

RAMS NEWSLETTER

April 1st 2009

by, Tom Ryan, Club President

We are looking for a new Rams Club Newsletter Editor. Are you interested?

It's time we seek ways of saving money by using our web site to get the newsletter out. This could save hundreds of dollars.

If you think you have a flair for the written word and would like to apply for the high paying job (in monopoly money) then we'd like to talk to you.

Our next club meeting will be Wednesday the 1st of April at the Waterstone Bank on South 27th Street in Oak Creek. 7:00 P.M.

FLOYD KATZ HONORED

It was great to have Floyd honored at our March meeting as "INSTRUCTOR OF THE AGES" or at least it would seem that way. You see it's hard to say the name Floyd without some saying "hey, that guy taught me how to fly!"

Floyd recalls that he taught some 150 people how to fly and many more to get current.

Floyd's help at the field is an example of what team work means, because over the years he not only helped teach people how to fly, but he was on many work details and clean up



Floyd Katz

efforts too. A real team player.

Sadly Floyd's wife Genevieve passed away March 17th after a long illness. Our deepest condolences to the Katz family.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

As things change, the better we get.

Many things have changed and with change comes some confusion.

We're working our way out of the "how do we do that" to the "wow, that works better" stage.

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what we're doing, that's why we have club meetings.

We'd like to see you all at the next club meeting, so please, come and share with us your thoughts and concerns.

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How Are We Doing?

Well, in these hard economic times I'd say we're doing fine.

With spring here (you wouldn't know it by the latest snow fall) people are getting ready to get out and fly. But that requires a good field and some help from **Mother Nature**.

If the water stays down and we're not hit with flooding like last year, we should be good to go once we get a two week dry spell. That should give us time to get dried out and start working on the field to bring it back to good flying conditions.

We have the fence project well in hand for the open area of the north side of the field and we have a new plan under way for parking, but that'll be discussed in detail at the next club meeting.

So yes, we're looking good so far, this should be a great summer of Flying!

Points of interest

- Mike Lutzenberger is 3/4 of the way to his fund raising goal or our July Fun Fly. Details at our next meeting. 1
- We have a new Club Safety Officer. Steve (Shameless) Navone. He replaces Marv Anderson. 2
- Club Flight Instructors are now taking on new students. Marty has already filled his schedule. 3
- SWARM Members must now join The Rams to become a SWARM member. Details at our next meeting. 4

The V.P Report

By

Mike Lutzenberger

This has been an exciting time for me, seeing as how I've never been an officer of any club or held any position of responsibility in a club or club like atmosphere so; I hope I'm doing okay so far?

I have asked for and received three special projects that Tom has assigned to me. First: the fund raiser for the July Fun Fly. Second: the instructor check system manager, and third, safety system monitor. All very important positions and very challenging. I hope to do well in all of these areas.

I can tell you this, long hours and lot's of traveling go along with this position, whew... it truly is a job but, the pay off comes from knowing that I'm making a difference and I hope to see many smiles and light hearted humor at the field this summer as a result of those efforts. I hope our Fun Fly is the best ever and that we'll all have a great summer of fun and flying.

Best thoughts,

Mike

RAMS Club

Meeting Minutes

3/4/09

I. Call to order

Tom Ryan called to order the regular meeting of the **RAMS Club** at **7:09pm** on **3/4/09** in **Water Stone Bank's meeting room**.

II. Roll call

Roll call was not taken, but 32 members were present.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Members read the minutes from the last meeting as posted in the RAMS Horn. The minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given by Craig Manka and was approved. We have 11 members to date. The field fund report was given by Jim Hatzenbeller and was approved.

IV. Open issues

V. New business

- a) The flight instructors were announced for 2009.
- b) Marty Gscheidmeier, Mark Melrose, Bob Kabella, Russell Knetzger, Jeff Borowski, Marvin Anderson, Chuck Bucci, Phil Schumacher, and Tom Ryan will make up the core.
- c) The flight instructors will report all training logs to Mike Lutzenburger and they will govern themselves as a team.
- d) Mike Lutzenburger will also keep all records of violations and warnings to members from the Safety Officers.
- e) We will keep the club trainer locked in the shed for flight instructors to use. The batteries will be charged by a solar panel. Students are responsible for fuel.
- f) Non club members will be charged \$20 per hour plus fuel for flight instruction.
- g) Bob Kabella gave the field condition report. He stated it as being cold and wet. Projects were approved to be done this season.
- h) Repair picnic benches, add fencing to the west, build 9 new pilot stations with 2 going for Helis and 1 for their trainer, and a statue to be added at the field entrance.
- i) Bob also recognized the following members for their volunteer help at this year's R/C Association Swap Meet.
- j) Nick Johnson, Steve Navone, Marty Gscheidmeier, Chuck Bucci, and Darrel Hossalla.

- k) Mike Lutzenburger then spoke about his planning of this year's fun fly. He is asking for 25 volunteer members to help with all of the activities and planning that need to be done.
- l) Floyd Katz was then honored with an award from the RAMS and presented by our president, Tom Ryan. Floyd shared stories and memories of 100 to 150 or so students he has helped over the years.
- m) New guests were present. Dale Lemanski who likes to fly electric models, Josh Marley who has a .40 trainer, and Josh Alwine who flies an Eagle II.
- n) Chips, soda, and cake were then provided while Tom Ryan showed a video his company filmed and produced highlighting the RAMS, our field, and the introduction to our hobby.
- o) The meeting then concluded with a show and tell session and raffle.

VI. Adjournment

Tom Ryan adjourned the meeting at **9:10pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Craig Manka

Minutes approved by: RAMS club membership