



The RAMS Horn

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday Feb 2, 7:00 PM

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Monthly Recap

January in Review

Please welcome our new 2022 club officers!

- President: **Tim Sorensen**
- Vice President: **Joe Milanowski**
- Treasurer: **Tom Young**

Thank you all for volunteering to help lead the club.

We received some news over the RAMS IO Groups email that Oakwood road would be closed for a short period of time due to construction near 60th street. If you are going to the field, please be on the lookout for that.



The Milwaukee County RC Association also held our county swap meet this month and it was a good time. I saw a few of our members there. I think attendance may have been down compared to 2020, but it was still a good show and lots of items were on sale. If you missed it, more swap meets are happening down the road.

AROUND THE AREA

Upcoming Events

02/06/2022, 8AM - 2PM

Green Bay Model Airplane Club

Swap Meet

Boys and Girls Club West

Green Bay, WI

gbmac.com

02/12/2022, 8AM - 4PM

EAA

Winter Flight Fest

EAA Aviation Museum

Oshkosh, WI

eaa.org

02/19/2022, 8:30AM - 1PM

Fox Valley Aero Club

Swap Meet

Kane County Fair Grounds

St. Charles, IL

foxvalleyaero.com

03/06/2022, 7:30AM - Noon

Valley Aero Modelers

Swap Meet

Starlight Club

Kaukauna, WI

flyvam.com

Event

EAA Ski Fly-In is Back

On Saturday, February 12, the EAA will host the 30th anniversary of the Skiplane Fly-In at Pioneer Airport (behind the EAA Museum in Oshkosh). And don't forget—there's a free chili lunch.

There's plenty to do in the museum as well. A local AMA club will be flying RC demonstrations and working with guests to build rubber band powered models. Various exhibits are scheduled throughout the day for kids and the young at heart.

Bring your AMA card if you are not a member of the EAA, as your AMA membership allows free access to the museum!



* those are not just any random people in the background!

Obituary

Bill Stilley passes at 82

By Jim Hatzenbeller

Bill Stilley was an active member of EAA Chapter 18. Bill served as Vice President and was also a Board member.

Bill, worked full time at Astronautics developing instrumentation for military aircraft and later commercial airliners. He worked for them for over 40 plus years. Many years, he served as the Santa Claus at the annual Astronautics Christmas party.

His training was in the Aero Shop at Milwaukee's "Boys Tech.," plus what he has picked up in decades of home-building full scale aircraft, and restoring commercially made single engine planes. Bill served in the US Air Force (1950s), and ended up in a development engineering career of highly technical products, He did that at one place of employment (Astronautics), and did it with less than a 4 year college degree.

Bill was also into modeling before he was ten years old, and took advantage of the model shops found at most larger US Air Bases. He was in "R/C" before it was reliable. Bill served as president of the RAMS R/C club for 4 years.

Bill was a big-city boy all his life. Bill grew up near 15th and Highland in Milwaukee and attended what was then called Boy's Tech in Milwaukee. Bill's Air Force draftsman career was hands on with aircraft (Fort Belvoir, Virginia), During his Air Force time, Bill was stationed in Greenland. Bill was an active pilot, has built or restored a dozen aircraft, and has worked in aircraft instrumentation.

One thing that brought Bill back into modeling in 1994 was the hanging of his aircraft at Rainbow Airport before the County closed it. Rainbow Airport was just north of the RAMS R/C flying field.

Bill developed tonsil cancer in the late 90's, which resulted in removal of lymph nodes in his neck. Bill feels he beat the Big C. However, the radiation treatments left his neck skin sensitive to sunburn, which accounted for the familiar large hat he was seen wearing many times.

After his retirement from Astronautics, Bill could be found most weekends at Capitol Dr. Airport where he worked in the office.

Throughout his lifetime Bill owned several different airplanes. He once owned an Ercoupe. Later he owned a Cessna 150 Sparrow Hawk, and a Cessna 172. He built and flew a Kit Fox. Then to make it back full circle, he restored and flew another Ercoupe.

Bill leaves behind his wife Teri, who was always supportive of his aviation projects.



Full Scale

Aluminum Overcast Status Update

The Experimental Aircraft Association's B-17G, Aluminum Overcast (44-85740, N5017N), has been at Punta Gorda, Florida since April 2021, grounded after a wing-attach issue was found. Here is an update:

The crew noticed irregularities last year during a tour stop. Further, inspection revealed a crack emanating from the left sheer web, which is a secondary support structure for the wing. The only way to repair that is by removing the wing. The repair itself is not overly complicated, but getting to it is. As we removed the wing, our teams noticed other things that would be best served by repairing them at the same time. Such is life with vintage aircraft. Thus, we put a plan together during the last few months of 2021 to take care of all the discrepancies at once during this project. The next step is to source the parts and material, which as you know can be a challenge with an airframe that has been out of production for many years. There's been a group of local volunteers that have been outstanding with assistance to our EAA full-time crew that has regularly journeyed to Florida. We hope to complete the engineering and acquire all the materials needed so we can fly the aircraft home to Oshkosh this summer.

