



# THE RAMS HORN

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

***A Wild Year*** At this December Club Meeting I talked about our year of "UNUSUAL WEATHER" and how it affected us. That's history now so it's time to look forward to our 2011 season.

We'll soon have a new Vice President, new Field License Issuer, and a full team to round out our officers for the 2011 flying season. We'll review where we are and where we need to be at the start of the flying season, and that's usually in April. We'll fly all winter of course as the field will be open, but the real start is when the weather is nice enough to sit outside without being cold and the field hard enough to handle the landings without damage to your plane or the grass.

## ***Awards Night A Success***

The club has its annual Christmas party and Awards Night every December. This year the President's Award went to Charles Beauchamp for his outstanding work as our Field Manager and his volunteering to accept the roll of 2011 Club Safety Officer. His commitment to our club by showing his hard work and team spirit is what earned him this year's award.

I was also pleased to see so many wives and family members there as well. The turnout was great, and

everyone walked away with a door prize! The food was really good, as was the fellowship that everyone shared in.

At our next club meeting we'll be voting for one of the two candidates nominated for Vice President, so be there and make your vote count.

We'll have ball park franks, chips and soft drinks as well as coffee and cake, so come a bit hungry, enjoy the fellowship our meetings offer, and if you have a show and tell, bring it too. It's always nice to see what our members are working on.

## ***As Clubs Go, Where are we?***

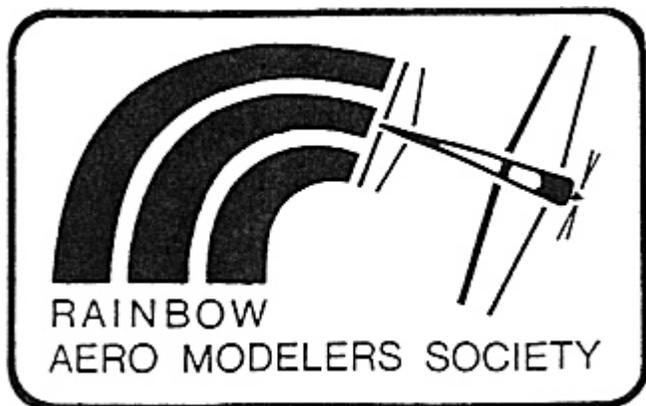
The national average puts us about mid-point. Not too big, not too small. As for membership services, we're ahead of the standard of those bigger clubs in warmer climates. So we're well represented by being an active club that's in a growth mode in these uncertain times.

## ***A New Years Wish!***

As I look back on all the progress we've made, my New Years Wish is that we continue to keep doing it right and provide the best flying site and membership services we can for our members. Remember guys, this is your club, your field; so help make it the best you can. Take care, *Tom*

*Ryan* aka: The Prez

Pilot Profile This Issue: Ryan M. Wehr  
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# Happenings at the Meeting

**RAMS Club, December 1, 2010**

Craig R. Manka, Secty.-Treas., with  
Photos and notes by Russell Knetzger, Editor

As shown by the photo, the December meeting was jam-packed with 35 members and 13 guests, of which 10 were spouses, a total of 48 people. The member count is close to past Christmas Party meetings, but the 48 total attendance is a new record. We are closing out the year with 82 members and 108 field licenses



**Above: Photo of the December, 2010 meeting**



**Above: Door Prizes for the December party meeting. Prizes were collected all year long.**

## New Field License Issuer: Tom Young

Field Licenses sold this year have reached 108, (137 in 2009) reported Jim Hatzenbeller, field license issuer the past 4 years. Tom Young will take over for 2011.



**Above: Chuck Beauchamp (left) receiving the 2010 President's Award for outstanding service to the club. (President Tom Ryan, right). Beside the plaque, Chuck won a Steven's Steak House gift certificate (92 & National Avenue).**

## Field Report: Open All Winter

Chuck Beachamp (pictured above) reported the field is dry and cold, but in great flying shape (no snow, yet.) To promote winter use, Tom Ryan will do snow plowing of drive and parking areas. Spare sand bags are stored for any more dike work of creek overflow this Spring.

## Annual Charities Contribution

The club at the Party meeting accepted Pres. Ryan's nomination of these gifts: \$50 each to a local Food Bank, Sojourner Truth House, and Toys for Tots. The Milw. R/C Association will match these gifts another \$25 each at its February delegates meeting.

## Officer Elections at January 2011 Meeting

President, Tom Ryan (incumbent)

Vice President, Jeff Borowski or Shawn Thomas

Secty.-Treas. Craig R. Manka, (incumbent)

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## DOOR PRIZES WON AT DECEMBER MEETING

Winners of the largest prizes were: J-3 Cub – Alfons DeRidder; Escapade – Al Borowski; Rifle Bow - Earl Evans. All persons attending won something.

## Happenings at the Meeting, (cont.) December 1, 2010



**Above:** Lifetime Achievement Awards, Dec. 2010 to (lf-rt) Floyd Katz, 80, Tom Ryan presenter, Leo Pachucki, 93 Art Schmidt, 93 not shown, and Russell Knetzger, 74 shown, but napping.

### Biographies of Vice Presidential Nominees

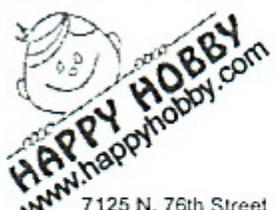
A written ballot election will take place at the January, 2011 meeting for the club's vice presidential post because there are two candidates. Photos and summaries from their Pilot Profiles are shown here.



**Above:** Jeff Borowski, was described as the most versatile modeler at the County field in his Jan. 2008 profile because of his 32 prior years dating back to his teen years, in every aspect of aero modeling: free flight, control line, slope soaring off Cudahy bluffs of Lake Michigan (he still lives in Cudahy) to fixed wing R/C, now helicopters, and as pictured, true turbine powered, being one of only four pilots jet-certified at the county field. His work has followed his father's in high precision military manufacturing, in 2008 being with Racine Industries, relying on his past work in bidding, castings, CNC machine tools, plastics molding, and welding. Jeff is current President of the helicopter club at our field.



**Above:** Shawn Thomas, profiled this June, 2010, is very new to the hobby, though as a young child he watched his father in his workshop building model boats and planes. He is pictured with his trainer, a .60 sized Hobbico Hobby Star. He enjoys parenthood with wife Kari of their three children, Kara 16, Kayla, 14 and son Shawn, Jr., age 3. They live near the field at 21<sup>st</sup> & College. Shawn is a trained laborer with Union Trades Local #113, and works in large size demolition, old County Stadium being his most famous razing. He is certified in asbestos removal.



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# Pilot Profile: Ryan M. Wehr

by Russell Knetzger

Ryan's love of aircraft goes back to his earliest childhood memories, when he would be taken to Gen. Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee to watch planes come and go. He also had an interest in trains, since his father, Floyd, worked in the shops for the old Milwaukee Road railroad. But Ryan's first love remained aircraft.

A Wauwatosa boy, graduating from Wauwatosa West High School in 1998, Ryan could not invest his talents in either planes or trains once his father relocated to the Twin Cities in order to keep his railroad job. The Soo Line bought the Milwaukee Road, and when the Canadian Pacific bought the Soo, the shops left Milwaukee. After high school Ryan also worked for the Canadian Pacific, riding 2nd seat in the engine cab as "conductor", though that job never touches the operating controls.

What Ryan could afford during and after high school was the guitar, and his playing of that instrument led him to the Ale House on Water Street in Milwaukee's downtown "3rd Ward." There he was captivated by the weekly dance evenings, both "Swing" and "Ballroom." He participated, then took lessons, then began to teach. Now he earns his living as a full-time dance instructor at **Casa di Danza** in New Berlin at 214th & Greenfield Avenue.

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Movies such as "Shall We Dance" and TV's "Dancing With the Stars" have brought steady patronage to dance studios.



**Above:** A ceiling-suspended HO gauge model rail system by Ryan's father, Floyd, riding silently on a sub-rail cork layer around the basement family room of Ryan and Sept. bride Kelsi's West Allis home.



**Above:** Ryan Wehr among his stable of "Park Zone" all-foam, electric motor power 40 inch span models, holds a Corsair, a yellow tipped P-51 Mustang wing showing, backed by a Cap 32. Since soloing last year, these "foamies" are his favorites.

While the joint project of Ryan and his father, Floyd, in erecting the ceiling-hung HO model railroad set (shown below-left) re-established Ryan's railroad roots, it was through a friend of a friend that Ryan finally got back to aviation.

The friend knew RAMS member and instructor Bob Ehlers was a pilot at the Milwaukee County R/C Flying Field on Oakwood Road. A year and a half ago Ryan made his first visit there, and the great welcome by Ehlers clinched Ryan's move into aero modeling. For a learning Ryan selected the familiar Hobbico Nexstar trainer. Using the buddy box training system, Ryan was a fast learner, as Ehlers predicted he would be. Others who Ryan credits with help before and especially after soloing are Bob Scrip, Chuck Beauchamp, and Bill Geipel. Teaching most evenings, Ryan cannot attend many club meetings, but he is a very thankful and strong RAMS supporter.

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