management, replied with a \$75 per meeting rate with a \$100 security deposit. Old rate was \$50, and due to unreliability the RAMS BOD will pursue other options.
 - o Webster Community Center; room from 7-9PM; \$20 for first hour; \$10 for each additional hour
 - o Bob Herden volunteered his basement
 - o Leonard Kmiecik, Jr. suggested the Webster Schools Bus Depot
 - o Based on details on hand at the April BOD meeting, the April membership meeting will be held at the Webster Community Center 985 Ebner Drive, Webster, NY 14580; next to previous meeting location).
- Macedon Spring prep to begin soon
- Fordham gate to be replaced
- RMSC Static Display April 19th and May 10th
- E-cubed event at RIT: Thursday, April 24th

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The March business meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Dave Playfair at MacGregor's in Webster.

Guests: Several guests from various local clubs attended for the program.

Program: Presentation by Dave Mathewson, AMA President

Announcements:

- April 19th from 11-4 and May 10th – RSMC static display (See Tom Starsmore)
- April 24th – E-cubed Fair static display (see Alex Antonelli)
- The BOD is launching an Intro Pilot Program this year headed by Andres Rodriguez. The goal is to welcome newcomers to the hobby by providing local hobby shops a card/coupon to be given to their customers. The card/coupon entitles newcomers to a one-time introductory session at the RAMS' Macedon Field
- 3 Summer events have been sanctioned:
 - o June 14th – Williamson Fun Fly
 - o August 23rd and 24th – Open House
 - o August 29th – 31st – Helicopter Jamboree
- Flight instruction will continue in 2008 as it did in 2007 headed up by Bob Hendrickson. Open flight instruction is set for Wednesday evenings at Macedon Field.

Business:

- The February Membership Minutes were approved

SHOW & TELL

- Top Row - Jack Grafman displayed a Flying King powered by a Saito 100 4-stroke; Jack reports the kit built very well from machine cut parts; 8 lbs 2 oz dry weight

- 2nd Row – Left - Tom McCoy showed an RCV 120-SP engine; turns a 22x10 – 22x14 whereas a traditional piston engine like a Saito 120 turns 15x6
- 2nd Row - Right - Bob Hendrickson showed a self designed pump and start field box to measure fuel use and start larger engines

REMAINDER, SHOW AND TELL: Every member that brings a project finished or under construction, will get an entry for the ruffle of a Futaba 7Channel FAAST system.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Jose Soler

Jose Soler reported the membership count thru the Mar. 2008 BOD meeting is 122. This consists of 104 Sr., 17 Jr. and 1 associate members to date.

PROGRAM

Andres Rodriguez

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.

[Air RC Summer Challenge 2008" \(ARCSC08\) -Flying an RC Plane Across the USA](#)

Tom Starsmore

This is an event that's going on right now at [RCgroups.com](#).

Frank (murocflyer) is putting this event together. The event is to send an R/C plane around to all 48 continental US and have it flown at as many fields and by as many pilots as possible and do it from Memorial Day to Labor Day '08? There will be no shipping. The plane will be passed pilot to pilot all the way round.

This would be a cool thing to be part of. If you think you would like to participate in this event you'll need get word to Frank. You may need to register on [RCGroups](#) and send him an email or PM. Not everyone who signs up will get to participate though. It will depend on the final route the plane takes around the states. I for one am hoping that it passes thru CNY.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



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