



The RAMS Horn

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 6

7 p.m.,
WaterStone Savings Bank
6560 S. 27th St.,
Oak Creek, WI

(See newsletter page 2 for details on a special topic at this month's meeting.)

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MEETING UPDATE

Proposed Field Rule Changes

During the July meeting, we discussed the launching of model rockets at the flying field. The current Field Rules (rule #6) prohibit Free Flight, which technically covers rockets. A motion was made to update the rule to explicitly include model rockets in the list of prohibited items. Model rockets are a great hobby, but they are not allowed at the flying field because their launching and retrieval interfere

with the normal operation of the field. The following is the proposed change.

Modify Rule #6 as follows:

No rockets, free flight, or control line model aircraft flying are permitted at this field.

If you have any questions or comments about the proposed modification, please attend the next meeting to speak your mind and vote.

LAWS & REGULATIONS

FAA Rule

Many of us have been keeping an ear on the rules for model aviation as governed by the FAA. The FAA has granted an extension (Sept. 23) for the public comment period for the FAA's interpretation of the rules for model aircraft.

Essentially the FAA wants to subject model aircraft to the rules of the National Airspace System (the same rules as full size aircraft). Many of

these rules are concerning to the hobby such as prohibiting First Person View (FPV) or requiring permission from nearby airports to fly.

See www.modelaircraft.org/gov for a run down of the rules and interpretations and let your thoughts be heard.



UPCOMING 2014 EVENTS

August 3

**Flying Electrons
Electric Fun Fly**

Menomonee Falls, WI
www.flyingelectrons.com

August 9

**Coulee Region Modelers
Mini Airfest**

Village of Coon Valley, WI
www.couleeregionmodelers.org

August 14–16

**Warbirds and Classics
Over the Midwest**

Fond du Lac, WI
www.midwestwarbirds.com

August 16

**Columbia RC
War Bird Fly In**

Columbia, IL
www.columbia-rc.net

August 23

**Fox Valley Aero Club
Festival of Flight**

St. Charles, IL
www.foxvalleyaero.com

August 24

**Racine R/C Club
Air Show**

Racine, WI
www.racinerclub.com

ANNUAL PICNIC REMINDER

RAMS members' picnic
Saturday, September 27

SPECIAL TOPIC FOR THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's RAMS meeting will feature photos taken at the AMA NATS (Nationals), which was held July 11-13. RAMS member **Russell Knetzger** will lead the talk, and former RAMS member **Ken Huber** may assist. The presentation will include photos of planes entered in the Scale NATS, along with some taken by Ken at the Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C., and others taken by Jennifer Orebaugh, staff photographer for AMA's magazine.

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Garden Work Completed

A very special thanks to **Russell Knetzger** and his wife Barbara for performing their usual spring garden grooming. "Grooming" means to pull out plants that don't belong in the garden, such as Canadian Thistle and grass.

Toward the big rock near the gate, the garden plants are heritage Iris bulbs, which come up on their own each year, though they spread horizontally and crowd each other. Bulb plants need to be thinned out periodically. Toward the sign, the garden plants are common "Ditch Day Lilies," as exist all along Oakwood Road east of 60th Street. They too are beginning to crowd each other, and would benefit from a thinned out re-planting.

By fall the Knetzgers plan to groom again, plus cut tops off the withering garden plants, to make them ready for winter.



FIELD REPORT

Smooth Flying

Nothing special to report. The field has been great mostly. The weather has also been pretty tame for summertime—including temperatures and wind conditions. Start 'em if you got 'em. Happy Flying.

