



# The RAMS Horn

## NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, February 3**  
7 p.m.,  
WaterStone Savings Bank  
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## SHOW & TELL

### Lots to See

The RAMS club is starting off 2016 going full throttle as we had a lot going on at the first meeting of the year. Let's start small:

#### Steve Ward

brought in several small quadcopters and helicopters to fly around in the meeting room for our viewing pleasure.

About the next size up, **Russell Knetzger** transferred ownership of some VHS tapes in the RAMS library to Secretary **Bob Glowienka**.

These tapes were produced by the AMA on several RC topics. They are available to checkout by RAMS members. Please contact Bob for more information. I will get a list of the titles to post in the next newsletter.

Next up, **Ralph Berginz** brought in an Ares 370 pro that he won at the Waukesha swap meet and generously donated it for the 50/50 raffle. Thank you, Ralph!



Last but not least, **Mark Meyrose** brought in a giant Extreme Flight – MXS. It's got a 76-inch wingspan, 12 cells of lipo batteries and a Rimfire 160 motor under that cowl. Mark is also holding a Duraflly Auto-G gyrocopter. It's a very interesting machine that uses a three-blade rotary wing to generate lift rather than a traditional fixed wing. Mark's Auto-G uses a motor to start the main rotor blades on takeoff and landing, but in the air that motor is off and only the front motor driving the prop is used. It can even do loops!



## WINTER FLYING

## Lots to Do

Keeping with that spirit of “we are not waiting for spring,” we have seen a bunch of people at the field during some of these mild winter days. The field was flooded earlier in the winter, then we had a hard freeze. Now it is basically a thick sheet of ice. Walking on it doesn't make a dent. Even the small foamies can take off and land on the field using their tiny wheels. We are however expecting some temperatures in the 40s and then possibly more snow, so who knows what that will do to the field.

Here's some of the snow flyers that are out there:

**Mark Meyrose's** Flight Zone DHC-2 Beaver **[A]** with floats is a very gentle flyer. Mark was also flying his Auto-G gyrocopter **[B]**. I personally can't believe something like that can fly, but it sure does. Did I mention it even does loops?

**Jeff Kraczek's** Eflight Apprentice with floats **[C]**. Jeff shared with us a great tip to help preserve your foam floats. The icy field as it is will start to tear up those foam floats, so Jeff covered the bottom of his floats with duct tape. There are all kinds of colors available nowadays. Jeff chose to go with bright orange for visibility and it worked really well.

**Todd Schmitt** flew his Pandora with skis (not pictured) and also his Eflight P-47D Thunderbolt **[D]**. Todd took advantage of the smooth iced field and flew his Thunderbolt with its normal wheels.

**Jim Myszewski** flew his Super Decathlon with skis **[E]**. Jim recently installed a spring starter on his engine and showed us how it works. Rather than flipping the propeller over by hand, Jim turns the prop in the opposite direction, holds, and lets go. The spring pulls the prop in the correct direction and the engine starts!

**Mike McCullough** maidenied his Eflight UMX J3 Cub with floats **[F]**. Mike was amazed to get 10-minute run times from a tiny 280 mah battery. Mike also was flying his Sig Somethin' Extra with skis **[G]**.

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**AROUND THE AREA**

Upcoming Events

February 6  
**EAA Skiplane Fly-In (Real Planes)**  
 Oshkosh, WI  
[www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

February 6  
**Hobbico eFest**  
 Champaign, IL  
[www.hobbico-efest.com](http://www.hobbico-efest.com)

February 6  
**Tri-Village RC Swap Shop**  
 Wheaton, IL  
[trivillagerc.com](http://trivillagerc.com)

February 20  
**Fox Valley Aero Club Swap Meet**  
 St. Charles, IL  
[foxvalleyaero.com](http://foxvalleyaero.com)

**FAA REGISTRATION UPDATE**

It's a Go

The AMA has retracted its previous guidance of holding off on registering and it is now encouraging modelers to register with the FAA. The AMA believes that its membership should be an alternative to FAA registration and will continue to try to work towards that goal.

**Final Renewal Reminder**

This will be the last reminder in the newsletter to renew your AMA and RAMS memberships for 2016, if you have not already. Many of us renewed our memberships at the last meeting. **Pam Young** was there to make up the membership cards on the spot, which made everything quick and easy.



Thank you all for continuing to be part of the RAMS community!