



THE RAMS HORN

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Metro Milwaukee Area Franklin, WI Founded Nov. 6, 1980

AMA—Academy of Model Aeronautics Club #1264, Operating for Public Benefit, Milwaukee County RC Flying Field, S.70 & W. Oakwood Rd.

*Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2010 –7PM
WaterStone Bank, 6560 S. 27th Street
(formerly Wauwatosa Savings Bank)*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by *Tom Ryan*

HappyNewYear! Now that the rush of Christmas is over (and I hope Santa was good to all of you) it's time to settle in for what always seems to be a very long winter! That of course translates into fixing or building airplanes, some new and some that met with a mishap, either way it's down time for most of us as we wait for spring and a chance to get flying once again.

This is the time when that simulator gets a good work-out, and keeps our flying skills sharp. Simulators are worth the investment, and just "plane" fun! Let's just hope that this winter goes by quick (dare to dream) and that we're all out flying early this spring. Like always, if you need help with a build, or have a question, just ask, as we have a vast amount of experienced builders who'd be more than happy to help you out. That's yet another benefit of being a RAMS club member.

Lots to do. Because its winter and things are slow, that doesn't mean your club officers aren't busy, because there is lots to do in

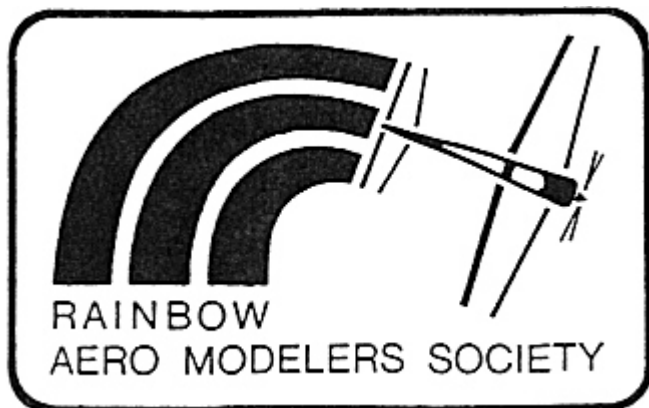
preparing for a summer filled with fun and fellowship. We look at safety first, as we con-

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sider what needs doing to keep our members safe and with no down time. Our July Fly In and Fall Club Picnic need to be planned well in advance. We need to anticipate everything that could be a concern. Weather is the only thing we have no control over but we must have a plan "B" for that as well. This year we'll be looking to get the word out early and hopefully have a bigger turn out than last year, with even more fun and surprises for everyone.

New Signs! The parking lot at the field will have some new parking arrangements for handicapped, and for loading and unloading of airplanes. New signs will be posted and (*according to Chuck Bucci our safety officer*) some speed bumps added to slow down those who exceed the posted speed limit and stir up dust. Hopefully this will solve that problem? Over the winter we'll have some fun and surprises at our monthly club meetings, and field any suggestions that you may have on events or things of interest to you. After all, it's your club, it's you the members who make it what it is. So until January 6th, take care, stay safe and I'll see you then.

The Prez, Tom Ryan



Pilot Profile This Issue: James Bennett
(Read past 57 profiles at www.rcslot.com/rams)
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Happenings at the Meeting

RAMS Club, December 2, 2009

by Craig R. Manka, Secty.-Treas.

Photos and some notes by Russell Knetzger, Editor

Regular club business was brief in order to devote most of the meeting to the Annual Christmas party. Some wives came, bringing the total at the meeting to 42. Food was on hand adequate to feed everyone present- "sloppy joe" ground beef for sandwiches, cooked bean mix for a side dish. The usual cake with RAMS artwork decoration was there too.

Memberships for 2009 set an all time record at 105. We started the year at 66. Field licenses probably also set a record at 137. It is believed past highs were 130-135.

After nominating President Tom Ryan for another term and as Vice President Jack Spindler, vacated mid-term by Mike Lutzenberger, the evening became Awards Night.



Above: Sample award given to ten recipients at the December, 2009 party-meeting. This one was to Earl Evans, one of our "over age 85" pilots.

Throughout the meeting Treasurer Craig Manka processed 2010 club dues payments. If you have not renewed, now is the time. Bring your dues to the January meeting or mail the \$20 to Craig at 7025 Lambert Rd., Racine, 53402. Field License Issuer Jim Hatzenbeller offers the same. (If by mail send \$50.00 to 4388 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, St. Francis, WI 53235.)



Above: Special combo-raffle prize for the December, 2009 party meeting – a Great Planes ESCAPADE low wing ARF sport aircraft, with its Magnum .46 engine.

Raffle Winners at the December meeting were: Craig Manka of the Escapade plane and a Magnum .46 engine pictured above, and John Schmidt (no, there is no "h") of the similar ARF donated back to the club by prior Raffle winner, Mark Matelski (pictured below).



Above: Mark Matelski showing the Phoenix Models See Bee .46 mid-wing sport aerobatic ARF, 50" span he donated to the special Christmas party raffle. President Tom Ryan looking on.

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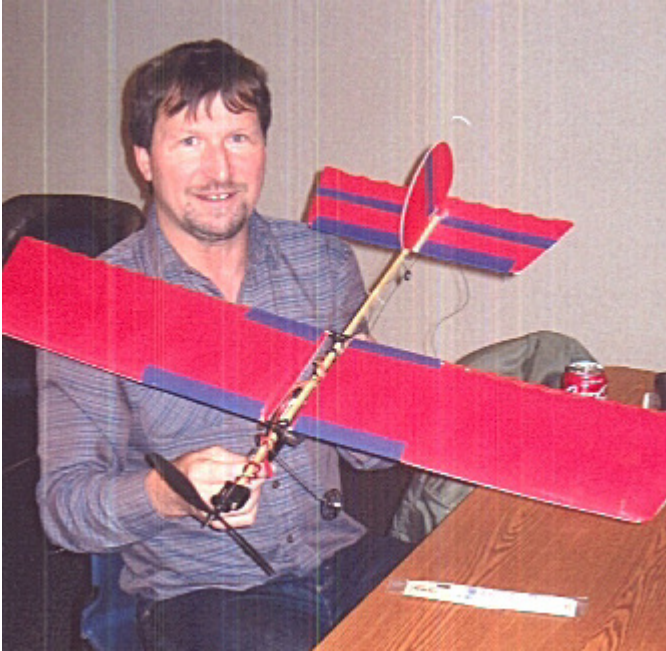
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Member Dies: Casey Kieliszowski, 77, a 1980 Charter member, and frequent volunteer at field work parties, died on December 1, 2009. He was reported last issue in grave condition from a pair of strokes, and he never regained consciousness from the second one.

Photos at the Meeting

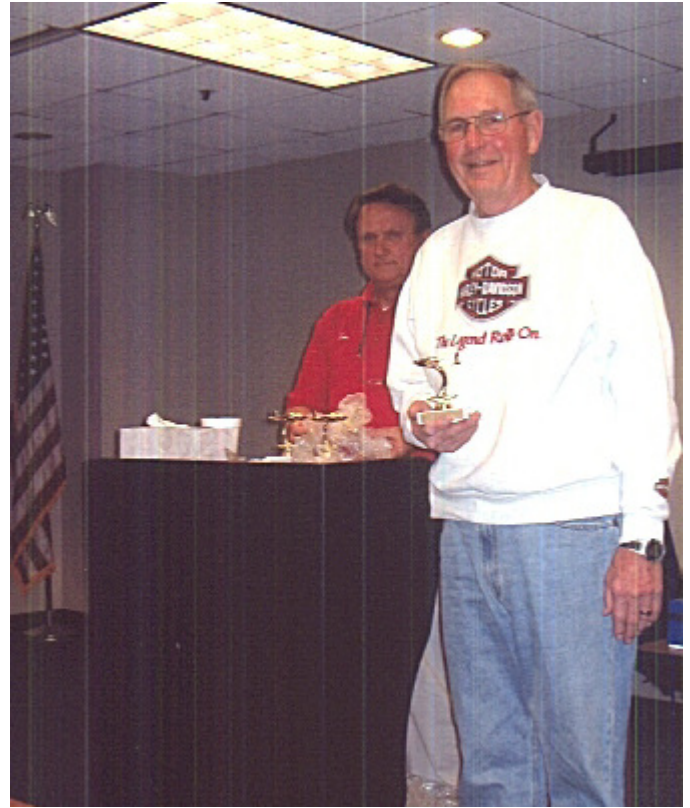
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Above: Steve Ward and his super light weight (7 oz total) all electric indoor flyer "Pico Stick," uses 5 gram Futaba micro servos (\$10 each), Lipoly battery, 4 min flight on 1/2-3/4 hour recharge time. Geared-down motor flies model at only 5 to 7 mph! Kit, not an ARF, \$100-120 complete.

Ideal for new indoor site at Milw. County Parks Currie astro-turf Golf Dome, Hwy.100 South of Capitol Drive, or Sussex Place indoor volley ball courts, Main St. east of 164 opposite Quad Graphics plant.

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Above: Club President Tom Ryan looking on as Vice Pres. Nominee John "Jack" Spindler poses with his 2009 Outstanding Service Award.

Below: Group photo taken by John Schmidt of the 11 members present of 14 awards given for 2009 Outstanding service to the Club and/or the Field; left to right: Jack Spindler, Chuck Bucci, Marv Anderson, Phil Schumacher, Dale Champagne, center front Mark Meyrose winner of special President's Award, Darrell Hossalla, Jim Hatzenbeller, Jeff Borowski, Don Finney and Russell Knetzger.



Pilot Profile: James Bennett

by Russell Knetzger

At age 11, James is the youngest member ever of this club. He now attends the 6th Grade at Greenfield Middle School, at S. 35th & Barnard, where math is his favorite subject. Last year he attended school at Port Townsend, Washington. It is 40 miles northwest of Seattle, on the other side of Puget Sound, but 80 miles by road. His family, mother Stephanie & father Bill Bennett, had moved there 3 years earlier to be near his father's mother, Carolve Hegstrom, in the last stages of Bill's terminal cancer. He died on Dec. 14, 2008 after an eight-year struggle, beginning here in SE Wisconsin while he worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. At first that work was as a Signal Maintainer at Brookfield, WI, but as his cancer made field work too hard, he transferred to Dispatcher at Minneapolis, MN. Upon reaching disability status, the family moved to Washington State.

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Above: Father Bill Bennett's work/service symbols.



Below left: James Bennett and his first R/C trainer, an electric motor power Eflite, selected by research before Milwaukee move. Instructor: Phil Schumacher
Family photos: James, Dad,-Bill, & Mom-Stephanie

Above: James with the RAMS Club Nexstar ARF trainer he is borrowing (64" span. OS.46 engine) to learn fuel-engine flight. Main Instructor: Phil Schumacher, assisted by Mark Meyrose.

While in Port Townsend, fellow church members, Dave Fess and Dean Rosenthal, gave James some flying time in a twin engine 1966 piper PA30. Dave and Dean are retired United Airlines pilots. That flying helped hook James on aviation as an interest.

With Grandma Hegstrom retiring to Las Vegas, that left less reason for James and his mother to remain in Port Townsend. Father Bill had no roots, being an "Army Brat" living all over, wherever the US Marines stationed his father. Bill chose the U.S. Navy for his own military service. Mother Stephanie did not want to return to her stark home state, Utah. Mom and son chose to come back to SE Wisconsin where they had close friends, and to join Stuart Briscoe's Elmbrook Church on Barker Rd., near I-94. Its large size offers a variety of functions for small families like the Bennetts.

For this 2009-2010 winter, James wants to build an R/C balsa aircraft kit, for the experience, and to occupy his spare time. Their home on S. 92nd and Cold Spring came with a basement work space.

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Rainbow Aero Modelers Society, Franklin, Wisconsin

Photos at the Meeting (cont.)
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Above: James Hatzenbeller, field license issuer, with his 2009 Outstanding Service Award, with Pres. Tom Ryan looking down to announce the next award.



Above: Marv Anderson, left, most likely for helping so many at the field; and Tom Young, who with his wife cooks for both SWARM and RAMS field events.



Above: Phil Schumacher (left), and Chuck Bucci (rt.), spliced together to picture them with their 2009 Outstanding Service Awards

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