



THE RAMS HORN



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**The Official Newsletter of the Rainbow Aero Modelers Society
AMA #1264**

Operating for Public Benefit at the Milwaukee County RC Flying Field
South 70th and West Oakwood Road

**Our next meeting is:
Wednesday May 4th**
Waterstone Bank
6560 S. 27th Street
Franklin, WI

Keeping the RAMS up to date...

Our newsletter should be informative for our members and inviting for those who want to be members. These are the reasons for an updated and fresh new look. As technology is used to improve our

airplanes and equipment, we will also use it to improve our club and it's image. Our goal of fun and fellowship is the focus of everything we are going to accomplish. Attend our next meeting and offer your ideas.

The gates are up, but the danger is down...

The city of Franklin is being very proactive with safety concerning Oakwood Road. Every once in a while during the flying season, our field is overwhelmed with water creeping in from the Root River after long, hard rains. Sometimes, Oakwood Road is barricaded off due to the water overflowing making it dangerous to pass through. However, people would still drive around them. The city has installed permanent swinging gates to prevent that possibility. (See the picture to the right)

The Franklin Police have warned our club. If the road is closed, the gates will be also. If you find some way to get around them, be prepared to pay up to a \$300 fine. Now, that money could buy a nice plane...



New gates were installed to block off Oakwood Road in the event of flooding.



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President's Report

On The Ball...

Our new core of Club Officers are really on the ball. Craig Manka for example: he took our Newsletter and gave it a face lift with newer and hopefully more informative news of interest.

Tom Young and Chuck Beauchamp hit the road running this season and have their work cut out for them, but they're ready to get going and have done well so far on making sure we have a great start to a super season.

Our equipment is in great shape and we're ready to get the field in shape once the water leaves and the ground gets hard enough to start working on.

Shawn Thomas is new of course as our Club Vice President but, he has displayed some sound and wise judgments on issues of concern for our up-coming season and has already demonstrated his ability to be a good team player. Shawn is a great asset to our leadership core.

I believe that we have the right people in the right places and this year, we're ready to go flying, all we need is some cooperation from Mother Nature!



The Rams

being safe, having fun and promoting fellowship, that's what were all about, join us won't you!

Snacks at the field!

Sure, why not? This year we'll be cooking out and having lunches at the field for our members, sort of a club perk. It'll be unannounced so, if you see smoke coming from the grill, that means a brat or burger is ready for you to eat! Enjoy.

The Reports In

The AMA has reported it's latest membership numbers, they're 139,500 (r/o) and that's down from last year. Reason being, long time members have passed away, others have health reasons and yet others have economic or family issues that prevent them from continuing on in our hobby. But these lower numbers are everywhere, the EAA, the SSA and a host of others are also seeing declining numbers, it's the market adjusting itself for the times. For us, we're doing just fine, we're in good shape and, once the weather improves, our field will be alive with activity.

A few words from our Vice President, Shawn Thomas...

"Hi guys! I have enjoyed a few nice days out at the field so far and also put in several flights. The field has been wet, but flyable. I am looking forward to helping Chuck with getting the field ready. Now, all we need is mother nature to cooperate.

See you all out at the field!

RAMS Field Administrator, Tom Young reports...

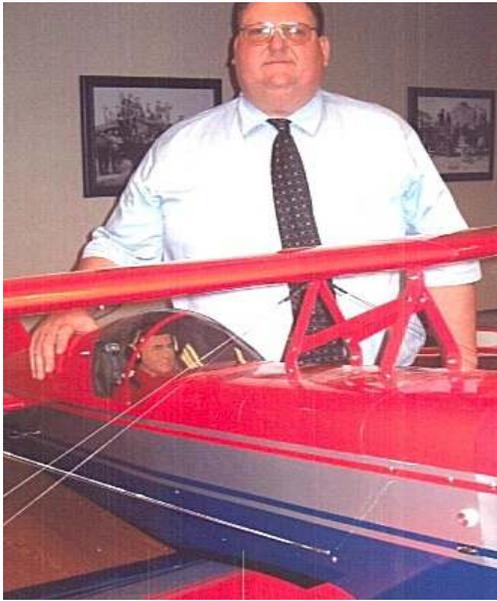
"The heli guys are flying, there is lots of activity on the south end of the field and the recent warm days we had really brought out the pilots!"

A Field License is required to fly at our field, contact Tom Young for more information

Need help flying??? Contact Tom Ryan to be paired with an instructor
(FREE to all RAMS members)

“Show and Tell”

What are you workin' on?
Bring your models to our meeting



Jim Strelitzer, life holder of a pilot license for the County field, stands behind his huge 37% scale Ultimate biplane by PAU, powered by a DA-100cc twin cylinder engine. Expected weight: 28-30 lbs.



Alan Borowski and his .40 size Great Planes “Escapade,” but this one set up for an electric motor (4,000 mAh), weight 5.3 lbs.



The great size of Strelitzer’s 37% Ultimate Bipe can best be appreciated in this view showing a transmitter near the tail, with members Mark Matelski (L.), and Jim Hatzenbeller (Rt.), in the background.



Field Manager **Chuck Beauchamp** showing his all-electric, all-foam Park Zone WW II P-47 Thunderbolt by Horizon, 42”span, 42 oz. wt. including re-tractable landing gear, \$300 complete.



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