

September 19, 2016

Hello everyone: It was a very good weekend at RAMS. I know many pilots are staying away from the heat and humidity but this weekend was a little bit better and hopefully soon we will get usual fall weather with nicer temperatures and the RAMS Fall Flying Season gets going. There was a couple of maiden flights this weekend and all were successful. A few airplanes met their expiration dates but what's new? Some Pilots showed up to test the airplanes they will be using for the OLYMPFREAKS which are just around the corner. I have seen pilots practicing for the bean / candy carrying and certainly for the most popular event of the Limbo low pass. The competitive spirit is in the air. The OLYMPFREAKS COMMITTEE (Joe Schodt, Larry McMillen and Dr. Joey - me) met yesterday for the final planning. There are great prizes, a Trophy, even an ARF airplane, Gift Certificates, RAMS Logo Hat and LiPo Batteries that have been donated for the event. We are going all out on this one! Get your airplanes ready. Get the Family ready and have them come with you. It does not get any better than this. A WORLD CLASS EVENT INDEED!!! Most of all, remember that the event has been designed for pilots of all skills. You really need more luck than skills on this one. I think it is going to be hilarious. And if you don't want to fly, just come to cheer, participate in the PEANUT GALLERY, help and support your fellow pilots. And don't forget to look around in your workshop for RC Stuff to bring for the RAMS Swap Meet the same day of the OLYMPFREAKS.

Reminders:

**MOWING ALERT! This Saturday, Sept 24 at 9:00AM** we need the mowing crews to come and lend a hand. **YES! That means you** with a riding mower, gas trimmer or blower. We need to get the field in TIP TOP SHAPE. **No lawn care equipment? NO PROBLEM! Come to move benches** and airplane stands out of the way of the riding mowers. Or just come for moral support. WE need you! We want you there!. As hopefully, the temperatures get less hot soon, we will be going into the FALL Flying season. That means more of us there to enjoy some good flying weather. We need to get the field looking really good. Who knows? Maybe after the mowing and the AFTER MOWING DEBRIEF, we can all go together for lunch. See you there.

**RAMS OCTOBER 2 CLUB MEETING: Sunday, October 2 at 3:00PM** at the RAMS Field.

**RAMS 2016 OLYMPFREAKS: DOWNLOAD the attached pdf file with the rules for the event and events description. GET READY. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016:** The event will start at **2:00PM**. This year will be the best ever and amazing. The overall winner will get a trophy, a brand new ARF aerobatic balsa ply airplane. The Runner Up will get an award certificate, 2200 3 cell Lipo and \$10 McDonald Gift Certificate. The Bronze Level will get an award certificate and a New RAMS Embroidered Hat. There is even a prize for the BIGGEST LOOSER. An award certificate, \$2 worth balsa ARF Plane and a plain hat signed by all present members with a hand drawn RC design / artwork provided by a well renowned artist and RC Pilot. And did you hear about the SPECIAL EVENT? The new LIMBO LOOP THE LOOP. Fly under the limbo ribbon as many times as you can. Does not matter how you do it. Hit the poles or the runway? Does not matter, get the airplane going again and complete more passes. Cut the ribbon? Then you are done. This event must be completed with the same airplane. For safety, we will only allow foamy electrics for the Limbo Loop the Loop Special Event. Who can compete in the OLYMPFREAKS? Any RAMS Pilot with any airplane they want to use. You can bring one or more airplanes. You may enter a different airplane for each different event. Only Fixed Wing models allowed. No multirotors or helis. **Please take a look at the attached PDF file** accompanying this email for all the details. I TELL YOU! THIS IS GOING TO BE A GOOD ONE!!

**RAMS SWAP MEET: SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2016 at 3:00PM.** Yes, the same day of the OLYMPFREAKS. Gather all the stuff you don't want anymore that is RC hobby related, tools, batteries, airplanes, propellers, tool boxes, boats, cars and so on. Bring them to the RAMS Field and sell it for a

price you agree with the buyer. The money you collect, will then be given to Larry McMillen, Club Treasurer for our Club Funds. It is an easy way to do something extra for your club and have a fun time with your RC colleagues as we did last year. Who knows? You might get a pretty good deal so plan on coming and bring something.

**RAMS HATS: THEY ARE ALMOST HERE!!!** RAMS Hats will be ready very soon. So, get ready and plan on purchasing yours. They will be \$20.00 per hat. Any changes about cost or availability will follow. The hats are of very nice quality and materials. Members will have a choice between two styles. You can buy as many as you want. We are planning to have them for sale starting on the RAMS CLUB OCTOBER MEETING, October 2nd.

**E-WEEK AT TRIPLE TREE:** This event is also known as the Electric JOE NALL in WOODRUFF South Carolina at the Triple Tree Aerodrome. **Coming soon, September 28 to October 2, 2016.** YES! Next week!! This is a really fun FUN FLY with everything electric that flies. From really big airplanes to the tiny stuff. The Triple Tree Aerodrome grounds are just spectacular. Makes for a nice vacation. See you there!!

**IMP: 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 must be present and is responsible for the actions of the guest pilot. The RAMS Host Pilot is responsible to observe the 4 times a year guest visit limit. 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.

**RAMS WAITING LIST:** RAMS has a 50 full members cap. **At the present time we do not have open positions.** Any pilot wishing to join the RAMS Club can submit the application form without the fee and will be placed in the waiting list in the order the application was received. If a position opens, the applicant will be notified to start the membership probation period of about 8 weeks before going for a vote at the Club Officers Meeting. When notified by e-mail, the applicant must submit the application fee and initiation fee to start the process within 3 days or we will go to the next applicant. During the probation period, the pilot is asked to come with us to the field (weather permitting) and meet with club members and club officers. The pilot may fly at RAMS only under the supervision of a RAMS Full Member during the probation period. The goal is to assess if the applicant and the club are a good mutual fit. If an applicant is not voted in the club or does not complete the application / probation period, the application fee will be returned in full. Verbal or email requests to be placed on the waiting list will not be honored.

done on a volunteer basis. Our crews will try to interfere with flying the least possible but while they are out on the field, their safety is a priority.

**GET ON THE FLIGHT PATTERN:** This is a common sense request. When a second airplane takes off, pilots must agree on flying in the same direction to reduce chances of mid air collisions. Usually the flight direction depends on the wind direction. We takeoff, fly and land against the wind. So, if the wind is coming from the left side of the runway, take off, fly and land from right to left. If there is no wind or pilots are not following a flight pattern, any pilot can call the correct pattern and pilots must agree. Experienced pilots must instruct our newer pilots on this safe flying behavior. If you decide to do aerobatics or 3D flying, do not do it over the runway. Move over to the grass outfield and once the maneuver is completed, enter the flight pattern again.

**PILOTS MUST FLY FROM THE FLIGHT STANDS:** We require this from pilots at all times. It accomplishes two things; places the pilot in a known area and provides the pilot of some protection from airplanes taking off or landing and get out of control.

**ONLY 4 PILOTS FLYING AT THE SAME TIME:** During regular flying situations, only 4 pilots can fly at the same time. This way, the airspace does not get crowded all at once reducing the chances of midair collisions. In special situations like formation flying, combat, glider contest and such group flying events, more than 4 pilots will be allowed.

**NITRO, GAS OR ELECTRIC MOTORS MAY ONLY BE POWERED** on the PILOT SIDE OF THE FENCE and facing away from the shelter and parking lot. There is no testing of engines / motors in the shelter area.

**ANNOUNCE IN A LOUD VOICE WHEN:** Placing on or retrieving an airplane from the runway, walking to the grass outfield, crossing the runway, taking off, landing. Any behavior that places a pilot or a model passed the flight stands must be announced loudly so everyone can hear. This situational awareness is very important for safety. If your model is experiencing any kind of malfunction, loss of power (dead stick), loss of control, you must announce it loudly to make everyone aware. Any aircraft with problems will have priority for landing.

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR AIRCRAFT ON THE RUNWAY:** Do not leave unattended aircrafts on the runway that may interfere with another aircraft taking off or landing. If you need to land to make adjustments in the model or the radio system, bring the airplane to the flight stand area.

**DO NOT TAXI ON THE PITS AREA:** Engines must be started by the flight stand and at no time a powered motor or engine can be facing the shelter or parking area. Aircrafts can also be started on the pits area under restraint or when positioned on the airplane stands.

**DO NOT FLY BEHIND THE FLIGHT LINE:** At no time an aircraft is allowed to fly behind the flight line. This includes pilots flying FPV (first person view). There are two reasons for this. For safety of pilots and spectators and we do not want to get closer or bring noise to our neighbors living behind the field.

**DO NOT FORGET THE FAILSAFE SETTINGS:** This is one of the most basic means of keeping RC Operations safe. Failsafe is a setting you establish for actions on your model happen in a certain way when there is loss of radio signal. The most important is for your throttle. Make sure that gas and glow engines stop running if there is signal loss. Electric motors must become inactive if signal is loss. Do not depend on the ESC safety features, make sure you have your failsafe set. If you don't clearly understand how to establish failsafe for your model, as a more experienced pilot. Don't skip this step.

**NO SMOKING:** Due to the use of flammable materials and health concerns from some of our pilots, RAMS has a no smoking policy. If you still must smoke when at the field, please do so at the far south end of the parking area.

**NO ALCOHOL:** There is absolutely no alcohol use at any time at the RAMS Field by pilots or spectators.

**HELI AND MULTIROTORS USE:** RAMS is a fixed wing RC Flying field. A few of our pilots enjoy flying helicopters and multirotors. They only can be flown when there is NO airplanes flying and must land when an airplane is ready for takeoff.

**FIRST PERSON VIEW (FPV):** At RAMS, FPV Pilots must have a spotter at all times that can keep situational awareness of where other pilots are, other models flying and full size aircrafts proximity. We ask FPV pilots not to fly behind the flight line. The FAA is asking pilots to keep line of sight.

**USE COMMON SENSE:** Anytime you fly at RAMS, please KEEP IT SAFE. We are all about having FUN but it must be in SAFE manner for all of us. If there is a pilot that is deviating from the safety code or the RAMS Rules please bring this to his attention. One of the best things at RAMS is that we have a great group of pilots with a really good attitude towards RC Flying and keeping it safe. If the unsafe behavior continues, let the Safety Officer, Joe Schodt, know about it or to any of the other club officers.

**RAMS GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY:** The survival of our flying field is dependent on keeping the land owner, the farmer and the neighbors happy. It is the right thing to do and fair towards them. Their safety is a primary goal. Their comfort is a priority. **NOISE CONTROL** is essential part of our policy to keep the neighbors comfortable. We do not allow flying of noisy electrics, gas or glow powered airplanes before 9:00AM or at night. Non noisy electric powered models can be flown anytime. We are mostly concerned about how loud an engine is when flying more than when it is on the ground. We don't base our decision on decibel meters. Noise is also related to the style of flying of the pilot and throttle requirements, the engine size, the silencer system being used and the propeller noise. Our noise restrictions apply to everyone flying at RAMS at all times and also applies to guests and pilots from other club with no exceptions. You may also need to keep in mind when you select a power system or an aircraft if it will comply with the noise regulations and if it will accommodate for the silencer systems that may be required. Any engine of 50CC displacement or more is required to use canisters silencers with no exceptions. Engines in the 35CC to under 50CC displacement will be required an enhanced silencing system or or installations of baffles or canisters. We know that the DLE35R and the DLE20 gas engines get loud enough at high speeds and we require the installations of baffles in the stock muffler. Club officers will inform a pilot if the noise of their aircraft engine in flight is too loud. Become acquainted with the **GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICIES** and **NOISE CONTROL** requirements at RAMS. If you feel you can not comply with them, RAMS may not be the right club for you. In that case we would encourage you to join clubs in our area with less restrictive noise regulations.

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

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