

March 7, 2016

Hello everyone: Busy weekend for RAMS! The weather was great. Wind was variable but not interfering with the flying we had at the field. Saturday was excellent and Sunday even better despite a bit of cold temperatures. Joe Schodt continued further advancements on his VTOL Bronco project and it is moving forward extremely well (LITERALLY!!). There was a couple of maiden flights and the Wild Bunch / Warbird guys were, WELL, Wild!! Sam took some good pictures and video that is available on the RAMS Facebook page.

We had the RAMS Club meeting for March yesterday at Golden Corral. That was the last of the winter meetings and for the April meeting we will return to the field at 3:00PM. We had plenty to discuss for projects to repair the flying field signs, the PIC A NIC build event, Updating Club ByLaws and Rules and also we voted three new Full club members. RAMS is now back to 50 Full Membership capacity. We want to welcome Kevin, Geoff and Paul as our new fellow pilots. We had Paul and Geoff fly yesterday at the field and it was great to have them with us.

We have decided the date for the RAMS FunFly Invitational for Saturday June 4th. We will have the PILOT Club as our guests. The food for the activity will be BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS (BYOF&D) and extras to share with club members, guests and spectators. We want to provide lunch for the PILOT club as they do for us when we go to their field. More details will follow.

So, now we look forward to next weekend.

Reminders:

RAMS WINTER BUILD EVENT 2016 : SATURDAY, April 23, 2016 starting at 1:00PM. The build theme will be the **THE RAMS PIC-A-NIC BUILD** where any aircraft, from balloons, multirotors, rockets, helicopters or airplanes can enter. Even a trash bag filled with helium can make it! The theme consists of using any item typical of a Picnic (plates, plastic forks, napkins, cups, trash bags, ketchup bottle, picnic table, etc) to build the model. Or you can use an existing model and decorate with picnic related items. Yogi Bear and Boo Boo are very excited and we will have a Jellystone Park size amazing event in the Spring. There will be prizes awarded by judges and a "Peoples Choice Award". And you know how generous we are at RAMS with prizes! Sure!!! This promises to be one of the best and most fun build events ever. So, start thinking. And don't forget to bring all the family and friends to cheer and support you.

RDRC Electric FunFly: April 16, 2016. Let us join our fellow pilots at their electric FunFly. Spectators free. Fly until dark. Stay for the night flying.

RAMS April 2016 CLUB MEETING: SUNDAY, April 3 at 3:00PM at the RAMS Field. Come and join us to spend some time taking care of club business and have a good fun time with your colleague pilots. Pilots on the waiting list are also welcome and spend some time with us.

NIGHT FLYING: Like on previous years as we head towards the spring time and less cold temperatures at the RAMS Field, some of us start our night flying. It is time to take a look at your night flyer and make sure everything is operational. Flying at night at the field is much better and safer with company so we will come up soon with a date to get together. Usually it is a Saturday evening and we meet at the field around 6:00 to 7:00PM for a couple of hours. If you have not given night flying a chance, you must try it or at least plan to come and watch. It is a lot of fun and much easier than you think. The key is not to overload the airplane with lights, install the right colors in the right places, use your most stable airplane (trainers and gliders are great!) and start a couple of flights at dusk while you can still see the airplane and continue flying until dark. And also fly the model close enough that the lights pattern is easy to recognize as with more distance the colors and overall shape of the airplane starts getting blurred. This approach will quickly allow your brain to click with the right lights color pattern and orientation. Your other option is that we can buddy cord with you (if radios allow it) and allow you to fly

with another experienced night flyer as your back up. If you have no clue about installing lights in your model, ask me or JT. If we have enough interested pilots, we can do a light installation workshop at Gary's or my house. So, there is plenty of time. Get your night flyer together and experience this fun aspect of rc model aircraft flying. IMP: And please remember that at RAMS we only allow electrics to fly at night in consideration to our neighbors.

RAMS GLIDER COMPETITION: As soon as the weather gets a little bit warmer, we will be looking forward to another classic RAMS Glider Competition. Competitors will all take off at the same time and ascend, under power, for 20 or 30 seconds (whatever we all decide) to achieve the most altitude possible. Everyone shuts down power and the last one touching down wins. So, get your gliders ready. We will decide on a date and I will let everyone know in advance. Usually, we decide on the details of the competition when we all meet at the field for the event. The winner gets bragging rights and his / her picture on the RAMS Facebook and Newsletter. Does not have to be a glider. Any fixed wing model you have can be entered for this competition.

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