

◆ RAMS NEWSLETTER ◆

May 2009

It comes as no surprise that when spring arrives we all want to get out and fly. Our field is ready but not 100% so beware, there is still some soft ground and ruts



Work crew setting up to install

that in time will be addressed but, the water has just gone down and its too early to get out to do any real field work so, flyer beware, make sure you know where the safe take off and landing area is, don't count on the field being 100% smooth and rut free, not right at the moment!

PROJECTS STARTED!

The fence project got off to a great start and now is all but completed.

After setting the posts and letting them settle for a week, the fence went

up and a l l that's left is the lower supports to be put in place and secured down. It really looks great!

Next, the fence opening where the frequency board use to be, will have a fence across there to prevent spectators from coming onto the field, as that area is now going to be designated the spectator viewing area along with a new

bleacher for seating.

Dell Fisher donated the money to buy a third canopy so that both flight lines will now have sun and rain cover for the pilots.

The lost and found plus field and club applications are in the mail box by the frequency board on the parking lot side, please note that. Also the first aid box is in plain sight and easy to get to should you need to administer first aid.

All of the instructors will also have first aid materials with them should a mishap occur.

The phone numbers of the local police and paramedics are posted on the bulletin board and should be read by all pilots each time they visit the field, as that's also where you'll find up-dates not yet posted in the newsletter.

Fire extinguishers are also available, know where they are should you need one.

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

With the 2009 flying season getting ready to start, many of us are a bit rusty. The best way to chip off the rust is to check everything twice and get some help if in doubt! After all, two heads are better than one when looking for something out of place.

Batteries and engines from sitting need to be checked and if needed, reset,

maybe the servo's and throws should be checked too? Doesn't hurt to be safe!

At our May meeting we'll be making fun of one of our members, so if you don't want it to be you, then you need to show up!

We'll have soft drinks and snacks plus a really nice raffle prize. Don't miss this meeting!

July Fun Fly In Is On Track For Success!

Our July Fun Fly In should be really great.

We're where we wanted to be on the funding and just about at our goal.

The field will be in excellent shape I'm sure, and with all the improvements, we should be able to accommodate

everyone.

Of course we'll still need to get the volunteers in place and ready but, for now, were on target for having a great Fun Fly with some real positive results.

Lend a hand if you can and help make this our best year ever.

Progress Report.

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Attn: Members

**Come to the Rainbow Aero Modelers Society Meeting on
May 6th at 7pm**

***For a chance to win this**



An Ultra-Micro RC Helicopter anyone can fly - no experience needed

7-1/2" rotor diameter, nearly 8" long, 1 oz. (28 grams!) flying weight. Blade MCX is 100% factory-assembled, test-flown and ready-to-fly, no assembly or setup required. It can be flown just about anywhere: an office, a living room, a small bedroom, a garage, or in your kitchen. Coaxial, counter-rotating rotor head design cancels out the torque effect that makes flying RC helicopters so difficult. ELFH2200 is Ready-to-fly with everything included: 4-channel transmitter equipped with Spektrum 2.4 GHz DSM2 technology, digital trims and dual rates, factory installed 5-in-1 control unit with Spektrum 2.4 GHz DSM2 compatible receiver, main motor speed controls, mixer, gyro, fully proportional servos, LiPo battery, battery charger, and AA batteries. EFLH2280 includes everything except for the transmitter and can be bound to any DSM2 equipped radio. Spektrum DSM2 radio technology eliminates interference so you can fly multiple helicopters at the same time. Blade MCX's ultra-micro size and weight are perfect for indoor flying (or outdoors if there is no wind). Install the AA batteries, charge the flight battery (takes approximately 20 minutes) and go fly. No gluing or painting required.

*Raffle tickets to be sold at the meeting

RAMS Club

Meeting Minutes

4/1/09

I. Call to order

Tom Ryan called to order the regular meeting of the **RAMS Club** at **7:04pm** on **4/1/09** in **Water Stone Bank's meeting room**.

II. Roll call

Roll call was not taken, but 25 members were present.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Members read the minutes from the last meeting as posted in the new Newsletter. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Old Business

V. New business

- The new Newsletter was discussed and its changes announced.
 - Will be out earlier, and posted on the www.rcslot.com/rams
 - President report, Vice President Report, meeting minutes, pilot profile, upcoming events.
- The treasurer's report was given by Craig Manka and was approved. We have 44 members to date.
- Mike Lutzenburger discussed issues of the field.
 - 2 more "SPEED LIMIT" signs are needed.
 - Brush to be removed for more parking to the southwest side.
 - Cottonwood by SWARM to be cut back vs. wait for 2010.
 - Cleanup around the Milwaukee County Parks Sign.
 - Put yellow rope between stop poles for parking area.
 - Fill in potholes in the drive vs. leave as is to slow drivers down.
 - Gate needs to be cleaned and painted or wrapped in safety tape.
- The field fund report was given by Jim Hatzenbeller and was approved of.
- The field report was given by Bob Kabella
 - All projects discussed at March's meeting were updated as to how they are progressing.
 - Hoss, Earl Evans, Chuck Bucci, and Jeff Borowski were given props for their help and support.
 - The bulletin board and frequency board will be moved by SWARM fence to provide a clear view of the field for our spectators.
 - Additional space will be provided for 2.4 GHz pilots as well as 72 MHz.

- A company will sell bleachers for \$350 if we train 4 of his employees on how to fly.
 - Members discussed legalities concerning these individuals having an AMA membership and field license.
 - No issues were found.
- Earl Evans is compiling a student handbook for new learning pilots.
 - Phil Schumacher will review what he has done so far.
- Tom talked about the Instructors program and how it will be policed and evolved.
- A letter was read from Steve Navone concerning his appointment of our new safety officer replacing Marv Anderson.
- Jeff Borowski talked about the new SWARM dues change
 - \$10 for SWARM, \$20 for RAMS
 - To join SWARM, you must join RAMS
- You must post a field license to fly at the field, without one, you will be sent home.
- Mike Lutzenburger displayed the raffle prizes for the meeting.
- Show and tell
 - Duane Gagnon showed a fiberglass Piper Comanche plane that he is rebuilding from 1995. He has already flown it this season. It has retracting landing gear, a .75 tired Super Tiger that he hopes to change and upgrade, a full interior, and it has lights on the wings.
 - Hoss showed an Air wolf (modeled after a Bell 222 or 230) Raptor .60 powered by an OS .70 with dual exhaust in the back and an on board glow that requires 24 volts. It has retractable landing gear.
 - Bob Kabella showed a combat SPAD Gnat made of chloroplast with aluminum channel powered by a Magnum .50

VI. Adjournment

Tom Ryan adjourned the meeting at **9:08pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Craig Manka on 4/1/09