



THE RAMSHORN

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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.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2011 - 7PM
WaterStone Savings Bank 6560 S. 27th Street
(formerly Wauwatosa Savings Bank)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Tom Ryan

New Snack Man! For the last three years, I've been the cook in the kitchen. This year I get a break. I've decided to share that duty with the other officers. Starting at our next meeting, Shawn Thomas will open up the meeting room and get the refreshments. Every three months we'll rotate. I did the first three, now starting in April Shawn will take the next three. He'll be followed by Tom Young, and Chuck Beau-champ who'll round out the year. I started the food at the meetings as a test three years ago and it was well received, so I continued it. It's nice to get a break now and have others share doing that. I'll be jealous if they do a better menu than me, but my taste buds won't. Good luck Shawn. Make it good!

Our Numbers Are Good! All across the U.S. many clubs report their membership numbers, some up and some down. The economy has caused some clubs in depressed areas to report declining membership. As jobs go away, so do the members. Other clubs have the usual up and down count associated with members leaving for a variety of reasons, but in time new members fill those voids. When someone quits, another one replaces them, and so goes the process.

Our numbers are very strong, have been and are getting stronger, but numbers alone don't reflect a club's activity.

Some members fly more than others, and in some cases members don't fly at all. I know that from my own experience, as I belong to two other clubs and haven't flown at either one in over three years. So yeah, I'm on their roster as a paid up member but I'm not active there.

As an example: a club could have only 30 members and have more activity than a club with 100 members. Our rate of up and down membership is normal, but it's up, not down on average. People die, quit or join other clubs, that's normal in our hobby. New people always join and so it goes, but it's the activity that we have, and our activity is up.

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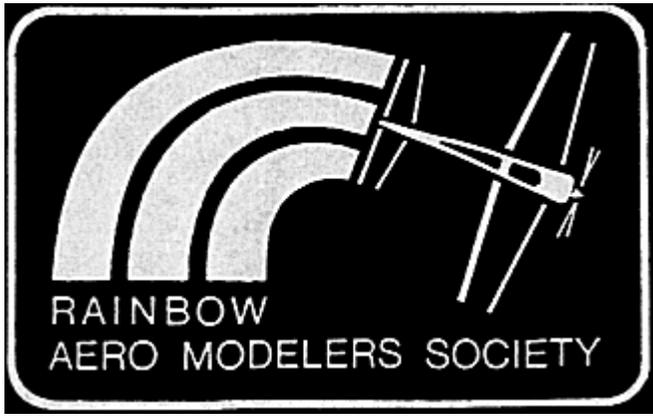
When the weather is nice, our field comes alive with activity. The Rams Field is truly a great place to fly and to go for fun and fellowship. Each year it gets better and better. This year will be no exception; it'll be great!

See the Pictures! The original photo taken in June, 1971 of the found P-40 will be on display at our next club meeting, along with facts and data of that find. Also the lost and only known photo of the North Central Airliner that crashed into a Cessna 150 over Muskego, killing all three on board the Cessna will show the Cessna gear sticking out of the side of airliner. This is an original photo taken by me seconds after the plane landed. Both will be on display at our next meeting along with the facts of what happened and why.

Commentary. When weather dictates our flying it's all but impossible to insure that we'll get good weather. When we don't get to fly, the frustration starts to show and some members start to vent. Some even leave to join other clubs that don't have a flooding problem. Dealing with the flooding problem by installing sand bags makes sense. It's a start and an attempt to solve our water problem. That's what we do as officers; we try to solve problems.

People, like water, can be problematic as well; dealing with their issues requires an understanding and shared reasoning to solve their issues. Again, the club officers try to do that in a civil way and with a goal and purpose of dealing with their problem, not their resentment for that problem. To accomplish that, it requires cooperation and workable dialogue from both sides. The officers will work tirelessly to get to and solve as many problems as they can, as they occur, however, they'll do that within the By-laws and goals that you, the membership have set.

So let's get everyone on the same page and working toward a safe and fun-filled summer. With a little help from the weather man, who knows, could be the best summer ever! It's Wisconsin; anything can happen here, even great weather! So dust off your planes, charge up your batteries, and get ready for some fun in the sun! **The Prez, Tom Ryan**



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Above: Official flag of the RAMS Club, flown during flying season from the field flagpole, just below the American flag.

This flag symbol reminds us steady good weather is just ahead. If you have not renewed your Pilot's license for the Field, now is the time. It is \$50 to Tom Young (opposite) Also, please now renew your RAMS Club membership, \$20 to Craig Manka.

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Happenings at the Meeting

- Visitors at Meetings or the Field Always Welcome -

Cool heads, not HOT heads prevail

by Charles Beauchamp, Field Manager & Safety Officer

Our club has gone from boring to soaring over the last few years, and with change in policy comes change in personal habits. Not everyone likes change and some require an old routine, while others embrace new changes and new ideas, sort of an ever-changing atmosphere. Change is why we're no longer riding in horse pulled wagons, or reading by candle-light.

No matter the change, should someone take issue with them, it's best to resolve issues with cool heads and detailed concerns, facts not hearsay or one-sided opinions, based on rumors or conjecture.

Our club meetings are a place to discuss and review procedures and upcoming events, not a place to debate a policy. By-laws are our policy, and are followed to the letter by the elected officers. Question is, do all the members know and understand the club's By-laws?

Officers are elected to run the club, follow the By-laws, and do their best to keep the club running within the set procedures as outlined in those By-laws. To date, they have; however, some question that, because they don't understand it, begging the question: "have they read the By-laws?"

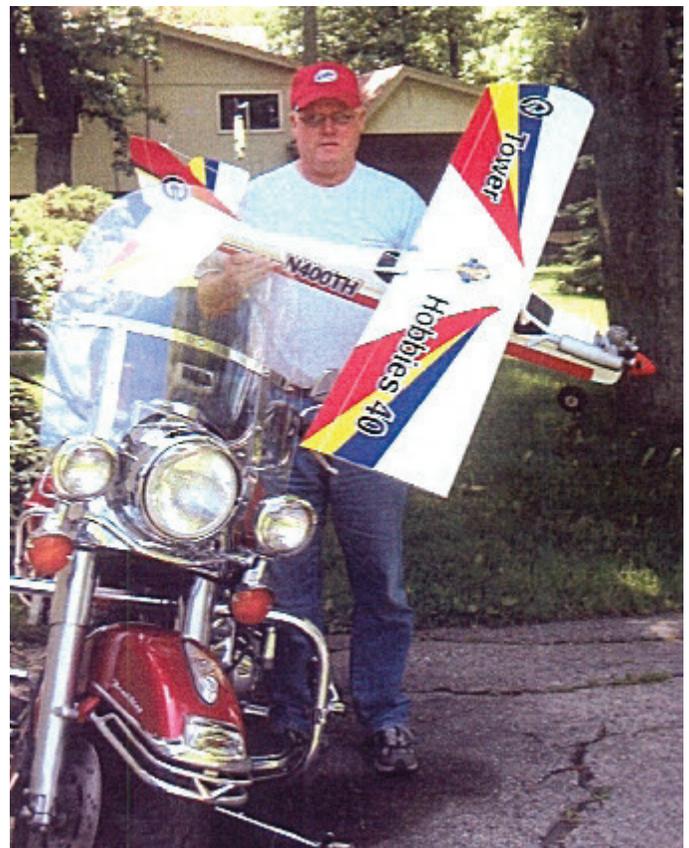
The club membership was read the By-laws changes line by line, knew of them, and voted them in place. Now some want those By-laws over ruled and procedures changed, but those people are few while the majority wants the By-laws as they are, and enforced to the letter. We don't change procedure to suit a few but follow procedures to accommodate the many. That's what officers were elected to do.

Please, read and understand our club's By-laws. Should you have any questions, let the officers know, they'll be most happy to sit with you and discuss any issues you may have, but only in a calm workable manner, not in a challenging argumentative way. Nothing gets accomplished until there is a complete understanding as to why procedures are followed. Should someone still have an issue, then they can request a review of that policy or procedure by the officers for a full and complete understanding. Remember, the officer's

act within those written procedures, and with the consent of the membership, as they were the ones who voted the By-laws in place, and required that they be followed to the letter.

Our job is to serve the membership in a professional businesslike manner, to keep the club within the guidelines set by the AMA, and all state and local governing bodies; to protect the rights of all our members and provide a safe and fun orientated field to fly at. We promote fun and fellowship and do that as volunteers. Should someone take issue with that, then it's their choice to leave, or run for office and bring in their thought process, but to do that in an orderly way, an adult way and without disrupting the general membership in heated debates. Because order and rule solves issues, not disorder and breaking rules. We are gentlemen, in a fun filled hobby. The key word here is "fun." Let's keep it that way and work within the By-laws we have in place.

Should you not agree with the By-laws, seek change. Until then, respect them, and those who are charged with enforcing them. Thank you.



Death Reported: Nicholas R. Johnson

The morning of our March 2 meeting, Nick Johnson, 70, died of a pervasive infection, entering hospital only the day