



THE RAMS HORN

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AMA—Academy of Model Aeronautics Club #1264, Operating for Public Benefit, Milwaukee County RC Flying Field, S.70 & W. Oakwood Rd.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009 – 7PM
WaterStone Savings Bank, 6560 S. 27th Street
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Tom Ryan

How We Doing? In a word, GREAT! Our membership numbers are still going up, the field is really nice, pilots are flying, and having a good time and we soloed two new pilots! We now have an eleven year old young man who joined us and is learning to fly. Our picnic was a huge success. The combat guys have grown in numbers, so I'd say we're really doing really great!

Fall, Flying. Mother Nature wasn't kind to us this year; not a very nice summer, but fall flying can be fun and some say "they like fall the best because of all the color, warm days and cool nights." Best of all, you'll only need a light sweater most of the time around here. Let's hope we have a nice fall.

Clean Up Help If you'd like to help as a volunteer for our fall clean up, please let Bob Kabella or me know ASAP. Not a lot of work to do, just general clean up and prepping for winter. Any help would be appreciated, Thanks.

Team Work Has Worked You guys have worked as a team this year and it shows. This year we've come a long way as a club and it's all because of you, our great members and volunteers. The best part is we have just started! To me, 2010 will be our best year ever. You guys made it happen. Well done.

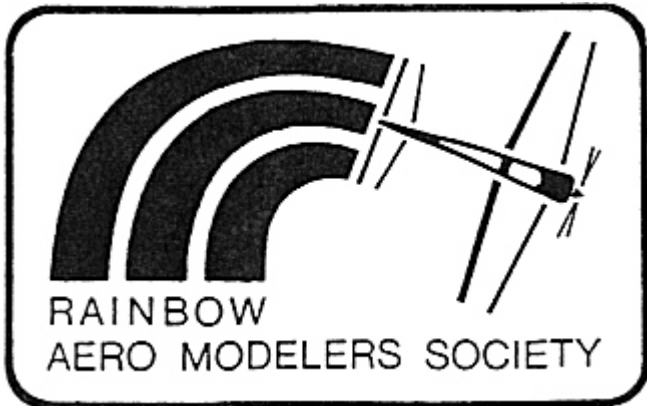
What's Next? Our December 2nd awards night. We will have good food and of course a very nice door

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prize, too. Nominations for our officers, and some light hearted fun as we revisit (and make fun of) those who "crashed" (*ouch, that's painful*), and as we always do...poke fun at ourselves as we hand out the awards. Just a fun filled night. This year, those who helped at our events are also welcome.

2010: A Big Year Ahead. We have a lot to do, believe me; and a lot needs doing for our upcoming season. Much of that planning will be done over the winter months. A winter workshop workshop will be introduced to assist new members, and a host of new ideas and tasks will be presented to the membership. 2010 will be filled with "things to do by everyone," and hopefully all the membership will step up and do their part in helping us stay on track and keep growing, not just with membership numbers, but with events and programs, field improvements, and fun.

Let's not forget guys... our goal is safety first, fun and fellowship second and third, and keeping me out of jail, away from uninhibited women, and sober! Remember gentlemen, we're a little club of model aviation flyers who enjoy the hobby, the friendship, and the chance to share that interest and friendship with others. Who knows, maybe even making a new friend or two along the way? It's said "*a rich man isn't measured by the amount of money he has, but rather by the amount of friends he has!*" Let's all get rich together!

Pilot Profile This Issue: Dick Eddy
(Read past 54 profiles at www.rcslot.com/rams)



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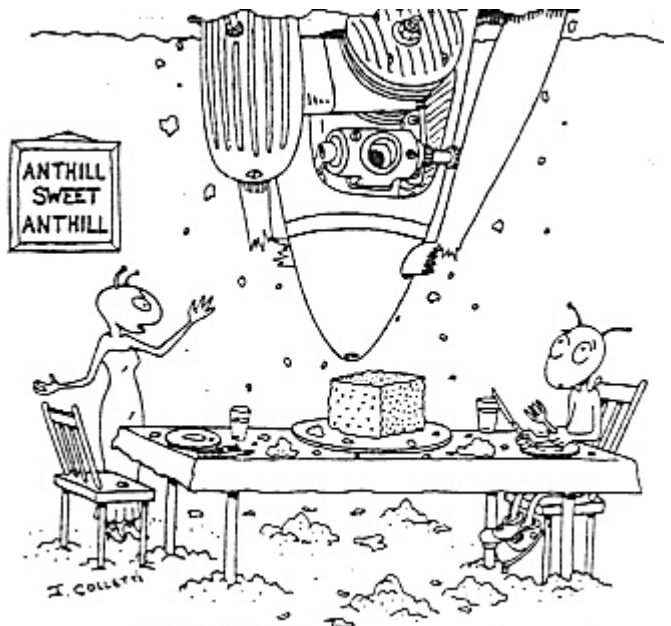
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Happenings at the Meeting

RAMS Club, September 2, 2009

by Craig R. Manka, Secty.-Treas.

Photos and some notes by Russell Knetzger, Editor

The 103 Membership Roster published last issue is out of date already. With the addition of James Bennett, and Justin Francisco (moved here from Michigan), we are at 105 members. We were at 66 this winter. Similarly, field licenses are still rising, with 125 end of last year, and now 133. Past all time highs are believed to be 130-135. (The club will be 29 years old at our November meeting Nov.6, 1980. Club attendance hovers around 30 each meeting, being 28 in September.)

A special door prize for our upcoming September 19, 2009 “2nd Annual Club Picnic” was on display. It is an ARF kit of an AT-6 Texan Trainer, used for WW-II. Worth \$400, it was purchased for far less last night at the MARKS Club. In gratitude for the good price, Pres. Ryan invited MARKS Club members to come to our picnic.



Tom Ryan also summarized the huge August Scale Fly-in at Fond du Lac (see last issue), praising its great turnout but noting it was too crowded in the air for pilots to fly, and for spectators to sort it all out.

Field manager Bob Kabella gave his wish-list, to which Dell Fisher donated \$75 from an engine sale at the field. The list includes \$600 for radiator & hoses to cure a developing overheating problem on our Model 5030 Allis-Chalmers diesel tractor; \$200 for a paint marker to keep visible a flight safety line 15' from the pilot barriers; \$850 for a used Bolens riding mower (back-up to our present unit); \$605 rental of a skid loader to remove the berm on the north side of the creek; extending our field's high spot out to the creek to prevent scouring of our NE area during winter melt and summer rains. He said the County found another farmer to cut & bale the hay west of our runway all the way to the far tree line.

Remember to Take Home
All Trash You Create at the Field
Take Home Spectator Trash As Well

Coordinator of the 2009 Club Picnic, Jack Spindler, gave details: \$5 admission covers door prize ticket, free food

including “dishes to pass.” (The AT-6 Texan door prize was won by Steve Navone.)

Got Something to Sell? You may post a single 3”x5” index card on the field bulletin board for the remainder of the period between the 1st & 31st of the month.

Pres. Tom Ryan noted the Language & Decorum at our field has improved greatly, but to discourage any slippage he read the president's column (Jim Litwin) from the latest Racine club newsletter. They also fly off of public land, and to guard against losing that privilege, Litwin warns that no member of the visiting public should be subjected to, or observe, poor language or conduct by any pilots at their field.

Raffle Winners at the September meeting were: Mary Anderson of a servo tester; Craig Manka of an Air Alert beeper to find downed aircraft; Chuck Bucci of another brand of beeper; Earl Evans of a hand crank fuel pump, and as in August, another gallon of fuel to Bob Kabella.

Using the Club Website: Contact Mike Lutzenberger, at (h)414-483-8038, (c)414-418-3985, or email mjplutz@ameritech.net). Once logged in, you enter a code of your own choosing. This approach minimizes activity on the site from non-members, and from “spam.” The website address remains “www.rcslot.com/rams” and is provided courtesy of Keith Kittoe, owner of RCSlot, LLC.

Models at the Meeting

Tom Ryan encouraged more modelers to try out “combat flying” by showing his new “Tom Bat 2” version of the Gnat/Spad combat plane popular at our field. Several can be cut out of a single 4x8' sheet of plastic cardboard-like material. He introduced Bill Geipel to elaborate. *(cont.p.4)*



Above: Tom Ryan showing his version of the Gnat or Spad type of cheap-to-build combat aircraft that use .15 size engines.

Models at the Meeting (Sep.2,2009 cont.)

cost and ease of constructing such model aircraft. Ordinary hand tools such as knives or shop shears cut it. The fuselage is 3/4" aluminum channel stock. Many components such as fuel tank, batteries and receiver are held in place by velcro tape. The .15 engine at \$60 is the high point of the cost. Other materials accumulate to under \$30, assuming you have a radio system. Both Ryan and Geipel believe it is an inexpensive way to do more thrilling flying, cutting each other's streamers. Presently the field has 5 active combat pilots: Bill Geipel, Bob Kabella, Bryan Lorentzen, Bob Maciejewski, & Andy Runte.



Above: Bill Geipel at the September 2nd meeting holding Tom Ryan's "Tom Bat 2" combat aircraft, to help explain building the model and flying it.

2009 RAMS Club Picnic, Sep.19

Very good weather blessed the event this year, as has always been the case with the 3rd Saturday of September. The following photo gallery highlights the people and some of their planes that made the event a success: Coordinator was John Spindler.



Above: Welcome to the 2009 RAMS Picnic. Pay \$5 and get free lunch plus a door prize ticket.. An AT-6 Texan ARF on the seat is the prize. Handling ticket sales: Alex Barda (l.), Debby & Marv Bishop.



Above: Darrell Hossalla's turbine engine jet "Pure Power" sits south of the Helicopter shelter awaiting its turn to be flown.

2009 RAMS Picnic Sep. 19th (cont.)



Above: Newest club member James Bennett, age 11, taking a flying lesson during the picnic from instructor Phil Schumacher, Mark Meyrose as spotter. Way in the back, Bob Kabella (l.) convincing Dick Weiner to test fly his large scale "Classic 84," shown below.



Above Dick Weiner's giant scale Classic 84 (gasoline engine) ready for its maiden flight after being purchased from the original owner 4 years ago, with recent carburetor rebuilding by Bob Kabella. Flew well.



Above: Don Finney listening to Bill Flannery (red hat) while standing along the east flight line.



Above: Dick Cook (l.) chatting with Bryan Lorentzen, also along the east flight line. Sky shows great weather.

Member Profile: Dick Eddy

by Russell Knetzger

Dick prefers this to be a “member” profile than a “pilot” profile, because he has retired from Wisconsin flying. He now only does limited “Park Flyer” R/C piloting in Florida where he and wife, Maxine, spend the winter (Tampa).

He remains active in the club in non-flying activities, such as announcing our club picnic and fly-in, and loaning his all-steel trailer to haul soil (and workers) at field-work parties.

Dick’s road to aeromodeling goes back to at least 1939 in Greendale, when as an 11 year old his family was one of the very first to occupy this Federal anti-depression experiment to bring the English “New Town” to America. At first it covered 1,000 acres, surrounded by 4,000 acres of open space. Dick built the usual stick & tissue rubber powered models, and some control line, invented just after WW-II.

But then West Milwaukee High School (Greendale had no high school then), plus his first job in 1947 at Harnischfeger on 43rd & National as a cost accountant, left no time for models. The Korean Conflict of 1950-53 saw Dick in 1951 drafted into the US Army as a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne unit. Fortunately, he became a parachute instructor, assigned to many US bases (Kentucky, Georgia, New York, etc.) to train others to jump.

**US ARMY - Korean Conflict, 1951-1953
11th Airborne Unit**



Above: Dick Eddy as field mower in the mid-1990s on our 1948 Ford 8N, chatting with his flight instructor, Floyd Katz. In about 2000 our present Allis-Chalmers 5030 Diesel replaced the 8N, keeping its mower.



Above: Dick Eddy in the RAMS booth at the 1995 Southridge mall show, behind his J-3 Cub; with Jim Merriwether and Scott Wilke in the background.

After the Army, in 1953 Dick married Maxine Breitzman. They knew each other all through grade and high school. They have two sons, Robert born in 1957, and David born in 1959, and now four grandchildren. In 1954 Dick affiliated with FMC – Food Machinery Corporation, a very diversified company, remaining to retirement in 1989. Dick was always an independent contractor to FMC. At first he did in-the-field servicing of FMC’s automotive repair equipment – typical of most auto repair shops. Then he transitioned to sales, covering at least three states as his territory, on the road most of each week.

What brought Dick back to aeromodeling was radio control that he observed at one of the mall shows held each winter, mid 70s-mid 90s. By then living on S. 76th Street in Franklin close to the County field, he joined the RAMS Club, serving as its treasurer for 5 years, and almost the same length as field manager.

Dick’s other interests have included 25 years (1958-1983) with the National Ski Patrol, and winters in Florida he plays the string bass violin with a Country & Western group. That may account for his owning the portable sound equipment he provides to RAMS field events.

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2009 RAMS Picnic Sep.19th (concluded)



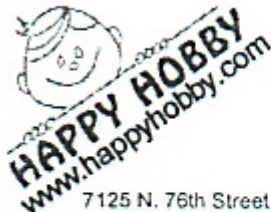
Above: Tim Schumacher (l.) and Marv Bishop discuss a plane on one of the pit tables. Fire extinguishers ready if needed.



Above: Floyd Katz waiting to fly his yellow & red "Golden Oldie" biplane, scratch built from RCM magazine plans, with .60 Saito 4 cycle engine, flat bottom airfoils. Background: Bryan Seijkowski being a plane spotter.

Mark Your Calendar

The 32nd Annual Auction & Swap Meet (Milw. R/C Association, having 16 clubs in it), takes place Jan. 3, 2010 (Sunday) 9AM-2PM at the usual Waukesha County Expo Center, SW corner, Waukesha County's Airport. I-94 to the "J" exit, south 1.5 mi. then W. Laurie Jones, of Happy Hobby, is the coordinator. RAMS Assoc. delegate, Bob Kabella, will have details at our Nov. meeting.



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