

June 16, 2016

Hello everyone: The weekend is just around the corner. On Sunday is Father's Day. A very big HAPPY FATHER'S DAY wish to all our RAMS Fathers. I wish you lots of health, happy flying and a great time with family. Also a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Joe Schodt who turns one year younger and wiser tomorrow, Friday.

As for the weather in the general extended forecast for the weekend, this is what I can find: Friday - 50% chance of afternoon thunderstorms with 15 mph winds lasting into the evening, 82 degrees. Saturday - Partly Cloudy, 81 degrees, 14 mph winds NE. Sunday - 8 mph winds dropping to 4 mph NE in the late afternoon, 80 degrees. So as it stands now, Sunday seems to be the best likely day for some good flying. See you at the field.

Reminders:

RAMS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION FUNFLY AND COOKOUT: Put it on your calendars! **Sunday, July 3, 2016.** Starting officially at **2:00PM** with brief club meeting at 3:00PM and then continue flying, eating and then more eating. This event will be based on our classic bring your own food and drinks and plenty to share (**BYOF&D**). We will provide coolers full with ice and water. This is another event where you can showcase your specialty side dishes and mac & cheese as well as deserts together with all the hamburgers and hot dogs that you can bring. Like every year, this event promises to be a lot of fun. I will fire up the grill by 5:00PM. One of the fun things to do in this event is to get some night flying done. Get your night flyers ready and bring them. If anyone wants to bring fireworks, you are welcome to do so and we will give you time and space for your display. So, get this one on your calendars right now and don't miss it. And definitely, this is one to bring the family. And by the way, bring your gliders or any other fixed wing aircraft with a good glide for a **RAMS GLIDER COMPETITION SORTIE** to happen **around 4:00PM**. You know! The one that everyone takes off at the same time, climb under power for 30 seconds and then glide back down. The last one landing wins. See you there!!!

RAMS JULY CLUB MEETING: A brief meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, July 3 at 3:00PM** during the RAMS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION. We will deal with any urgent club business that can't wait until the August meeting.

RAMS 2017 OLYMPFREAKS: It is a go! The club members decided on the June meeting that they want to proceed and participate on the 2016 OLYMPFREAKS event. We are looking into the end of September or around when it is not too hot. This is the signature competition event at RAMS. Why is it called the OLYMPFREAKS? Because this activity is of OLYMPIC magnitude and its FREAKING awesome!!! For those new to the club, this event is an afternoon of competition where 5 events are put together to challenge our pilots in performing tasks that require more luck than skill. This event is designed so even the less skilled pilot has a good chance at success just by pure luck. There will be more information coming as we decide on a date. And there will be all sorts of awards, recognitions and prizes more than ever before. So just by participating you may end up with a cool "something". Any airplane can be entered (no helis or multirotors) and you can participate in all or only specific events and use different airplanes for the different tasks. We will have the precision candy drop event for sure and we will furnish the candy drop boxes that can be attached to any airplane with velcro. More details will follow. Joe Schodt, Larry McMillen and I will be putting together the best OLYMPFREAKS ever at RAMS.

RAMS POLICY ABOUT GUEST PILOTS: Only Full Members at RAMS have the privilege to bring a guest pilot up to 4 times a year. The guest pilot must be under the supervision of the RAMS Host pilot. The RAMS Host Pilot is responsible for the actions of the guest pilot. The Guest pilot must abide by all RAMS Rules and Safety Code, must have an up to date AMA registration and be observant of our Good Neighbor Policies and Noise restrictions. Any issues to address with a guest pilot will be done through the RAMS Host Pilot. After two visits to the field a guest pilot needs to submit an application for membership. If there are no positions available, the application will be placed on the waiting list.

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

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