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THE RAMS February 24, 2009 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE GOODWILL CENTER 50 WEBSTER COMMONS BLVD. WEBSTER, NY 14580. MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM.

CALENDAR OF BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR 2008

RAMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE (TUESDAYS)

Feb. 24	Mar. 31	Apr. 28	May 26	June 30	July 28	Aug. 25
Sept. 29	Oct. 27	Nov. 24	Dec. 29			

BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

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

2008 SCHEDULE OF FLYING EVENTS ALL CLUBS

RAMS AT RM&SC (11:00 to 4:00)

Sky Rovers Warbird Rally

Sky Rovers Air Show (no Turbines)

MACEDON FIELD FUN-FLY

NORTHEAST HELI JAMBOREE

Mar. 21

June 21 & 21

July 25 and 26

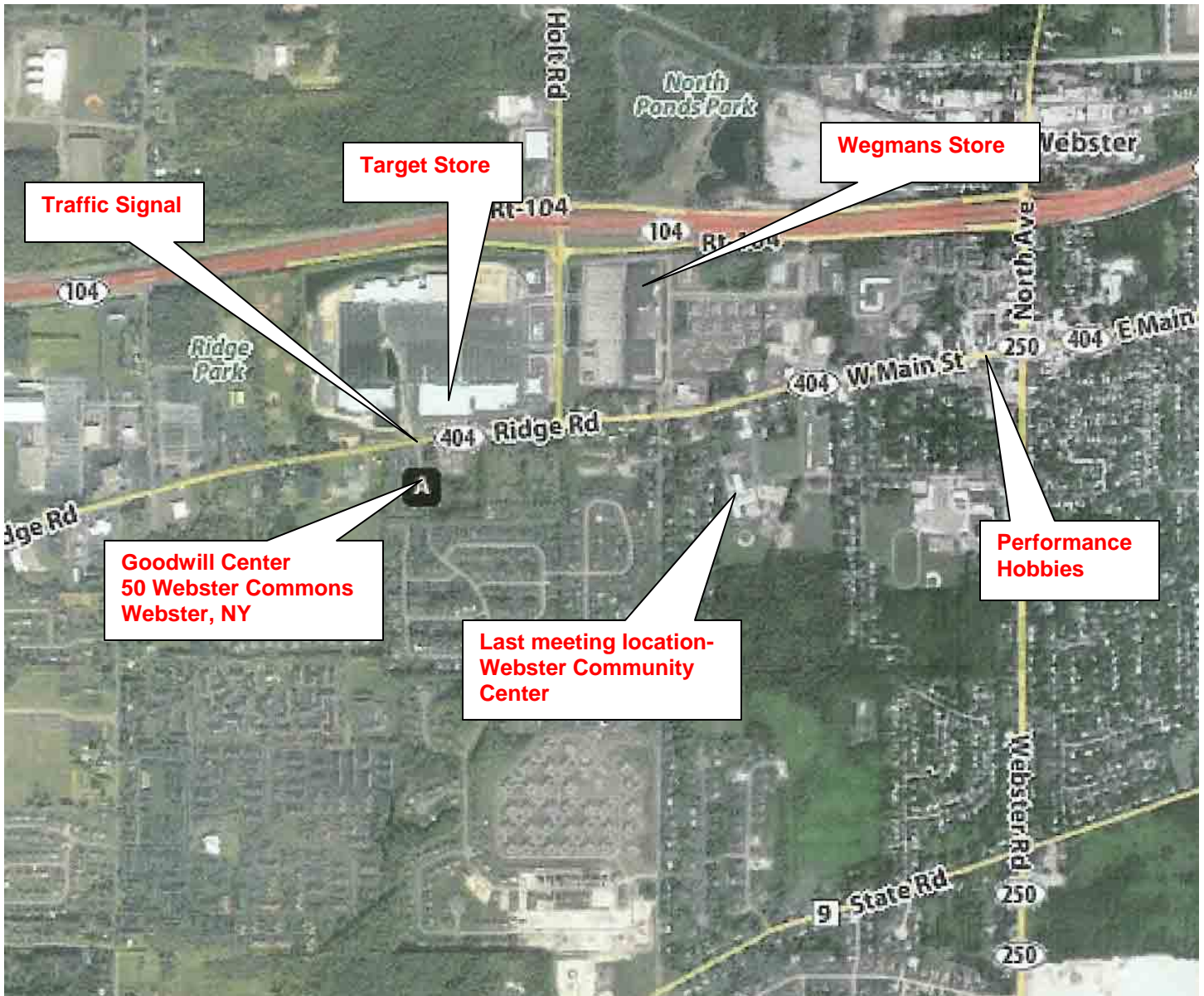
Aug. 22 & 23

Aug. 28, 29 & 30

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Alex Antonelli

THE RAMS MEETING LOCATION HAS CHANGED. WE WILL MEET AT GOODWILL CENTER 50 WEBSTER COMMONS BLVD. WEBSTER, NY 14580. MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 pm. See map below.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dave Playfair

The groundhog may have declared 6 more weeks of winter in Punxsutawney, but up here in Rochester it's usually more like sixteen. A couple of us have trekked to our beloved fields several times this month, and I have the following conditions to report: Macedon is sporting a loose granular surface with a 4" base covering 75% of the runway, while Ontario is showing more than two-thirds of its green atop a very spongy sub dermis. Pretty much difficult ground navigation at best, but of course these conditions will change at a moments notice!

Our annual banquet was very well attended this year. Good food and friends meant a great time was had by all. Congratulations to our award winners; Phil (Junior Achievement), Rick (Broken Prop), Bob and Ruric (Rubsum) and Warren (lifetime membership). You all are very deserving of these honors, which hopefully let you know how important of an asset you all are to our club. A special thanks to Tom Starsmore for organizing and helping to make the evening such a success.

We have a fresh venue for our monthly business meetings starting this month; the new ABVI-Goodwill Center in Webster. This facility has a comfortable meeting room and a staff that is happy to work with us. It is located around the corner from the Community Center and promises to be more accommodating and private.

The BOD has been discussing various promotional ideas to help maintain and build our membership. Some of the avenues being worked are digital picture/video displays in our local hobby shops, and business card sized

flyers attached to AMA magazines and distributed to area businesses. In the next couple of meetings we will make available some material for our members to share amongst those who may have an interest in model aviation.

I'd like to take a moment and thank Jim McCarty for reviewing, scrutinizing, and approving with flying colors our 2008 financial records. He had only positive comments regarding Treasurer Al Bensley's record keeping and organization in this thankless task!

"It is far better to have flapped your wings and fail than to have never looked towards the sky"

FEBRUARY BOD MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The February 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Kirsch (Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al Bensley (Treasurer)
<input 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"/> Jeff Fuller (Program Director)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Antonelli (Newsletter Editor)
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Business:

- The January BOD meeting minutes were approved
- Trying to leverage clearance sale at Circuit City for the digital picture frame ad
- The BOD is negotiating the closure of the gravel pit at Macedon
- AMA Charter application has been received
- Meeting location alternatives were discussed; final decision is forthcoming
- RMSC Static Display on March 21, 2009 from 11AM-4PM; contact Tom Starsmore for details

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

Annual RAMS Awards Banquet held at Keenan's in Irondequoit

Program: Award Presentation

- The Junior Achievement Award was presented to Phil Nguyen
- Hugh Howes presented the James R. Fordham Broken Prop Award to Rick McGahey
- The Annual Rubsum Award was presented to the duo of Bob Abbott and Ruric Strickland
- Al Bensley presented a Lifetime Membership Award to Warren Boudrie.
- Congratulations to all of the winners! The RAMS appreciate your hard work and dedication to the club!

Announcements:

- Carl Reynolds equipment was donated to the RAMS; please see Jim McCarty for details.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Jose Soler

Jose Soler reported the January renewal membership count for 2009 is 52. This consists of 46 Sr., 5 Jr. and 1 associate members. The 2009 membership application is available on the RAMS web site. The 2009 dues will remain the same as 2008. The only change on the application is a line for referrals. Renewal must be received by Feb. 24, 2009 to avoid late fee of \$25.00.

2009 BANQUET

Tom Starsmore

The 2009 banquet appears to have been a success. A few of our hard core (not easy to satisfy) members commented that it was very nice and the food was very good. There were 46 in attendance. The Rubsum award went to Bob Abbott and Ruric Strickland (neither could make the banquet) for their continued efforts at the grill during the 2 manor flying events for many years as well as their many years as co-field directors at Fordham field. The broken prop award went to Rick McGahey. The Junior Achievement award went to Phil Nguyen. Here are some of the pictures from the event:





RAMS MEMBER WINS IN CHAMPAIGN

Ray Stacy

RAMS member Kyle Stacy wins the 2009 Great Planes E-Fest Helicopter Smack Down contest

Wow!!! Kyle and I just returned from Champaign, IL where we attended the 2009 E-Fest Heli Smack Down competition. We were fortunate in that we had Devin McGrath and Dave Savini with us to assist in the driving.

The heli event consists of a 2 minute flight choreographed to music. The idea is to wow the crowd in 2 minutes without crashing. Each pilot has a caller to stand beside him and give encouragement. Devin was Kyle's caller and clearly had Kyle pumped up big time. He put in a flight that was absolutely amazing.

The event is judged solely by crowd applause, screams and cheers. By the time we were done, Dave Savini lost his voice. Thanks for the sacrifice Dave!

This was Kyle's 4th year competing and also proved to be the stiffest competition to date. There were 8 other top pilots from around the country. Last year Kyle finished in second place. This year there was no doubt about it. He took a solid first place win and brought home \$500.

Here are the comments from Futaba's web page

"Twelve hours after the Futaba GY520 gyro was made available in the United States for the first time (to a few Team Futaba members); team member Kyle Stacy rocked the 2009 E-Fest crowd with a win in the Heli Smack-Down!"

Kyle's routine was awesome and full of high energy. When it came down to the crowd voting for the winner, there was absolutely no doubt who the winner was; the armory absolutely exploded with applause and yelling for Kyle! Kyle flew the Miniature Aircraft Furion (distributed exclusively by Great Planes) with a Futaba 7C and the GY520 using a S9257 servo for tail control.

Thanks Kyle, for trusting in the new GY520 and for this awesome win at E-Fest! Kyle does, in fact, ROCK!"
Way to go Kyle!



PICTURE OF THE MONTH



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