



The RAMS Horn

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 13
7 p.m.,
WaterStone Savings Bank
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January Meeting: Special Date Change

This month only!

Due to a conflict with the room schedule, the January meeting has moved to: **Tuesday, January 13** at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the usual place, the WaterStone Savings Bank in Oak Creek.

The remainder of the meetings in 2015 will be held on the usual day: The first Wednesday of each month.

ELECTIONS

2015 Officer Nominations & Voting

In the December meeting, the club opened the floor for nominations for the 2015 officer positions: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. There were no nominations. The current officers agreed to nominate themselves for another year. At the January meeting we will take the vote for

these three officer positions. The President will then appoint the other two officer positions: Secretary and Safety Coordinator. The non-officer position of Newsletter Editor also will be appointed. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please attend the January meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Reminder!

If you have not done so already, now is a good time to renew your AMA and RAMS memberships. You can save a stamp and turn in your RAMS application at the January meeting.





HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Year in Review 2014

Thank you, RAMS club members, for making 2014 a great year of enjoying the model aircraft hobby. The club continues to be full of members who are helpful, follow the rules, and are active flyers. We end the year with close to 60 members, which is on par with last year. Looking back, here are some highlights of the year:

- We added and updated the

field rules to improve the safety and interests of the club. The biggest change was the addition of a reduced price field license for minors, who must be accompanied at the field by a parent, legal guardian, or other field license holder.

- We added more picnic tables and had a great turn out of members to help assemble them.
- The Milwaukee County Parks



Department allowed us to renew the lease of the land so we may continue to operate the club at the current location.

- Who can forget the annual picnic with great food, calm weather, fun contests, and lots of flying?
- Members continue to bring in models to the monthly meetings. It is very fun to see new things and get up close to appreciate build details.

EDITORIAL FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Holiday *Droned* On

It is a little ironic to write about “drones” after I am so tired of hearing about them in the mainstream media. Personally, I despise the word “drone” and consider a drone to be something that can be controlled over the horizon. There are certainly models that can do this, but I feel that they do not make up even 1% of all the models available today. In any case, there have been many articles, tweets, and shares over the holidays of new multirotor pilots not doing so well. Common obstacles include trees, fences, Christmas trees, and dogs. In fact, the FAA in partnership with the AMA has launched a new website to reinforce the basic rules of model aircraft: www.knowbeforeyoufly.org. This reminds me of “call before you dig,” and maybe someday it will go that far. All I can say is that we need to continue to stand up for the hobby, support the AMA, and spread the word.



AROUND THE AREA

Upcoming Events

January 4

**Milwaukee RC Association
RC Auction and Swap Shop**
Waukesha County Expo Center

February 7

**Tri-Village RC
Tri-Village RC'ers Swap Shop**
Wheaton, IL
www.trivillagerc.com

February 21

**Fox Valley Aero Club
Radio Control Swap Meet**
St. Charles, IL
www.foxvalleyaero.com