



# The RAMS Horn

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 4  
7 p.m.,  
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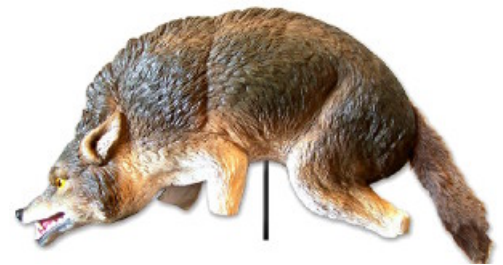
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## FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

### Geese, Picnic Tables, and Pit Stands

We are very fortunate as a club to be doing well (financially and having good members who want to help out and improve conditions for all). Here are some upcoming improvements that are in the works:

- **Geese be gone:** The club purchased two 3-D coyote silhouettes to hopefully scare away the geese so they don't use the field as a rest stop. If you see these freaky things at the field, it's OK. They are only rubber.
- **More picnic tables:** At the January meeting, the club also approved money to buy material for an additional six picnic tables. This should be enough to replace the last of the old red ones that are withering away. Look for an announcement some time in the spring for another build day to help assemble them.
- **Pit stands:** Lastly, while we are



Sample coyote silhouettes for field

talking about tables and wood, the current pit stands are starting to need some TLC. It was suggested to look for some designs that work well and can keep hands away from the props. With our existing ones, the pilot may have his radio on one side and pit box on the other. This causes hands to be in the direct line of the spinning prop. If you have seen something that works well from other clubs or have some ideas in your head, please share them at the next meeting or email the club officers.



## BACK IN THE NEWS

## Quadcopter Incident

So, did you hear the one about the guy who lost his quadcopter on the White House lawn? Sadly it's not a joke, but a real incident that happened this past week. This made national news, but in case you didn't hear, supposedly some government employee (not of the White House) went flying his Phantom at 3 a.m., hit a tree on the south lawn, and crashed. News reports state the man was drinking and using the quadcopter to impress a woman. (Who does that, seriously?) Sounds

like this person called and admitted what happened later in the morning.

Thankfully the media is calling this an accident of a hobbyist and not something worse. Now other headlines read that Obama will rush to put laws in effect. Obviously, the lawyers for the AMA are slapping their foreheads and saying, "Doh!" Unfortunately, this was likely just the incident the government was looking for to slap heavy laws on model aviation.



It is also worth mentioning that the parent company of the Phantom is going to be upgrading its firmware to restrict model flights in the D.C. area (based on the craft's GPS location).

## AROUND TOWN

## Waukesha Swap

If you missed the Milwaukee County RC Association swap meet at the Waukesha Expo Center this month, don't be discouraged. There are other swaps going on in the area, but Waukesha is said to be the best. It was a snowy Sunday morning, but that didn't stop many people. The parking lot was crowded and the isles of the center were too.



## SHOW &amp; TELL

## UMX Pitts

If you fly indoors, you are likely already familiar with the lineup of micro foam planes. **Mike McCullough** brought in his UMX Pitts micro biplane to show.



It is a BNF Basic, which means it needs a transmitter and battery. Everything else is included and installed ready to go. This plane flies good, quick, and aerobatic. The downside is its limited four-minute run times at 3/4 to full throttle. But when the winter goes away, this plane is likely to stay in the lineup. It can be taken outdoors easily and can handle 12 to 15 mph winds.