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**THE RAMS August 26, 2008 MEETING, Macedon Flying  
2529 Macedon Center Rd. at 6:00 PM to Dusk. Visitors  
are welcome.**

## CALENDAR OF BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR 2008

### RAMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE (TUESDAYS)

Aug. 26      Sep. 30      Oct. 28      Nov. 25      Dec. 30

### BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

Sep. 15      Oct. 13      Nov. 10      Dec. 15

## 2008 SCHEDULE OF FLYING EVENTS ALL CLUBS

RAMS Open House

RAMS Northeast Heli Jamboree

Sky Rovers Warbird Rally

Aug. 23 & 24

Aug. 29, 30 & 31

Aug 30 & 31

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Alex Antonelli

- The August Business meetings will be held at Macedon Field.
- There will be NO formal program during the month of August. Bring an aircraft to fly before and after the meeting.
- Don't forget the 2 upcoming RAMS events this month. Bring a plane for display if you don't want to fly at least let others see your aircraft. There will be a roped off area to display your stuff.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dave Playfair

As I write this, I'm simultaneously gearing up for a long weekend at AMA Headquarters in Muncie, Indiana. In a few short hours I'll embark on the 546 mile "hop" with RAMS members Jose Soler and Ray and Kyle Stacy to what has become the largest radio control event in history; the annual IRCHA Helicopter Jamboree. A flight line that extends over a quarter mile, top-billing pilots, manufacturer demonstrations, and the company of other enthusiasts are but a few of the draws that bring us back. Next month I'll give a brief report on our adventures.

I am pleased to see enough people have volunteered to successfully hold our open house and heli jamboree, but we can always use more to spread the load. The final details are being worked out by the CD's, and this year

promises to be on par with the best. Come on out to one or both, and “bring your stuff”! It’s great when our members display so many diverse aircraft, but I’ve always wondered why so few fly? Flying in front of the public and fellow hobbyists can be one of the most gratifying experiences in our hobby. Sure, it comes with some apprehension, but anything with such a reward does. Whether you’re doing wild aerobatics, precision pattern, or just flying a circuit showing off a bird you built yourself, we all should give it a go!

There have been several recent instances of repeated flying behind the flight line. This infinite barrier should never be crossed! Often the witness refrains from comment to the pilot or safety director because they didn’t feel it was up to them. Please remember that as members of the RAMS, each of us has the responsibility to make sure our fields are safe for all. This means we should offer help if a pilot is having an off day, and report repeated violations to the appropriate people. You can even “turn yourselves in” and ask for help if it’s been awhile since your last flight, or that new plane is giving you some problems.

*Being flexible is far too rigid, in aviation you have to be fluid. - Verne Jobst*

## PROGRAMS

Andres Rodriguez

There wasn’t any program for July meeting and there will be open flying before and after the August meeting at Macedon field.

## AUGUST BOD MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The August meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Dave Playfair on Tuesday August 12, 2008.

### Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Playfair (President)           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Hendrickson (Vice President)           |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carl VanVoorhis (Librarian)                    |  |

### Business:

- The August BOD meeting minutes were approved
- Open House and Heli Jamboree overview
- No activity in the flight training program; plenty of instructors and equipment available
- Macedon Field report
  - o Road to field washing out; need diversion ditches; Rod to peruse pricing
  - o Snow plow contract for Macedon being perused
  - o 20’ x 20’ tent at Macedon is ready for sale; silent auction bids must be submitted to Treasurer Al Bensley before the September 30, 2008 membership meeting.
- Tom McCoy and Tom Starsmore continue to do demos for Northern Hemisphere Gymnastics

## JULY MEETING MINUTES

Dave Playfair

The July business meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by President Dave Playfair at Fordham Field

Guests: Tom Sharp

Program: No program

### Announcements:

- Flyers were handed out for the Open House and Heli Jamboree. Volunteers still welcome!
- Lenny reported a very positive reception of our static display at the Rochester Air Show.

### Business:

- The June Membership Meeting Minutes were approved
- Rod Curtis is putting out the air show signs this week for early advertising

### Show-n-Tell:

- Lenny Kmiecik showed a C160 ARF with twin electric motors as well as an F4 Phantom with a glow engine.
- Kevin Freeman showed his 35% Pitts S-1-11B.

- See info about each below.



**Airplane Name:** Royal F/4 Phantom - Kit  
**Wing Span:** 46"  
**Length:** 45"  
**Engine:** K & B .61  
**Weight:** 8 1/2 lbs.  
**Radio:** Airtronics 6 ch.  
**Prop:** APC 11 X 7

**Airplane Name:** TransAll C-160 - ARF  
**Wing Span:** 72"  
**Length:** 53"  
**Engines:** 2 - Great Planes 35-36-1200kv Rimfire  
**Brushless Motors**  
**ESC's** 2 - Silver Series 60 Amp High Voltage  
**Batteries:** 2 - Flight Power EVO25 3700 mAh, 4S, 14.8 volts  
**Props:** 2 - 10 X 5 E  
**Radio** Futaba T6XA Computer Radio  
**Weight:** 9 3/4 lbs.



**35% Pitts.**  
Pitts S-1-11B built from Wendal Hostetler plans. Span 75.5", length 76". Power plant DA-100 with MTW 75 canister mufflers. Prop.- Mejlzik 25x12 - three blade. Sullivan skywriter smoke system. All JR radio equipment. Covered with MonoKote. Weighs 30 lbs.

## 2008 ESL ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW

By Leonard M. Kmiecik, Jr.

The ESL International 2008 Airshow was held at the Rochester International Airport on July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Flying was scheduled to start at 9:45 a.m. and end at approximately 4:00 p.m. both days. The following were flight demonstrations: "Angel 7" L-39 (in a Blue Angels Paint scheme), The Air Force Reserve Biplane Featuring Ed Hamill, The Canadian Harvard Aerobatic Team, Greg and the Fagen MX2, Tim Weber and the Geico Extra 300S, USAF F-15C Eagle Demonstration, US NAVY F/A18C Hornet Demonstration, US Army Golden Knights, and the USAF Thunderbirds. The following were ground based attractions: the "Virtual Army Experience, US Army

Drill Team, Kiddie Kommando Are, F/16 Thunderbird Photo cockpit and many other novelties stands and of course food vendors.

The static aircraft on display were: C-130 Hercules, KC-135 Stratotanker, Hispano HA-200, De Havilland DH.100 Vampire, Aero L-29 Delphin, T-45 Goshawk, Bell 222, An-2 Colt, Canadian Harvard, UH-1 Huey, PT-17 Stearman Kaydet, Ch-60 Blackhawk, E-2C Hawkeye, C-5B Galaxy, CH-146 Griffon, CF-18 Hornet, C-17 Globemaster III, L-39 Albatross, Fed Ex A300 (this plane was selected for display because it had the best paint job) Those of you who live on the glide path to RIA may catch a glimpse of the FEDEX A310 that lands here 3 times a day. In addition there was: F-16C Fighting Falcon, USMC F/A-18D Hornet, L-17, L-21, Fouga Magister, C-47 D-Day Veteran, AC-47 Spooky, and a CH-47 Chinook. The marines also had opened to the public for tours their Osprey.

I want to thank the following RAMS members for helping with the setup of the tents, displaying their planes, and tear down of the tent. Those RAMS members who attended on Saturday were: Chuck and Adele Rasbach, Phil Nguyen, and his father Phu, Larry Clark, James E. Cone, Lee Bull, Eric McGahey, Tom McCoy, Rod Curtis, Leonard Kmiecik Sr. and Donna Kmiecik. The RAMS members that were there for the Sunday event were: Rod Curtis, Larry Clark, James E. Cone, Leonard Kmiecik Sr., Phil Hguyen, and his father Phu, Eric McGahey, Alex and Judy Antonelli, and Donna Kmiecik.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the RAMS were asked to participate in this event. The rain came twice on Saturday but it was still a nice day. Many spectators stopped by the RAMS tents to visit and see the planes on display. Many had questions about the planes, the hobby and the RAMS itself. All the trifold pamphlets about the RAMS and the ads for the up coming RAMS Airshows were gone by mid afternoon on Sunday.

During the show on Saturday Mr. Dave Copper (Airport Airshow Coordinator) came by the RAMS display area. He was thanked for the opportunity the RAMS members had to display their aircraft. On behalf of the RAMS I will send him a letter thanking him for inviting the RAMS to participate and noting the RAMS look forward to participating in future shows.

Again please accept my "Thank You" to all that helped out with this event. I hope that everyone had a good time and if I forgot anyone's name, I apologies. The photos below are of those that attended the Saturday or Sunday event, and some of the planes that were on display.



# MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Jose Soler

Jose Soler reported the membership count thru the June. 2008 BOD meeting is 142. This consists of 120 Sr., 21 Jr. and 1 associate members to date.

## PROGRAM

Andres Rodriguez

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

## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



British Naval Firefly

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