



The RAMS Horn

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 1
(No Foolin'!)

7 p.m.,
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FIELD REPORT

Spring Was Here

We got spoiled with about one good week of nice weather. Some days surpassed 60 degrees. All our snow melted (time to put those wheels back on). Spring has come – yay! Oh, wait ... back to 30 degrees and a dusting of snow, which didn't amount to much in most of our area. In any case, I think it is safe to assume that winter is winding down. Keep a lookout for those nice days.

APRIL IS HERE

Way Back When: April Fools

I love a little wacky humor, especially when you don't see it coming. For one day a year, more and more major corporations are providing the public with something free ... laughs. All you have to do is look for them at the right time before they are gone. I look forward to April 1st to see "what will they do next." In 2013, Virgin Atlantic announced they would be introducing glass bottom airplanes, where the aisles are made of glass and you can see 35,000 ft below your feet. I wonder why this hasn't caught on? This probably would



have bankrupted the airline due to all the vomit bags they would have gone through.



IN THE NEWS

FAA Regulations for Unmanned Aircraft Systems

This week, the FAA established an interim policy for **commercial** unmanned aircraft usage. Previously, commercial use of an unmanned aircraft was illegal without special permission and carried heavy fines if caught. For now it seems that the FAA will allow small commercial unmanned aircraft (under 55 pounds) to be used as long as they follow rules similar to what we have as recreational users. Commercial users must stay below 200 ft (opposed to our 400 ft), 5 miles from an airport, be in visual line of sight with the aircraft, and fly during the daytime.

I am a bit relieved that the FAA did not increase the distance from airports rule. Chances are if they did not write this new rule with a larger distance, they will not change the existing, recreational rule distance (as we are

about 6.5 miles from the tarmac of Mitchell).

This now opens the door for companies like Amazon.com to test unmanned delivery services in the U.S. Amazon.com has already started these tests outside of the U.S. It is still a bit limiting, though, as a delivery vehicle that must remain in line of sight certainly would not be able to meet Amazon.com's goal of a 10-mile delivery radius. However, it is fun to think that there soon could be many possibilities to be paid to fly model aircraft!

While we are being all political:

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AROUND THE AREA

Upcoming Events

March 28
Rock Valley RC
Flyers Swap
Rockford, IL
www.rockvalleyrcflyers.com

April 4
Suburban RC Barnstormers Inc.,
Valley RC Club
Swap Til You Drop 2015
Wheaton, IL
www.suburbanbarnstormers.com

FROM THE MEETING

Milwaukee R/C Association Delegates

At the March meeting, the club was asked for volunteers to become delegates in the Milwaukee R/C Association for the RAMS RC Club. Club secretary **Bob Glowienka** and member **Ron Szuta** volunteered their nomination. Thank you both for volunteering to represent us.