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**THE RAMS June 24, 2008 MEETING, Macedon Flying field 2529 Macedon Center Road 6:00 PM to Dusk. Visitors are welcome.**

## CALENDAR OF BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR 2008

### RAMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE (TUESDAYS)

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

### BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

July 14      Aug. 11      Sep. 15      Oct. 13      Nov. 10      Dec. 15

## 2008 SCHEDULE OF FLYING EVENTS ALL CLUBS

**RCCR Ray Edmunds Memorial Fun Fly.**

**GENESEO AIR SHOW**

**Canandaigua Chiefs Air Show**

**Fort Ontario R/C Fly-in**

**Sky Rovers Airshow**

**Rochester Airport Show**

**Interclub picnic Sky Rovers**

**IRCHA Jamboree**

**RAMS Open House**

**RAMS Northeast Heli Jamboree**

**Sky Rovers Warbird Rally**

**June 28 & 29**

**July 11, 12 & 13**

**July 19 & 20**

**Jul 26 & 27**

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**Aug. 10**

**August 14 & 17**

**Aug. 23 & 24**

**Aug. 29, 30 & 31**

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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Alex Antonelli

- The June and August Business meetings will be held at Macedon Field.
- The July Business meeting will be held at Fordham Field.
- There will be NO formal program during the months of June, July and August. Bring an aircraft to fly before and after the meeting.

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dave Playfair

**WINDY** and **HOT** are the foremost words describing the weather at our fields these past few weeks. But even with the unseasonable conditions, I was pleasantly surprised to see our more daring members braving the elements, those that don't mind substantial tossing and turning and sweating in their otherwise smooth flying. Unfortunately, our new trainees have had to sacrifice flight time due to wind. I know how they may feel; probably thinking the instructors are over cautious. An ambitious student may not understand how wind effects our aircraft. When I was visiting Florida years ago to get my final SCUBA certification, I only allowed 2 days for completion of the open water dives prior to a scheduled "real dive" in the Living Seas Aquarium at Disney World. Every outfit was canceling their dive trips due to strong wind. I didn't care what the conditions were; I just wanted to complete my course! I finally found *one* group of young yah-hoos going out, and soon discovered why most cancelled. Treacherous! Ever try grabbing an 8' tall swim ladder that's bobbing completely out of the water due to rough seas? Now strap 50lbs of equipment on your back! Fortunately, our hobby affords a more relaxing atmosphere. Don't worry; you'll be soloing before you know it!

Speaking of students, many thanks to those who answered Bob's plea and donated radio equipment to our training program. We are now exceptionally equipped to buddy-box with most known radio systems in existence!

The Fordham shelter has been ordered, and we just received word that it will be erected next week. This substantial improvement will surely protect our flyers for years to come. The gate has also been repaired by Larry and his crew, and the greens have never been better. In Macedon, the park-like setting is in full glory and very welcoming. We just received shipment of 6 yards of mulch; contact [Dennis](#) if you'd like to help spread it out to help keep the weeds at bay.

Membership is consistent with last year, so our numbers and finances look good. Get out and enjoy our hobby and each others companionship when you can!

*"An aircraft might disappoint any pilot, but it'll never surprise a good one."*  
- Len Morgan

## MAY PROGRAM

Andres Rodriquez

The May program covered the yearly safety issues with a review of the AMA and RAMS field rules.

## JUNE BOD MEETING MINUTES

Dave Playfair

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

### Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Playfair (President)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Hendrickson (Vice President)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jacob Kirsch (Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al Bensley (Treasurer)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jose Soler (Membership Director)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Starsmore (Community Affairs Director)
<input type="checkbox"/> Ray Stacy (Macedon Safety Director)	<input type="checkbox"/> John Dennis (Ontario Safety Director)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rod Curtis (Macedon Field Director)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Clarke (Ontario Field Director)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andres Rodriguez (Program Director)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Antonelli (Newsletter Editor)

### Business:

- The May BOD meeting minutes were approved
- Announced our recent capitol improvement purchases of a semi-permanent Fordham Field shelter, (2) portable tables, and a used commercial grill with (2) 20# propane tanks
- Discussed final details of the Williamson/Sodus Airport fun-fly on 14 June
- Presented a Log Book design by Norm Roof for our students to keep track of their progress and instructor sign-off.
- Andres had a new, high visibility "model air show" sign made up to post at our events

# MAY MEETING MINUTES

Dave Playfair

The May meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Dave Playfair at Webster Community Center.

## Guests:

- Ron Cheek and Derek Drury were voted into the club; welcome to you both!

## Program:

- Annual Safety Presentation by Andres Rodriguez, with a focus on both electric and glow engine starting, as well as safe landing patterns.

## Announcements:

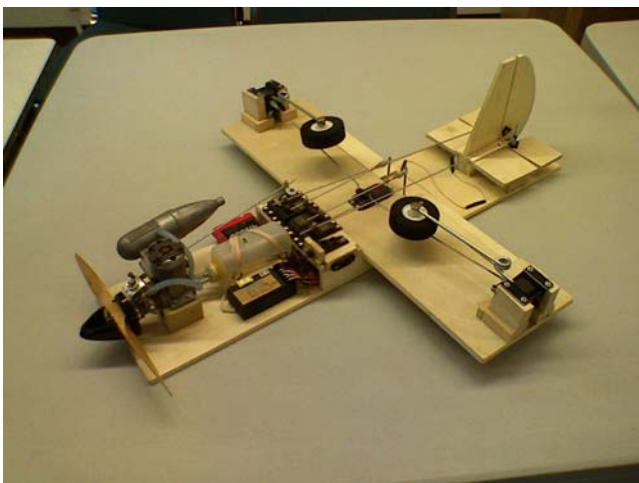
- Larry Clarke, on behalf of the RAMS, purchased our own commercial gas grill (used) for nearly the price of 1 season of rentals!
- Andres Rodriguez stashed the 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 summer events, the Williamson-Sodus Airport Fly-in. instruction pilots needed!
- Leonard Kmiecik is coordinating the static display for the Rochester International Air show (July 26-27); So far 9 people interested, more are welcome!

## Business:

- The April Membership Minutes were approved
- The membership (quorum of 22 members) unanimously approved \$2k for a semi-permanent carport style shelter for Fordham field

## Show-n-Tell:

- Jack Grafman presented a 1950's NEW IN BOX kit
- Bob Hendrickson brought his nearly complete biplane kit
- An "anonymous" RAMS member designed and built a functional plane mechanics demonstration panel, complete with servo controlled surfaces, retracts, and cut away power system. This will be a valuable tool at our shows to illustrate how our models function!



## Williamson Airport Event

Andrés Rodríguez

The weather did cooperate for a few hours and we saw some great flying by our RAMS pilots and a few hardy souls from the Batavia club. The conditions for flying were less than perfect (understatement). Special mention has to go to Dave Playfair, for performing the highest number of flights with his airplane and helicopters. Also, there were two spectacular flights by Dominic Cognata from RCCR. The F9F that he showed at our April meeting impressed everyone not only with its speed but with the realistic scale flight characteristics. Spectators were scarce; I imagine the weather had some to do with it.

Besides the flight demonstrations many members brought their planes for static display. I overheard several comments by the Williamson Flying Club members about the excellent workmanship in those models.

A special thank you is in order for some individuals that are not members and without their help it would have been impossible to have the event.

- ❖ Derek Clarke worked Friday and Saturday side by side with Larry
- ❖ Janet Clarke kept things flowing smoothly handling the cash register in the food stand.
- ❖ Susan Wheaton worked non stop on the pilot registration table.

I also want to thank many members that provided their support. I know that, by listing names, I run the risk of omitting some but I will do it anyway. Dave Playfair, Ray Stacy, Jake Kirsch, Chuck Rasbach, Al Bensley, Bob Hendrickson, Chuck Boyer, Bud Seaberg, Ed Van Wagner, Bob Henderson, Jeff Trenkler, Ron Monroe, Tom Starsmore, Ruric Strickland, Bob Abbot, Rod Curtis, Clay Wheaton. And, a fellow RAMS member, who VOLUNTEERED to relieve me when I was doing multiple parking duties (I apologize for forgetting his name).

A special thanks to Larry Clarke. The logistics of setting up the food stand required a very large effort on his part and his family. Larry worked long hours on Friday to have everything ready, tent, grill, and every little detail. And, started again at seven in the morning on Saturday. I can only hope that all members appreciate the volunteers as much as I do.

## RAMS PILOT EXCELLS IN AN AEROBATIC CONTEST

Andres Rodríguez

Clay Wheaton participated in a pattern contest in Hamburg, NY. Even though this was his first contest of this type, Clay came home with the first place trophy. But he didn't just win; he destroyed the competition winning every round except one. And the one that he did not win was because the person calling the maneuvers had to answer his cell phone while Clay was flying. The rule is that the two lower scores are dropped for the final tally. Therefore that flight did not count.

This was the result of several weeks of highly disciplined practices. Let me assure you that Clay earned this trophy. Next he plans to move up one class and has started working on a much harder set of maneuvers. Great going Clay, keep at it, many people are rooting for you



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Jose Soler

Jose Soler reported the membership count thru the June, 2008 BOD meeting is 135. This consists of 114 Sr., 20 Jr. and 1 associate members to date.

## PROGRAM

Andres Rodriguez

**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



**P47 THUNDERBOLT**

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