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THE RAMS November 25, 2008 MEETING, Webster Community Center, 985 Ebner Drive, Webster, NY 7:00 PM—9:00PM. Visitors are welcome.

CALENDAR OF BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR 2008

RAMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE (TUESDAYS)

Nov. 25

Dec. 30

BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

Dec. 15

2008 SCHEDULE OF FLYING EVENTS ALL CLUBS

No planned flying events on the calendar at this point.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Alex Antonelli

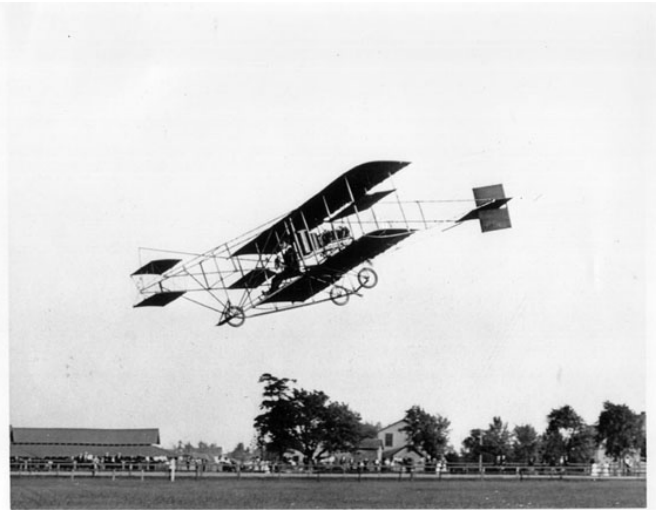
- Nominations for BOD members are still open for the November meeting.
- As can be seen from both the president's letter and the note from the treasure the attendance at the monthly meeting is at an all time low. We were not able to vote on the 2009 BOD and if you don't come to the Nov. meeting we will have a hard time approving the 2009 budget. WE NEED YOU THERE..
- We lost 2 members this month they are probably looking down at us between their flights under full sun and zero winds. Chris Snelling and Tony Mangos passed away this last week.

Program for the November meeting

Andres Rodriguez

Bob Juncosa will share with us the progress of a project underway at the Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport. They are building a full-scale replica of the Hudson Flier, a plane constructed in 1910 that flew the 150 miles from Albany to New York City on May 29, 1910. Bob has worked for over a year in this project and has created 3D computer drawings to help with estimating overall weight and CG of the plane. He will be in Hammondsport just before our meeting and will have the latest information on the project. DON'T MISS this meeting.

3D model created by Bob Juncosa



OCTOBER PROGRAM

Andres Rodriquez

There was an impromptu program for the October meeting. Kyle Stacy and his father Ray just returned from Chicago where Kyle won first place in 2 categories flying both the micro and mini helicopters at the RC show. From the picture below you can see the 2 size helicopters Kyle piloted to the victories. Also note the \$1,000 prize money for each win.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dave Playfair

The first week of November brought with it a fantastic stretch of fair weather: A true “Indian Summer”, sporting jacket-less sunny days following the season’s first frost. Unfortunately, it didn’t last into the weekend, but for those of us who risked their jobs to sneak out for a few gallons, it was worth it!

I was sorry to see the lighter than usual attendance at the October membership meeting, which postponed the Board of Directors elections due to the lack of a quorum. Fortunately, if at first you don’t succeed... The election will take place at the November meeting with a simple majority show of hands. This will also be the meeting that AI presents the 2009 budget, which too is subject to membership approval. Why didn’t *you* go? Our meetings are the perfect time to catch up with your flying buddies, make a few more, and learn or teach something about our hobby. Feel free to let me know what it will take (besides money :c) to increase our turnout!

A new club application will be on line soon for the 2009 season. There are a couple changes this year, though I’m happy to say membership cost is not one of them! We announced at the last meeting a \$10 annual surcharge for hardcopy newsletters mailed to your home. This will help offset the cost of printing and mailing for the majority of members who receive an electronic copy. I am also pretty excited to be introducing the MIP, or “Membership Incentive Program”. For each senior member referral, you will receive \$10 off next year’s membership, up to the total cost of dues! Some restrictions apply (new member must not have been in the RAMS previously), details will follow. The goal is obviously to stimulate the membership to attract new people to our hobby and club. We are the best “advertisement”, and it doesn’t take much time or effort; just spread the

word about the excitement of model aviation, and bring a friend or relative to the field and they will get hooked! For many people, including myself, our introduction to RC was through a friend. Now it can pay off! For new members, the first year's dues will remain \$60 as well.

"A single, well-equipped aircraft in the sky is worth a dozen collecting dust in the hanger" -DP

A Note from the Treasurer

Al Bensley

This note is a reminder that we will review, and hopefully vote on, the 2009 RAMS Operating Budget at our next membership meeting on November 25th. We will need a quorum (26 members) to vote. I was disappointed that we did not have enough members present at the October meeting to approve, by motion, the BOD for next year. The budget review is an excellent opportunity for all members to understand the financial position of the club and the expected income/expense items for 2009. The budgeting process establishes the dues structure for the upcoming year. The budget as presented will reflect items that we are currently aware of as well as some contingency funds. It is a plan that, if appropriate, can be modified or amended at any time with membership approval.

I hope you will be able to attend the November meeting.

NOVEMBER BOD MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The November BOD meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Dave Playfair

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Playfair (President)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Hendrickson (Vice President)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Kirsch (Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al Bensley (Treasurer)
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Business:

- The October BOD meeting minutes were approved
- Nominees for the Rubsum Award, Broken Prop Award and Junior Achievement Award are due by the December BOD meeting.
- The BOD elections will be re-held at the November 25, 2008 membership meeting; requires a 10% quorum (13 people) per the by laws
- Motion to provide a \$10 credit for each new member referred, starting in 2009, up to the cost of membership. The credits will be applied to the following year's membership dues. The motion was passed unanimously.
- The 2009 Budget was reviewed. The 2009 Budget will be up for approval by the membership at the November 25, 2008 membership meeting.
- The January Banquet will once again be at Keenan's in Irondequoit.
- The new shelter at Macedon has been installed.

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The October business meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Dave Playfair at the Webster Community Center

Guests: David Norton and Todd Carr were voted in as new members of the club.

Program: Review of Kyle Stacy's 1st Place wins in the World Mini and Micro Helicopter Championships at the Chicago E-Fest

Announcements:

- Wood splitting party at Macedon: wood that can be hand split should be brought from the wood pile. Please bring wood to the field house when visiting the field.
- Nominations for Rubsum Award, Broken Prop Award and Junior Achievement Award need to be submitted before the December 15, 2008 BOD meeting

Business:

- The September Membership Minutes were approved
- Elections will be postponed until November due to lack of 20% quorum
 - o Ontario Field Director position is open
- 2009 Budget review and vote in November
- Printed newsletters will cost an additional \$10 for 2009

- Discussion of referral program for 2009 is being discussed by the BOD

Show-n-Tell:

- Rick McGahey showed a Kyosho Calmato 40 Sport ARF
- Jake Kirsch showed a Revell Fire Strike Pro Chinook CH46 micro indoor helicopter



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Jose Soler

Jose Soler reported the membership count thru the June, 2008 BOD meeting is 149. This consists of 126 Sr., 22 Jr. and 1 associate members to date. Please do not forward your 2009 membership application and dues to Jose until the 2009 budget is finalized and approved by the membership. The 2009 dues will be set by the 2009 approved budget. Please note that if you want a hard copy of the Club newsletter starting in 2009 there will be a fee of \$10.00 to cover printing and postage. Please don't send in a 2008 membership application with your 2009 dues. The dues for 2009 and a new 2009 membership application will be available after approval of the 2009 budget.

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