

# THUNDERBOLT



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First Aero Squadron  
Chapter 006



## March Club Meeting

Monday, March 4th - 7:00 PM  
Livonia Sheldon Senior Center  
S.E. Corner of Plymouth and Farmington  
(See page 3 for map)

### Editor's Notes - Dave Hurt

The newsletter is now digital! We are starting to distribute the newsletter electronically through our website. There you will be able to find the newsletter in Adobe Acrobat format. What we want to do is get a list of people who wish to stop receiving the newsletter by mail. An e-mail will be sent to those people notifying them when the newsletter is on the page. We want to do this to help cut down on costs of the newsletter, so if you are willing to stop receiving the newsletter by mail, e-mail me at [dave@the-bighurt.com](mailto:dave@the-bighurt.com) and I will add you to the list.

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Things are really starting to look exciting for the summer! The pylon racing league looks to be off to a good start, we get to look forward to air show in July, and there are plans for 3 fun flies! And Chris Berkhalter has generously agreed to head the Field Committee, and judging from what I saw at the February meeting, we're in good hands. But that brings me to my point, our current field. The Lang Aerodrome has been a wonderful place to fly, and we've been very fortunate to have such a facility. As the owners of the field plan to start building later this fall, it is very important that we find a new field to accommodate the large number of flyers we have. But until we do, we still have to fly at Lang or Ray fields. It's our responsibility to keep both of these sites kept up and secure. There has been numbers times that I've been told that the key lockbox at Lang has been left unlocked. With the warm winter we've been having, the parking lots have become very soft, making it very easy to leave deep tracks from our cars. It's the little things that we can do to make our lives easier. Remember to spin the dial on the lock box after you unlock the gate, park on the east end of the field until things dry out; it would be a shame if the field got damaged and would need to be closed for repairs. These are things all members can do to help the club and make sure we stay flying all summer.

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Name the plane: First correct entry will receive 2 oz. bottle of CA. Send entries to [dave@the-bighurt.com](mailto:dave@the-bighurt.com)

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January Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 8:15

Minutes were approved

## Reports:

Treasurer: All good

Airshow/swap meet: 17th of March at the Senior Citizens center, 9-12 for the swap meet. Still need help. 27-28th of July for Airshow, and planning for 3 fun flies this year.

Editor: Newsletter now up on website. Asking for people to volunteer to stop getting it through regular mail and get it on the web.

## New Business:

Chair for Field Committee: Chris Berkhalter has come forward as the chair for this. Started a signup list for the Field Committee.

Meeting for next month: Since the Senior Citizens center is under construction, next month's meeting will be posted in the newsletter.

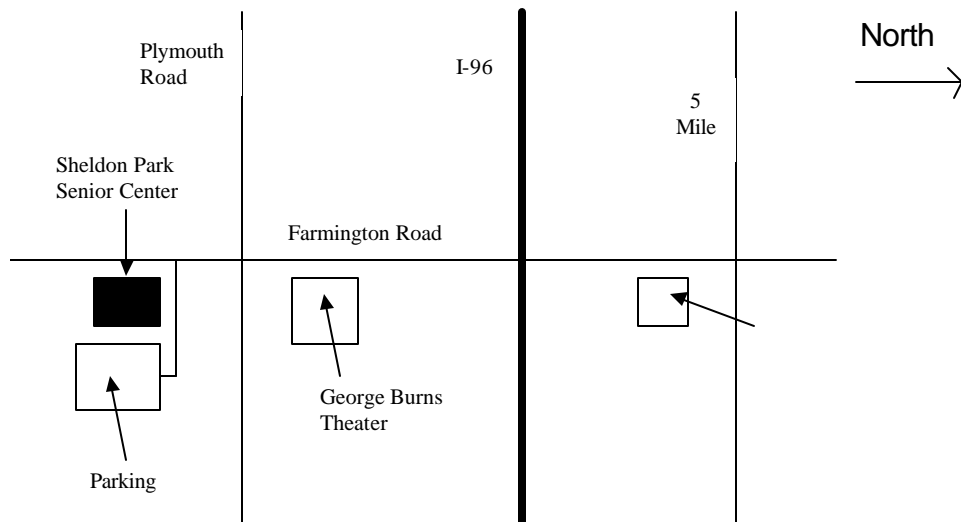
Once again the monthly meeting was excellent. A special thank you goes out to Dave Schiavolin and others at Joes Hobby Center for allowing the club use their facility for the meeting. It is great to see so many members coming together to build and fly the electric pattern ships. Not only does this provide the club with an activity that will build unity, but also brings something new to the experience of the hobby.

Chris Burkhalter is continuing to lead the search for a new field. Once again, I would like to emphasize to everyone in the club that this should be as important to you as any aircraft you build or fly. Without a field from which to safely fly our models, what good are they? In other words, become active in the field acquisition process. Contact Chris to see what you can do or to share any ideas or information you have.

Plans for the swap meet are moving ahead smoothly. The Livonia Senior Center is under construction but it should not have any negative affect on the meet. The only changes are that people will need to enter from the opposite (north) side of the building. The entrance that is normally used, along with the entrance into the main dining room, are fenced off. I suggest that if you are planning to sell anything at the swap meet that you arrive a little bit earlier than you normally would for this event. Doing so would ensure adequate time to bring all of your things in without having to navigate through a crowd of people waiting to enter the show room. This has been a well-promoted event and should provide a great boost for the club. If you are planning to attend, bring a friend too. The more the merrier.

As the 2002 flying season approaches, I have one safety issue that I would like to point out. I was reminded of this as I was reading the March issue of Model Aviation. The column, which begins on page 89, demonstrates the importance of recognizing and using a pattern when flying. All too often it seems that pilots neglect this basic safely rule. It is every pilot's responsibility to either establish or to be aware of the pattern and to adhere to it.

Next month's meeting will be held at the Livonia Sheldon Senior Center. In addition, we are scheduled to meet in this facility for the months of April, September, October, and November. We may be able to resume meetings at senior center on Farmington and Five-Mile in November, but that's assuming the city won't encounter any construction delays. Directions to the new meeting place are below. I look forward to seeing you there!



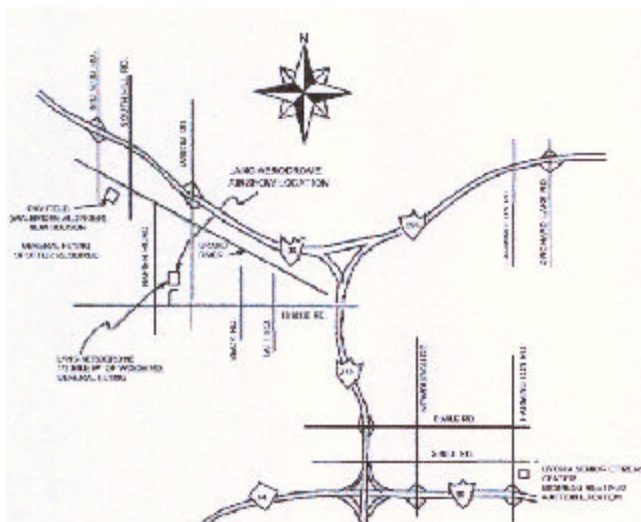
Local Coming Events

March 4 - Meeting at Sheldon Park Senior Center 7:00 PM

March 17 - Swap meet at Livonia Senior Center

July 27-28 - Airshow

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Reminder to our members-  
If you're the last one leaving Lang, please make sure the gate is locked and the key holder is closed fully and locked. If the gate is not locked, we might enter to find our field or club property ruined or destroyed. Our security is your responsibility.