

April 14, 2016

Hello everyone: OK! Time to take a guess at the extended weekend weather. Friday: 10mph winds ENE, 67 degrees, partly cloudy. Saturday: 10 mph winds decreasing to 4 mph winds late afternoon NE, 71 degrees, partly cloudy. Sunday: Sunny, 73 degrees, 9 mph winds decreasing to 4 mph ENE. That's it! Besides a bit of wind, it does not look too bad especially for the late afternoons and great temperature forecast. See you at the field.

And don't forget, RDRRC is having their Electric FunFly on Saturday. And definitely don't forget we are nine days away from the RAMS Build Event. Get your projects started and or completed. Still plenty of time and this one promises to be fun and a crowd pleaser.

Reminders:

THE RAMS ONE AND ONLY "PIC A NIC" BUILD EVENT: It is in week and half! **CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT!! Saturday, April 23 starting at 1:00PM.** The cool thing is that anything can be entered. So what are the guidelines and rules. This build is super simple and the remaining time is plenty enough to put something together.

1 **Any aircraft** from a balloon, multicopter, helicopter, fixed wing or even a trash bag filled with helium can enter. It just have to be built including items typical of a picnic. Get a roll of paper towels and make it into a rocket. Even though the model must attempt flight, the points for flying are just a few, hence building the model is what actually counts and can get you the big win.

2 **Prizes:** Yes, there will be first, second place and so on but the big one is the PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD. This is the one you really want. This award has nothing to do with judges. The spectators will vote this time. You just need to work the crowd with a good presentation and description of your model, some humor and just sell your creation concept to the public. Even better, bring your cheering crowd, family, friends, the dog, the cat. The more they applaud, the more they cheer, the more they will excite the public to vote for you. There will be certificates, gift cards, two trophies (RAMS Style trophies of course) and other goodies. One trophy will be made by Richard Leon and the other one will be made by me as I will pass the last year build trophy to the next winner. And yes! We will have the lowest score award.

3 **Judges:** We will select three judges from the attendees and they will award points for first and second place as well as the lowest score. Bribing the judges is optional. It was outrageously funny what Bill Leppek did last year bringing gifts bags for the judges stuffed with pig related items. It was really hilarious.

4 **Points:** Judges will award points heavily based on build and presentation with little emphasis on flying even though the model should attempt flight. 1 to 10 points awarded for originality. 1 to 10 points awarded for the construction aspect of the model. 1 to 3 points awarded for the models flight attempt (just throwing the model in the air gets you at least one point).

5 **The flight attempt:** Like always, some pilots like to build but are not into the flying aspect of the event. As on all previous events, if you want to designate a pilot to fly your model, you are more than welcome to do so. The scoring for flying is only a few points so what is important is the build.

I am sure that if we made PIGS FLY last year and Peter made a trout looking Pringle's can fly the year before, we can make picnic stuff fly this year and have a great time and a good laugh trying. Remember, it does not have to be pretty or functional, just has to be some sort of aircraft with picnic related stuff.

Joe Schodt, our main organizer and mastermind of the build events, assisted by **Larry McMillen and myself**, are organizing this one to be the best ever. We have already three confirmed participants, Joe Schodt, Peter Johnson and Bill Leppek but I know there must be a few more that do not want to reveal their top secret projects. You know who you are! We count on you to come and WOW the crowd. I have seen pictures and even video of one of the projects for the build event and it is really cool! Knowing Dr. Peter, I guarantee to you that his creativity will be at its best with his model. Of course, Bill Leppek really knows how to put a good build for these competitions and get the crowd going. But this time there is nothing that guarantees the win. Spectators will be heavily involved this time.

RDRC ELECTRIC FUNFLY: This Saturday, April 16. An all day event at our fellow RC Club. There will also be night flying. If it is electric, it can be flown. Spectators free. Let's join our friends from RDRC.

THE ANNUAL RAMS FUNFLY INVITATIONAL: Saturday, June 4, 2016. We will invite our fellow pilots from the PILOT Club to join us to fly and have a nice lunch. The activity will start at 9:00AM. RAMS Pilots are asked to BYOF&D (Bring Your Own Food and drinks with enough to share with guest and spectators). Plan it ahead, separate the date and bring burgers and hot dogs as main fare. It is also the opportunity to shine with the best Mac & Cheese ever or your signature desert. It promises to be a fun gathering so let's HAVE AT IT!

JOE NALL WEEK: May 7 to the 14. This is the RC FUN FLY Event of the year.

URGENT: AMA is urging for us to WRITE THE SENATE NOW! Posted by AMA District IV on April 12, 2016. The US Senate is currently considering amendments to the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2016. The AMA needs our help to ensure this proposed legislation fully protects the model aircraft community. The concern is that there are additional provisions in this bill that could detrimentally impact our community by requiring UAS, including model aircrafts to meet new FAA design and production standards and impose unnecessary regulation on hobbyists who often build their own models at home. The bill also requires modelers to obtain permission from air traffic control when flying within 5 miles of towered airports which could jeopardize hundreds of existing flying sites. Also would be required for hobbyists to take an online safety test and carry proof of passing and detract from the creativity, innovation and enjoyment of the hobby. By supporting Senator Inhofe's amendment number 3596, we can help to stop this from happening. This critical amendment would maintain the basic intent of the Senate's proposed legislation, while lessening the negative impact on the model aircraft community. Let us all help.

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[here now to urge your Senators to support Senator Inhofe's amendment number 3596 to the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2016.](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51579/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=18287ick)

That is all. See you at the field and have safe fun flying!!!

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