



# 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.

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## ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT*** by **Tom Ryan**

**Wind and Cold Still Rule.** Too windy to fly. Too win-dy to hold the "Shoot Out," and too windy to put up the canopy! The field is still soggy (as of this writing April 20th) and has standing water in spots and is in need of a good rolling, too. The handicap signs need to go in but, the ground is still too wet, if we dig a hole it'll just fill with water! Those things of course will get done when we get a decent drying of the field. The general clean up Sat., April 17<sup>th</sup> went well, but there is still a lot to do. The new **Cub Riding Mower** and our **Older Murray rider** performed just fine, as did our larger Allis-Chalmers diesel tractor. Some grass got cut and the driveway leveled. Three new pilot stations were built and added, making it a total of seven pilot stations now in place. Now all we need is some decent drying weather.

**Looking Ahead.** In the up coming months we'll have several events going on at our field. The big one is our Fun Fly scheduled for **Sat. July 10th**. This is when we get a chance to "**showcase**" our club and open our field to the general public. Last year we had a nice turn out and did a lot of good in the community. Hopefully this year we'll have even a bigger turn out and a chance to show the community that we play an important part in being a good community organization. Our "good will" provides financial support to six charities, and a place for the public to be entertained by seeing model aviation in action, and up close. We're not the EAA but we are fly-

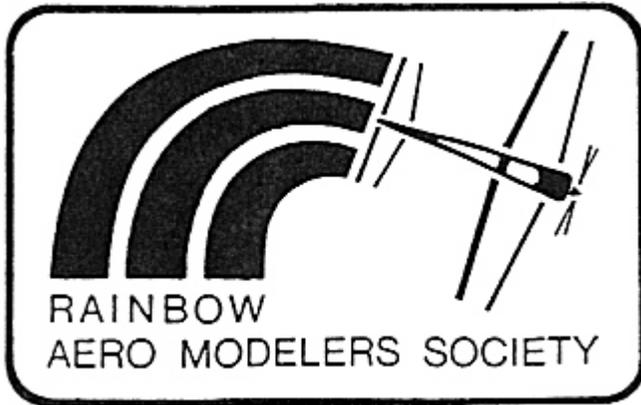
ing aviation, and we're free! We're accessible and friendly. We're good for the community.

**Commentary.** Over the winter we've worked to get all the clubs in Southeast Wisconsin involved in supporting each other at our Fly-In events. Hopefully, that effort will pay off for all of us. As a club we've moved ahead and will continue to, but that took a lot of work. If we're to keep growing we'll need more members to step up to the plate and get more involved. To keep asking the same people "all the time" to be in work parties and help in working at our club events, doesn't say much for the other 80% of the membership who do nothing to help. I realize that some can't help due to their health or work schedules, but to keep asking the same 20% to do it all and all the time, is that fair?

A few new guys have jumped in and helped, and that's great, but what about the other 80%? If you feel that you pay your dues and that's all you have to do, you're right. We're a volunteer based club. No one has to do more than pay their dues and follow the rules. But, what happens when these 20% who support this club with sweat equity say "*enough!*" Where are the "new leaders" coming from? This is your club, your field, and hopefully your shared responsibility. Please keep it growing. Thanks.

**The Prez, Tom Ryan**

**Pilot Profile This Issue: Andy Ohman**  
(Read past 61 profiles at [www.rcslt.com/rams](http://www.rcslt.com/rams))



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*“Now, that pre-flight inspection  
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Cartoon drawn by G. Heilmann, reprinted, the Propstoppers R/C Club, Evelyn Nade, Editor, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania

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# Happenings at the Meeting

**RAMS Club, April 7, 2010**

by Craig R. Manka, Secty.-Treas.

Photos and some notes by Russell Knetzger, Editor

Meeting attendance is continuing around 30 pilots per month. The warm food seems appreciated, but with the departure of cold weather, Pres. Tom Ryan announced it will be more in the “refreshments class” come next meeting. Membership renewal and field license issuance is still languishing. Club renewals are 70, compared to 105 end of last year, a ratio of 67%, Craig Manka reported. Field licenses are doing no better with 91 of 137 last year, or 66%, Jim Hatzenbeller said. **The work party held Sat., April 17<sup>th</sup>** found the field itself too wet to work. Clean-up was focused on the area either side of the drive, from Oakwood north to the sheds.



*Above: Christine Ryan initiates the new Cub Cadet riding mower at the Sat. April 17<sup>th</sup> work party with its hauler box attachment, Bob Destrampe over her shoulder, and Larry Johnson picking up debris. Christine made repeated loop trips out toward Oakwood Rd. and back to the firewood pile to unload her twigs/branches collection.*

President Tom Ryan provided a similar service by attaching the same or another hauler box to the Murray Riding mower, in the same loop pattern. He also mowed the east side front ditch with the Murray, now easy to do since the City of Franklin Public Works made the ditch banks less steep to mow by filling the ditch bottom.

[More on April 17, 2010 Field Work Party \(cont. p.3\)](#)

## April Meeting Guest Speaker: George Farmer

In the spirit of giving a leg up to a new sister club, RAMS President Tom Ryan invited the President of the just chartered “East Troy RC Club” to speak. How new? Their AMA charter came this January. How many pilots? Eleven, maybe twelve. Where is their field? They don’t have one yet. Many of the pilots live in the East Troy-Mukwanago area, and travel north to Oconomowoc to fly with the Lakeland RC Club. Over this winter they did a little indoor RC flying at East Troy Bible Church. AMA has sent a large packet of helpful steps on obtaining a field. A site may exist in the East Troy Industrial Park, and DNR takeover of the defunct “Rainbow Springs Resort” in 2011 may result in a site there, similar to Bong in Kenosha County. A new store, Craig’s Hobbies in East Troy, may become a factor in their mutual long term success.

## April Meeting Raffle Winners

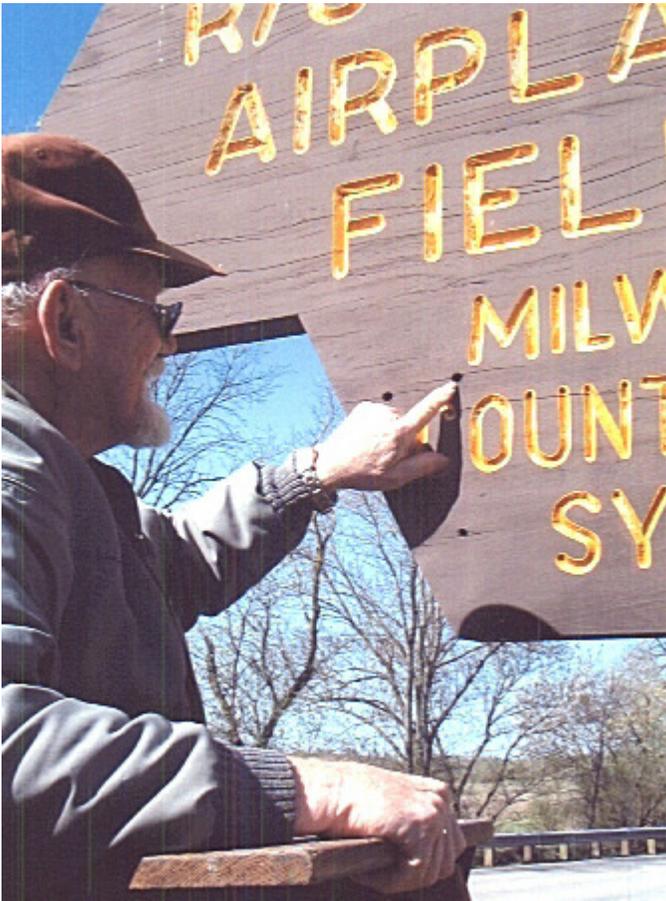
The largest meeting raffle in memory took place at the April 7, 2010 club meeting. A high ratio of “dollar store” type prizes, resulted in every single ticket purchase being a winner. Several pilots turned down their chance to win, 4, 5, even 6<sup>th</sup> drawings of their tickers. Winners were:

Robert Scrip, a heat gun; Frank Burton, gallon of fuel; Robert Scrip, rotary tool set; Jeff Borowski, an accu-throw surface deflection meter; Marty Gscheidmeier, “extra hands” set w/magnifying glass; Earl Evans, tiny electric flight motor; Frank Burton of a Roy Rogers old-time movie CD; Bob Destrampe, a soldering iron set; Jeff Borowski, and Bill Flannery of jeweler’s file sets and heat shrink tubing set; Earl Evans, of a small halogen flashlight; (also won by Chuck Bucci, Duane Gagnon, Bob Destrampe; and Rich Kegel;) new member Bob Krause, of a plane C.G. balancer and also a rotary tool set; Darrell Hossalla, tweezer set; Steve Ward a glow driver; Shawn Thomas, a foam board plane and Marty Gscheidmeier’s donated flightline box; Chuck Beauchamp, The Outlaw CD movie; Darrell Hossalla, fuel tank set; Shawn Thomas, CD video; Jeff Borowski, movie CD “My Man Godfrey;” and finally Shawn Thomas, of a set of airplane plans

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## Sat. April 17 Work Party (cont.)



*Above: Field manager Emeritus Mel Stein points to bullet holes he will be patching in the east face of our County entrance sign. Three of five show in this photo.*

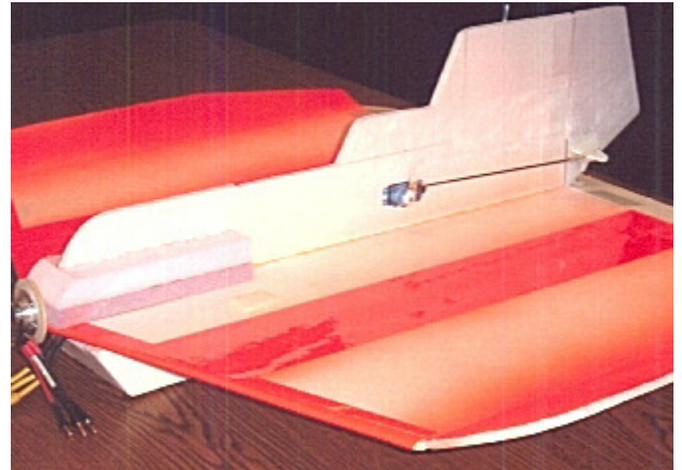


*Above: The "exit wound" holes made by 4 of the 5 bullet holes show here on the west face. Mel, a retired professional wood worker, will custom make wood plugs. The peeling of the yellow routed lettering, revealing the white primer base in both photos, will also be addressed.*

## April Meeting Reports (concluded)

Field Manager Chuck Beauchamp said the field is wet. All equipment is ready to go. The goal for the April 17<sup>th</sup> work party is install pit canopies; flags and flag lights; and to get fence signs up related to ADA handicapped parking, plus the 10 min. unloading zone. Tom Ryan stressed the goal of 20 July 10 Fly-In sponsors at \$100 each, by 20 members. Dick Cook said to visit the Franklin Industrial Park nearby on S. 60<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Models at the April 7, 2010 Meeting



*Top, Above: the super-simple foam board model of Earl Evans with miniature motor, batteries and servos. Internet plans, a 24x26" foam display board for the structure, and \$100 in the electrical parts. Above: Bob Scrip's indoor molded-foam, P-51 Mustang-LED wing lights. Hobby King.com*

# Pilot Profile: Andy Ohman

by Russell Knetzger

Andy Ohman, 43 is among the small group of pilots at the Milwaukee County R/C Model Airplane Field on Oakwood Road in Franklin who flies both helicopters and fixed wing airplanes. As a result, the decision by the SWARM helicopter club (that uses the east-facing flight line), to raise its own dues to also cover automatic RAMS Club membership, (that uses the north-facing flight line for fixed wing flight), works well for Andy.

Andy's allocation of time and budget to conquer both styles of flight, virtually simultaneously, starts from his association with Scott Jones of Happy Hobby Stores. Scott operates the S. 80<sup>th</sup> & West National Avenue store. He has set aside Sundays to teach flying, using the Vincent High School base ball diamonds in Northwest Milwaukee County.

Prior, Andy started with helicopters, patronizing "The Copter Shop" in Wind Lake. He attempted self instruction using a very simplified simulator, on a small "Corona" electric model at Pulaski Park, on S. 16<sup>th</sup> and W. Cleveland Avenue. He was operating a Cudahy branch of his father's boiler de-scaling business at the time. The home office was in North Chicago near the Fort Sheridan US Army base, one of its main customers. Andy grew up in the St. Charles-Batavia, Illinois area, but the business had many major Milwaukee industries as clients such as Briggs & Stratton, Milwaukee Electric Tool, and Miller Brewery. Those made it worthwhile to have a branch here. That, and cutting down travel time to and from Andy's Milwaukee girlfriend.



**Above: Andy Ohman at his new place of residence on S. 99<sup>th</sup> & W. Montana Avenue in West Allis, where he lives with wife Kim, and daughters Courtney & Andrea. He is holding his .60-.90 cu.in. engine Align Trex Nitro Pro 700 helicopter.**

Andy concentrated enough on his Avistar fixed wing trainer, that once he soloed, he moved into instruction at the Vincent site. Helicopter flying was eluding him until he upgraded both his simulator software and his flying equipment. That occurred as part of his observing, then joining, the SWARM Club at the Milwaukee County field. Their rigorous plan for advancing beginners to pilots has been key to Andy being able to do basic helicopter flying, though he feels he still has more to learn.

Introducing himself to a new hobby, came as Andy was also taking over his grandfather's boiler cleaning business from his father, Dave. Though well established and secure, each day involved creating a vacuum inside a boiler's heater pipes and introducing warmed hydrochloric acid to chemically remove the accumulated calcium carbonate "scale." That generated explosive hydrogen gas. The process required a semi-truck sized operations trailer nearby. Andy accepted an offer to sell at a good price. After a year he joined a friend's computer/printers repair shop, "Midwest Capital" at Hwy. 100 & Bluemound Rd. They also do software upgrades, such as to Windows 7, etc.



**Above: Andy Ohman kneeling on the 1<sup>st</sup> Base side of the hardball field of MPS Vincent High School on Granville Rd. near Calumet on Milwaukee's far NW side. Andy did his student flying there of helicopters (left) and fixed wing, Scott Jones, instructor.**

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**Models at the Meeting (concluded)**  
**April 7, 2010**



**Above:** Darrell Hossalla demonstrating the retractable landing gear on his twin engine Cessna 412c (OS.46s), from Nitro Planes. A close observer can see the mufflers are custom made.



**Above:** Smooth lines of the Cessna 412c are evident in this view. "Hoss" employs on-board remote glow plug battery leads. The ARF/kit went together well.



**Above:** Full span Cessna 412c view showing all gear down, and one flap deployed.

**Events Around the Region**

Modelers almost every weekend can visit nearby events to enjoy, and to support the sponsoring club.

**May 1, Bong Plastics speed building contest all day Sat. Greenfield News & Hobby 68<sup>th</sup> & Layton**

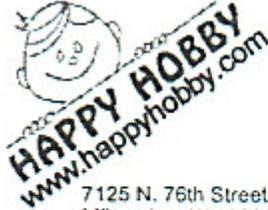
**May 15-16 EAA Chap.838 at Batten Field, Racine**  
**\*\*Armed Forces Day Display, Warbird models welcome, contact Ken Bass, 262-497-9768**

**June 5, SWARM helicopter Intro Seminar, 11AM-2PM**  
**Greenfield News & Hobby, 68<sup>th</sup> & Layton Av.**

**June 6, Circlemasters CL Contest, Wagner Park,**  
**Green Road, Pewaukee**

**June 12-13, Electrons pattern contest, Kohler Lane,**  
**Menomonee Falls nature preserve**

\*\*Note that Armed Forces Day, last held 2009 at Gen. Mitchell Intl. Airport by the 128<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing of the Wis. Air National Guard, henceforth will be every other year (i.e. 2011) to conserve the Wis. ANG budget. Therefore this offer by EAA Chap.838 will be the only Armed Forces Day opportunity for modelers to display in 2010.



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