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AMA Gold Leader Club for 16 years since its inception in 1993

WEB SITE: WWW.RAMSRC.ORG

THE RAMS March 31, 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)

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

BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

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

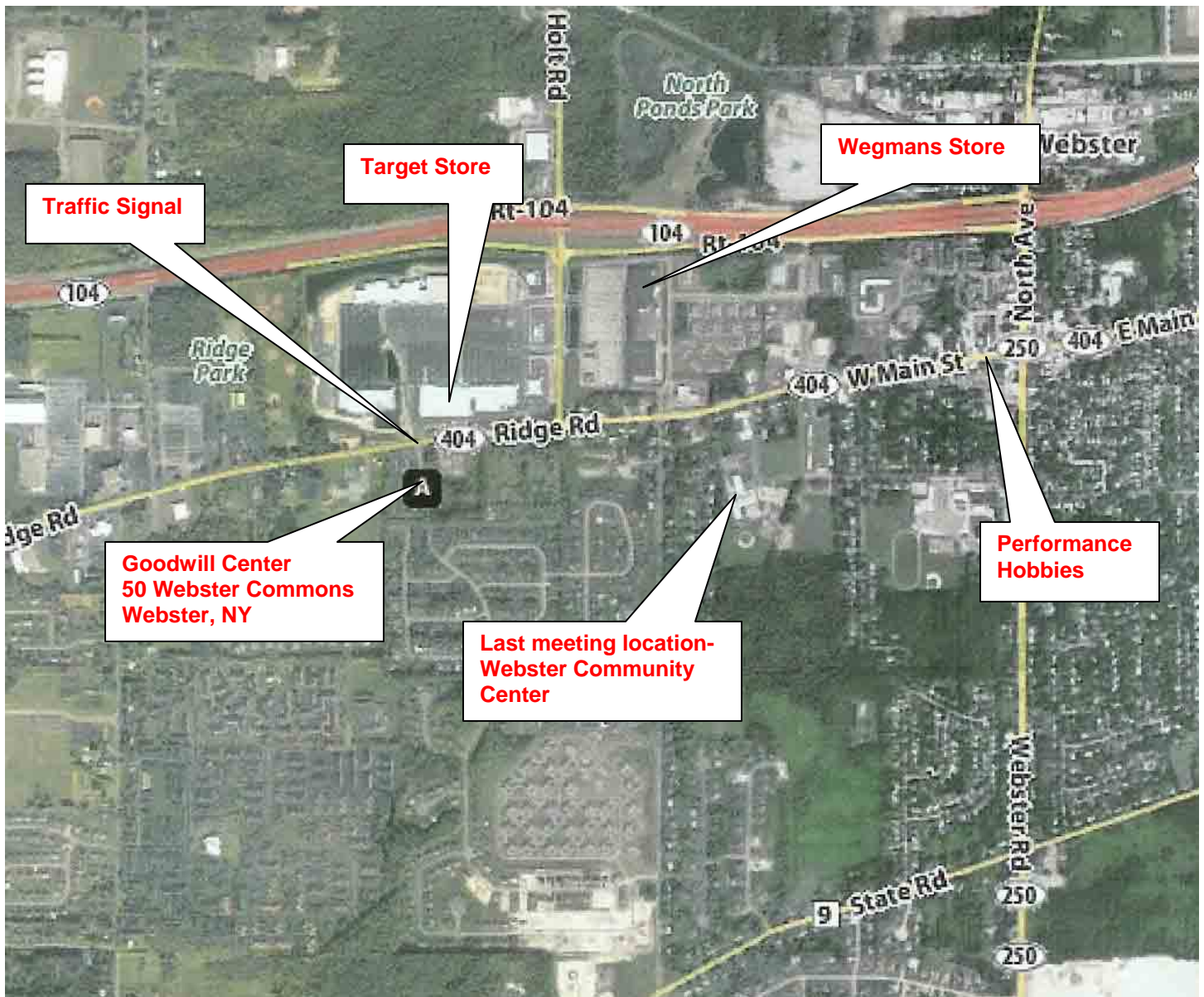
2008 SCHEDULE OF FLYING EVENTS ALL CLUBS

Sky Rovers Warbird Rally	June 21 & 21
RCCR Ray Edmunds memorial fun-fly	June 28 & 29
District 2 Fun Fly & STARS Rally	July 18 & 19
Sky Rovers Air Show (no Turbines)	July 25 & 26
RAMS MACEDON FIELD FUN-FLY	Aug. 22 & 23
RAMS NORTHEAST HELI JAMBOREE	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.



MARCH PROGRAM

Jeff Fuller

Hey Guys I wanted to remind everyone about Tip Night, which is the next meetings program (3/31). What is Tip Night you ask? It's a chance to share knowledge with your fellow club members. Folks like yourself offer up one of your many secrets to success in the hobby. It might be a great trick for covering, your secret to radio programming, or an easy way you learned to pull off inverted flight. Some tidbit of knowledge you've learned over the years of building, flying, and repairing that you think is worth sharing with the group. So I am looking for a short presentation from YOU at the upcoming meeting. As an incentive to get folks participating in this presentation, Hobby Lobby has graciously provided a FlyCamOne(2) inflight digital video recorder for raffle(\$100 value). So each tip receives an entry in the raffle.

Each tip should be at least a minute presentation but kept to 2-3 minutes maximum, and if you have more then 1 tip we'll present 1 and then move around the room to ensure everyone gets time to give a tip. Once everyone has had a chance we'll go around the room additional times so you can divulge all your secrets. On the chance that we do not have enough time for everyone's tips we will continue to the next meeting.

1 raffle ticket per tip.

If you plan on participating I would appreciate a quick reply so I can gauge how much time to set aside for everyone and ensure everyone gets their chance. If you have questions, comments, or tips please email me at hariustrk@gmail.com

For information about the FlyCamOne2 check out: <http://www.hobby-lobby.com/video-camera.htm>

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dave Playfair

Spring is in the air! There's still a blizzard or two likely, but days in the 50's are a welcome change to the long Rochester winter. I even managed to shed a coat completely for a few hours last week! The turnout at Macedon last weekend was the highest I've seen since fall. Not used to having to get in the queue to fly, but the company is welcome!

The BOD is prepping for the flying season by organizing our field activities, including rolling the runways. We are also incorporating more aggressive club promotion to offset a lower-than-usual membership count. Jeff Fuller and I are working on a digital picture frame display to be featured at Performance Hobbies and others may be placed at area hobby shops depending on its success. I also built on a suggestion from Bob Hendrickson and whipped up some club promo labels, which will be offered at our next membership meeting (already given to BOD members). Do you have hobby magazines just lying around collecting dust? Simply affix one of these labels over your existing address sticker and drop those magazines off at the next medical center waiting room you visit. For virtually free, we can promote our hobby by providing reading material other than "Good Housekeeping", along with club contact info for those that want to take it a step further.

"The biggest part of being original is knowing what to copy from others." ~playfair

FEBRUARY BOD MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The March 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 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"/> Larry Clarke (Ontario Field Director)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rod Curtis (Macedon Field Director)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Antonelli (Newsletter Editor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Fuller (Program Director)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carl VanVoorhis (Librarian)	

Business:

- The February BOD meeting minutes were approved
- Al Bensley attended the AMA District II Chapter Meeting in Syracuse
 - o Presentation will be placed on the RAMS website
 - o District II has created geographical chapters, RAMS will be in the "Central NY" chapter; the RCCR may be in the "Western NY" chapter
 - o AMA has been in an 8 year decline; District II is the worst
 - o District II Fun Fly is in Olean July 17-19, 2009
 - o Intend to setup a Yahoo! Group to distribute information
- Web directory restoration is in progress
- Field rolling is being planned for both fields
- Article about the RAMS is in the March 2009 EAA newsletter "The Flyer"
- Flight School update by Bob Hendrickson: club aircraft are ready, and flight school is "open for business"
- Event update from Tom Starsmore
 - o RMSC Static Display on March 21 from 11-4
 - o E-cubed Fair: April 30 from 9-2
- Digital Frame Ad update by Jeff Fuller
 - o 10" frame purchased
 - o Pictures and videos to be added
- "Tip Night" to be held at the March membership meeting
- Membership report: 96 seniors, 15 juniors
- Macedon Field Update:
 - o The gravel pit lease at Macedon has been for 5 years; anticipate closure prior to the full-term
 - o Snow fence to be removed soon
 - o Diversion ditches to be dug in driveway

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

The February business meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Dave Playfair at Penfield-Webster ABVI Goodwill

Guests: David "Slim" Connors was voted into the club; welcome!

Program: Mechanics and Physics of Helicopters by Jake Kirsch

Announcements:

- "Anything goes" distribution list has been recreated; please e-mail Ray Stacy to be added.
 - o Non-hobby related e-mails should only be sent to the "Anything Goes" DL
 - o Please refrain from sending large attachments; send links to a web photo gallery (Kodak EasyShare, Flickr, etc.) or to video hosting sites like YouTube
- Bob Abbott graciously accepted the Rubsum Award on behalf of Ruric Strickland and himself

Business:

- The December and January Membership Minutes were approved
- AMA Gold Leader Club renewed for 2009
- Macedon taxes appear to be lower than anticipated; showing a \$2400 reduction from previous years due to agricultural exemption. Thanks to Treasurer Al Bensley for doing the legwork on this!!
- The BOD is pursuing several avenues to advertise our club.
 - o Digital picture frame: Jeff Fuller is researching alternatives to display a digital picture frame in local hobby shops to show who the RAMS are and what we do with pictures and video clips
 - o Model Aviation magazines: stickers providing information about the RAMS will be placed on the cover of old issues of Model Aviation. The magazines will be distributed to local doctor's office waiting rooms and brought to RAMS events. Please let the BOD know if you have back issues that you would like to donate.

Show-n-Tell:

- Kevin Freeman showed an 85" QuiQue Pitts Python ARF powered by a DA-85 with a KS tuned pipe
- Bob Herden showed a port wing that he is building for a Hall Bull Dog. The wing is mounted on a home-made jig
- Andres Rodriguez showed how to replicate plastic parts using a home-made male mold covered with nylons and reinforced with epoxy. He also showed a portion of a wing that demonstrates tricks for building a light wing and hinging the aileron with covering
- Jack Grafman showed his Mfg- Dave Deals Engineering Model type- Macchi 202 Folgore WWII fighter WS- 18" Power- Two 12" loops of 1/8" rubber Comments- All parts were printed on balsa sheet and cut out by hand the old fashioned way about 30 hours actual building time and about 100 hours thinking about how to construct various sections





FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Jeff Fuller

The February presenter was our own Jake Kirsch, the subject was “Mechanics and Physics of Helicopters”.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Jose Soler

Jose Soler reported the January renewal membership count for 2009 is 52. This consists of 76 Sr., 15 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

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



It seems that unmanned aerial combat vehicles like this MQ-1 Predator might be the way of the future. Armed as you can see with hellfire missiles, the Predator is used for reconnaissance and ground attack, but in the future it might be that aircraft such as this one will take over the role of air-to-air fighter, since the limiting factor in maneuverability for many modern aircraft is the human pilot, who can only handle so many Gs of force. There has already been at least one air-to-air engagement between a Predator and an enemy fighter, in 2002 a Predator fired an air-to-air missile at an Iraqi MiG-25. The missile missed the MiG, but a missile from the MiG destroyed the Predator.

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