



# The RAMS Horn

## NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, October 7**  
7 p.m.,  
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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 10/7 MEETING

### Come Hungry

**Tom and Pam Young** will be cooking the leftover meat from the picnic and will bring it and other leftovers to the next meeting.

## IN THE NEWS

### Laser Weapon Melts Drone in Midair

Since when did ... wait, what? The engineers at Boeing have developed a Compact Laser Weapon System that can literally focus a beam of energy and burn through a target hundreds of meters away. The weapon system was originally developed to shoot down incoming explosives such as mortars, missiles, and small artillery and is roughly the size of a large suitcase.

Boeing has proved the weapon's versatility in a recent test in California. A test drone was flown above the testing facility. The laser acquired the



target and "shot it down" in about 15 seconds. "Think of it as a welding torch being put on a target, but from many hundreds of meters away," said one Boeing engineer.

So that should take care of all the troublemakers making the news.



**FIELD REPORT**

# September Flying

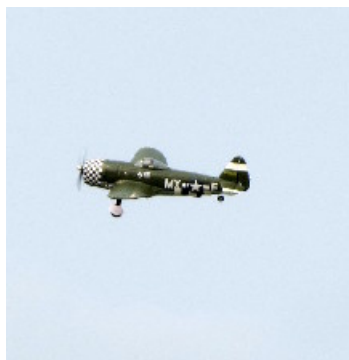
As fall approaches, the weather is getting cooler and the days are getting shorter, but don't pack up your gear just yet! The field is looking great and the grass is getting shorter well out to the west of the field for some good, low approaches. Here's a few things we saw this month:



**Mike McCullough's** nitro P-51 and **Todd Schmitt's** electric P-51 side-by-side.



**Bob Sadowski's** Avastar trainer



**Jeff Kraczek's** P-47 Thunderbolt. The photo (on the right) is not a nose dive, but a perfectly timed photo on a rollover landing.



## EVENTS

So long, iHobby Expo. Typically around this time the iHobby Expo visits Chicago. I admit the last several years in Schaumburg have never been as good as it was when the show was at Rosemont. But, it provided some entertainment value. Well, the show has skipped 2015 all together and will be in New Jersey in early 2016 as they refocus what the show will be about—making it more of a consumer trade show. Maybe one day it will come back to Chicago.

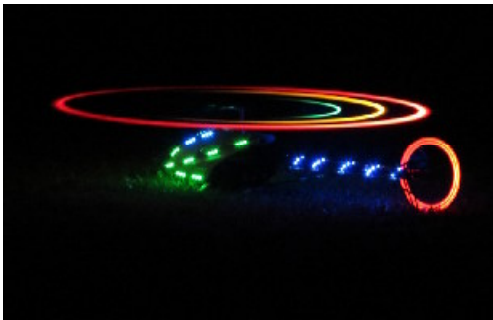


**Jeff Wisneski's** planes (above). One fast, the other slow.

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**Mark Meyrose** treated some night owls to a night fly with his helicopter. Mark readied his copter for the Flying Electrons' night fly, but inclement weather grounded the show. This was an interesting evening because as the sun went down, the fog rolled into the field. It was pretty dense and you couldn't see the edges of the field. Around Mark's 2nd flight, the fog disappeared. We suspect his helicopter (or natural phenomenon) blew away the fog.

**PICNIC RECAP**

## Another Great Event

I recall last year's picnic was an absolute perfect day. This year's was just as nice, with just a little bit more wind, but that didn't stop the many activities. We had a balloon popping competition, combat flying, parachute dropping, sailplane towing, and plenty of open flying. In fact, the only time a plane was not in the air was during lunch! Speaking of which, thanks to all those who brought food for us to enjoy and a special thanks to **Tom and Pam Young** for doing the grilling for us again.



**Mike McCullough's** custom hatch to hold the paratroopers. They like the trees.

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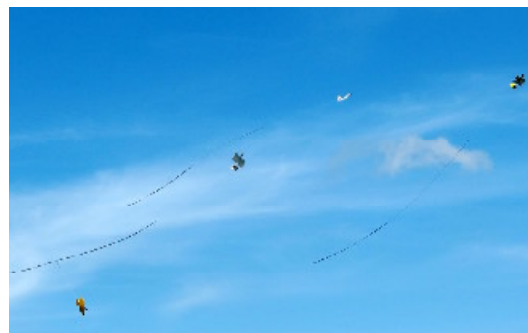
**Steve Ward** absolutely rocked the picnic, brought at least four planes, and flew them all. Nice flying, Steve!



Many members socialized and helped each other out.



Special delivery: A micro P-47, which happened to arrive in the mail on the same day as the picnic, made it out to the field.



One of many combat demos.