



The RAMS Horn

NEXT MEETING

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SHOW AND TELL

It's All About the ARF

Last month we saw a couple of projects that were taking shape—bare-wood airframes. This month we saw a couple of planes that are closer to being in the air.

Steve Ward brought in his Albatross ARF from BPhobbies.com (top right). If you like what you see, act quickly. This plane is on final closeout. It is available in two versions: painted and unpainted. Steve bought the unpainted and it came covered in this red, monokote-style covering. Now, if this is the unpainted, we are not sure what the painted version could be.

Also displayed is **Ralph Berginz's** Escapade Sport ARF by Great Planes (bottom right). Ralph is graduating from his trainer to this sporty model. Congratulations, Ralph! He opted for electric power with a Rimfire .46 motor and as you can see, this plane is nearly done.

Thank you both for bringing these in!



OBITUARY

Rainbow Airport Operator Dies

By Russell Knetzger

Leon Rediske, who operated Rainbow Airport just north of the RAMS' Milwaukee County Parks' RC model flying site on Oakwood Road, died in Florida of brain cancer the morning of May 6, 2014, said his widow, **Jane Rediske**, in an email to RAMS member **Bill Stilley**. Leon took over from his father, **Ed Rediske**, who had opened the airport after World War II. Leon was in charge in 1977-79 when Milwaukee County agreed to provide an RC model airplane field near Rainbow Airport, which by then the county had bought with floodplain funds, leasing it back to the Rediskes. Leon guided **Russell Knetzger** and top county parks staff to the Oakwood Road site. Being a "left hand" approach airport, we would be flying inside Rainbow's unused airspace between Oakwood and the paved E-W runway, still there, but now overgrown. The block hangar also remains. Over 1,000 acres of floodplain surround our Oakwood Road site. The county ended the Rediske lease in 1996. The RAMS kept good relations with Rainbow by displaying RC models at the airport during their annual Sunday morning Pancake Breakfast Fly-In, a popular event annually at most small Wisconsin airports

EDITOR'S NOTE

Your editor is still trying to learn some aerobatics on his sign-board plane, the SPAD QHOR. I'm sure **Bill Geipel** would love to tear up this plane in a combat match 😊.

If you are unfamiliar with a SPAD, it stands for Simple Plastic Airplane Design. These planes are low-cost and have high durability. If you're interested in building a SPAD, there are tons of free plans online at www.spadtothebone.net. This might be a good alternative if your skill level is in between your trainer and your next plane.



FIELD REPORT

Field Improvements

The field is looking great and is mostly keeping dry. Get out there and get flying! If you need help, just ask. Below is a photo taken by our instructor **Phil Schumacher** of his student **Ron Szuta**. Ron is readying his E-Flight Apprentice for flight. The Apprentice seems to be a great plane for learning. Not only is it equipped with SAFE technology (flight stabilization), but it's also larger than the typical foamy, which handles our lake breezes much better.

In the improvements area, we received a Flying Site Grant from the AMA to assist with field improvements. Last year we had the cement foundation poured for the shed and **Jeff Borowski** built new picnic tables to replace the old ones that are deteriorating away. Jeff will also be making six more picnic tables this year.



SPRING FLYING

Memorial Day Weekend



We had a beautiful Memorial Day weekend in Milwaukee! (Yes, it did rain on Monday, but it waited until near the end of the day). On Sunday afternoon, I managed to catch **Bob Glowienka** prepping one of Floyd Katz's airplanes for his first flight. This is a very big plane and loud with its 4-stroke, 1.20 engine. **Mark Meyrose** was close by to provide a helping hand and give some advice. I think we all can appreciate what it



means to see models like this get back into the air. A very appropriate flight on Memorial Day.

UPCOMING 2014 EVENTS

June 14

Warbirds Over Dane

Madison, WI

www.marcswi.org

June 26-28

Fox Valley Aero Club**Windy City Warbirds & Classics**

St. Charles, IL

www.foxvalleyaero.com

June 28

Flying Electrons Airfest

Menomonee Falls, WI

www.flyingelectrons.com

MILWAUKEE AIR & WATER SHOW

Headliner: Blue Angels

Summertime gives us a chance to go full-scale—at least for a day or two. This year's Milwaukee Air & Water Show is scheduled on June 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The stars of the event will no doubt be the Blue Angels flying their F/A-18 Hornets in close formation over the lakefront. The schedule is packed with

plenty of other aerobatic performances as well.

If you remember last year's air show season, military aircraft presence around the country was very light thanks to sequestration. Many shows were cancelled or rescheduled. Thankfully, 2014 is a new year!



Also nearby, Rockford will be having their Airfest on June 7 and 8. Their show features the Air Force Thunderbirds. Rockford typically has an exciting collection of static aircraft on display. However, their website states that the military is not providing static aircraft for air shows. So, travelers beware.