

January 30, 2017

Hello everyone: Even though the weather over the weekend was not the best we ended up with more sun and opportunities to fly than we thought. Saturday afternoon a few of us took to the skies and had a great time and on Sunday it was busy with pilots doing maiden flights, new pilots in training getting their flight lessons and other RAMS Pilots flying their planes for a great afternoon of camaraderie. We had the opportunity to meet and fly with most of the new pilots applying for 2017 RAMS Membership. Definitely a great time!

Other Reminders:

RAMS FEBRUARY MEETING: This coming Sunday February 5, 2017 at Golden Corral US1/Wake Forest. Let us meet at 9:30AM for breakfast and 10:00AM for club meeting. We have a number of administrative topics to discuss and start making plans for flying activities for the year. I already have heard Joe Schodt (Safety Officer) discussing some crazy ideas, build events and competitions so it promises to be a fun year at RAMS. I also need to start looking at dates for the RAMS Spring FunFly Invitational and Cook Out. We are also inviting our new 2017 members going through the membership process to attend the meeting. Club members and officers want to meet you. Since we did not have the January new pilots meeting, we will have a brief meeting after the club business is taken care of and I will discuss the membership probation process as well as answer any questions you may have. I am looking forward to see you all there.

Of course, all pilots from the RAMS Waiting list are always welcome to attend our meetings and visit us at the field. Our current waiting list has now six pilots.

We will have RAMS logo HATS available at the February meeting for all those new pilots that want to get them. JT will bring his stash of hats that we have left and we still have the two styles available for you to choose.

2017 BARKS SWAP MEET: COMING SOON! Saturday, February 25, 2017. Doors open to the public by 8:00AM. Closing by 2:00PM. Mebane Arts & Community Center. 622 Corregidor St. Mebane, NC 27302. If you want to rent a table to sell your rc stuff, contact: Chris Philipps Phone 919-428-1215. cphilipps244@gmail.com You may also go to their website and register to rent tables. Aisle tables \$15.00. Wall tables \$20.00. Admission for over 10 yrs old is \$5.00. There will be raffles. Go to: http://barksrc.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=490293&module_id=241580

ATTENTION - AMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DEADLINES HAVE CHANGED: Please pay attention to your AMA renewal deadline. The AMA changed from everyone renewing by December 31 to different dates based on your new renewal schedule. Now, more than ever, I need everyone to keep track of your AMA renewal date. **YOU CAN'T FLY AT RAMS WITHOUT AN UP TO DATE AMA** registration due to liability insurance and as an AMA Chartered club rule.

RALEIGH AERO MASTERS INC

2 Members who will expire on Jan 31 2017 12:00AM

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RAMS NEWSLETTER WILL BE BACK SOON: In a couple of days the RAMS Newsletter will start its monthly circulation for 2017.

RAMS MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR 2017 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING: They are ready! A BIG THANKS to Sam Goldfarb for doing this for us. Sam will bring them to the meeting for distribution.

RAMS / AMA 2017 Charter Registration process has begun. When completed I will update the club.

RAMS HATS: MANY SOLD ALREADY! WE STILL HAVE SOME!!! The RAMS Hats are very elegant. They are only **\$20.00 per excellent quality hats**. We will have them for sale at the RAMS CLUB MEETING.

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 Full Membership 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 and can be reflected on the RAMS Pilot membership eligibility.**

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. Only the submission of the application form gets the applicant a place in the waiting list. The form can be handed to any club officer, mailed to the treasurer who will pass it along to the secretary who is in charge of the membership process. The application form can be downloaded from the RAMS Website (www.ramsrc.com) ; **IMP: Being placed on the waiting list does not provide flying privileges at RAMS.**

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

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