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**THE RAMS April 28, 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 2009

### RAMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE (TUESDAYS)

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

### BOD MEETING SCHEDULE (MONDAYS)

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

## 2008 SCHEDULE OF FLYING EVENTS ALL CLUBS

E Cubed static display @ RIT Sky Rovers Warbird Rally RCCR Ray Edmunds memorial fun-fly District 2 Fun Fly & STARS Rally Sky Rovers Air Show (no Turbines) RAMS MACEDON FIELD FUN-FLY RAMS NORTHEAST HELI JAMBOREE Interclub picnic (Ontario, NY field)	April 30 June 20 & 21 June 27 & 28 July 18 & 19 July 25 & 26 Aug. 22 & 23 Aug. 28, 29 & 30 Sept. 5 rain date 6 <sup>th</sup>
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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Alex Antonelli

- Rick McGahey is asking for assistance with a work group on Saturday May 4, 2009 to help replace the shingles on the roof of the pavilion at Macedon field. All are welcome, the more help the easier the task. Rick requests you bring your hammer, a utility knife with

spare blades and a tin snip to be able to cut the flashing around the chimney.

- The RAMS will host the interclub picnic this year. The event will be held on Labor Day weekend at Fordham field (Ontario, NY) on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the April meeting for help with this event. RAMS members will be asked to bring a plate to pass. Fordham field was selected because some of the visiting club flyers feel more comfortable flying at Fordham vs. Macedon. Therefore to have a potential of more visiting clubs pilots attend and fly the club has opted for this field and date. Flying will be from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## APRIL PROGRAM

Jeff Fuller

The April program will be a mini swap meet. Bring all those items you may not need or want it may be just what someone else is in need of and can't go without.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dave Playfair

Everything is progressing smoothly for the club this spring. Macedon field has been rolled twice and Ontario is drying out nicely. Though the spring winds can be relentless at times, the smell of life in the air is motivational to get charged and fueled up. For a "benchmark", I'm happy to report a personal incineration of 6 gallons of model fuel to date since the freeze in. :c)

For those that have been frequenting the fields, it's been brought to my attention that the gates have been left open on several occasions. Please heed the signs on your way out and lock up, as we don't want an open invitation to trouble!

This year the inter-club picnic is to be hosted by the RAMS. We have chosen Fordham Field as the location, and the date is September 5 (Labor Day Weekend). Alex is sending invitations to our neighboring clubs. Membership (and family) participation will show that our social relationship with fellow hobbyists is important to us! A sign-up sheet will be sent out in the next month to get a head count, and ask for our members to bring a dish to pass.

Unfortunately, our numbers are still at a 10+ year low for this time of year. Significant steps have been taken to reach out to former and "should-be" modelers, including the magazine sharing program (labels were distributed at the last meeting), a slide show display at Performance Hobbies, and don't forget the membership incentive program! Each RAMS member will get \$10 off next year's dues for each new member you get to join our club. We all know somebody who has an interest in RC- let's get them involved!

*"The first rule of hobby spending: Why buy just one, when you can have 2 for twice the price!." ~SR Hadden*

## APRIL BOD MEETING MINUTES

Jake Kirsch

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

### Attendees:

[ X ] Dave Playfair (President)  
[ X ] Jacob Kirsch (Secretary)

[ X ] Bob Hendrickson (Vice President)  
[ X ] Al Bensley (Treasurer)

[ X] Jose Soler (Membership Director)  
[ ] Ray Stacy (Macedon Safety Director)  
[ X] Rod Curtis (Macedon Field Director)  
[ X] Jeff Fuller (Program Director)

[ X] Tom Starsmore (Community Affairs Director)  
[ X] Larry Clarke (Ontario Field Director)  
[ ] Alex Antonelli (Newsletter Editor)  
[ ] Carl VanVoorhis (Librarian)

**Business:**

- The March BOD meeting minutes were approved
- 5 Club Fun Fly hosted by RAMS
  - o Planned for Fordham Field pending field conditions
  - o Planned for September 5 from 10AM to 3PM; Rain date on September 6
  - o RAMS Members interested must inform the BOD by August 9th
  - o Alex Antonelli to contact other clubs and request to provide attendance numbers by August 9th
- Discussed late fee timing and park pilot program with respect to the RAMS membership
- Field Reports:
  - o Field rolling has been completed at Macedon; waiting for Fordham
  - o Gates at both fields are being left open; PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CLOSE THE GATE IF YOU ARE THE LAST TO LEAVE!
- Event update from Tom Starsmore
  - o RIT E-cubed Fair static display: April 30 from 9-2
- Program for April is a Swap Meet
- Digital Frame Ad update by Jeff Fuller
  - o 10" frame on display at Performance Hobbies
- The BOD approved the Field Directors Fund for personal mileage expenses up to \$250

## **MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

Jake Kirsch

The March meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Dave Playfair at Penfield-Webster ABVI Goodwill

**Guests:** Randy Ward and Paul Herasimeluk were voted into the club; welcome!

**Program:** Tip Night sponsored by Hobby Lobby who donated a FlyCamOne; won by Andres Rodriguez; congratulations and thanks to all for their tips!

**Announcements:**

- The digital picture frame ad was displayed for the membership's review
- Macedon Field has been rolled several times
- Magazine stickers were distributed for members to place on old Model Aviation magazines to be left at doctors/dentist offices, car shops and barber shops

**Business:**

- The February Membership Minutes were approved
- Treasurer Report:
  - o AT&T class action lawsuit update provided: easement release sent; should receive payment soon
  - o \$204 received from Carl Reynolds donations
  - o Rod Curtis has donated 4 kits to the club for sale to the membership. Al Bensley will send details to the membership via e-mail. THANKS ROD!!!

**Show-n-Tell:**

- Andres Rodriguez demonstrated a home-made LED prop setup that can be programmed to display messages as the prop spins.
- Several members shared stories remembering Ed Van Wagner who passed away this month.
- Lenny Kmiecik discussed electric plane considerations

## **RAMS SHOW AT RM&SC**

Alex Antonelli

The RAMS club was asked to participate in a static show at the RM&SC on Saturday March 21, 2009. Those in attendance were: Robert Antonelli, Tom Starsmore, Rod Curtis and Alex Antonelli. Below are pictures of our display. This was the first opportunity to use the new RAMS label advertisements that Dave Playfair came up

with. All the magazines given away had the new labels. There was much interest with our flyer and many took note about the upcoming fun-fly events coming up at the Macedon field. The museum staff thanked us for attending.



## MARCH PROGRAM

Jeff Fuller

The March program appears to have been a success. After some of the members showed their tips other club members built on some of these ideas with suggestions as to what they had done to resolve building problems. Andres Rodríguez won the flight cam. He has one other but as he said "you never have enough flight cams".

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Jose Soler

Jose Soler reported the membership count at this point for 2009 is 116. This consists of 100 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



**P-63 Kingcobra**

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