

December 8, 2016

Hello everyone: Once again is time to check on what the weatherman is guessing for the weekend extended forecast. Friday: SUNNY, 41 degrees with 7 mph winds NW. Saturday: SUNNY, 43 degrees, 1-2 mph winds NW. Sunday: PARTLY CLOUDY, 47 degrees, 4-5 mph winds SSE. As of now seems that the forecasted cold arctic front is moving in with temperatures down to the low 20s at night and highs of low to mid 40s. Does not seem that it will bring rain or windy conditions until maybe late Sunday evening to Monday. So, BUNDLE UP, keep your hands warm on those transmitter sticks. Let's get some flying!

Reminders:

RAMS JANUARY CLUB MEETING: SUNDAY, January 8, 2017 at 10:00AM at the **GOLDEN CORRAL, US1 / Wake Forest. We meet at 9:30AM for breakfast** if you want to join us. Arrangements have been made with Golden Corral to use their **meeting room** for the RAMS Club.

LARK FARM INVITATIONAL with our hosts Peter and Karen Johnson: This **Sunday, December 11, 2016. Arrival: 12:00PM.** The Johnson's have extended a personal invite to the RAMS Club members to a **FUN FLY gathering at their farm.** There is a small pond from where to **fly small seaplanes** and there is space to **fly gliders** and **small electric models** that preferably can be hand launched. **Address: 3700 Lark Farm RD, Franklinton, NC 27525** (Peter says "Must use Google Maps").

BRING FOOD AND DRINKS: Peter has informed me that **Greg will bring his big cooker. Bring any dishes and beverages for you and to share with friends.** Also bring burgers, hot dogs, chicken and any other to be grilled items and bring enough to share. The grill will be up and running by noon. **Pilots on the waiting list are welcomed** to join us for some good time and fun. Sounds Great!

ATTENTION RAMS PILOTS -- RAMS 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS IN FULL FORCE: We need to keep it going guys! We need to get moving you all!!! Send your membership application / renewal form with the **renewal fee of \$135.00** or **bring it to the December meeting or to the field.**

Deadline is December 31, 2016 (midnight).

Please make SURE YOU FILL A RENEWAL FORM. The treasurer receives your fee with the signed form and passes the form to me. I (Dr. Joey - Secretary / Membership) use the form to count you in as a renewed member and make sure my numbers match with Larry (treasurer). Since we have many Pilots on the waiting list, I will soon start on early January giving the non renewed membership spots to the the waiting list. I don't want to give up a renewed RAMS member position by mistake. So, help me out and thanks as always.

COURTESY PHONE CALL REMINDERS WILL START SOON: Starting on December 21, those RAMS Club members that have not completed their 2017 renewal by that time will receive a phone call as a reminder. We have plenty of pilots on the waiting list but we don't want to give away your membership position because you did not meet the deadline or just forgot. Our Safety Officer, Joe Schodt will help us with the phone calls. Please remember the deadline for the 20 17 membership renewal is December 31, 2016 (midnight).

Please follow this procedure for the 2017 membership renewal that started November 6th:

Download the updated 2017 membership form available on the **RAMS Website** under documents - membership application (<http://ramsrc.com/pdf/membership.pdf>) or the **membership application / renewal form attached** to this RAMS Update email.

1. Complete all the information requested on the form in a legible manner. Remember that the form in my hands is the way I keep track of who renewed. The information you provide in the form is used to produce your membership card and update your contact information.

2. Sign the form. Read the form and get updated about your privileges and your responsibilities to the club.

Send the form and renewal fee of \$135.00 to the club treasurer, Larry McMillen, at the address at the bottom of the membership application / renewal form. You may bring the form and fee to the field and give it to any of the club officers.

3. Family and Student members fill the form and include **\$50.00** fee.

4. Please: Make sure your writing is legible, especially your name and email address.

5. Please: Refresh in your mind the club rules and bylaws that can be found in the last few pages of the newsletters. All newsletters can be accessed from our RAMS Website. www.ramsrc.com

6. Please: Don't lose track of your timely AMA renewal. For many, the AMA renewal date has or will change so it is not the same deadline for everyone.

7. Please: Please proceed to complete the club renewal on time.

8. After December 31, 2016, positions not renewed will be offered to pilots on the waiting list in the order we received their applications. I don't want any current RAMS Pilot losing their club membership position due to not completing the renewal on time or me not getting the signed form to count you in.

9. As always, thanks so much to you guys for all the help.

PILOT CLUB WINTER FUN FLY WITH RAMS: Our good friends at the PILOT Club in Zebulon have extended an invitation to the RAMS Members to join them at their field for the **FIRST FLIGHT OF THE YEAR** in the Old Zebulon Airport (Use Google Maps), Field of Dreams off of 96. This will be on **January 1, 2017**. Plan to arrive around **10:00AM**. **Bring drinks and food that does not require on site cooking or heating.** Our friends at PILOT usually treat us with a hot lunch but let's contribute to the food stash. PILOT has a nice grass runway suitable for models with not too small wheels. Come and join us for a nice time with our colleagues from PILOT. We thank our good friend and President of PILOT, Dave Ferguson, for the invitation.

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

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