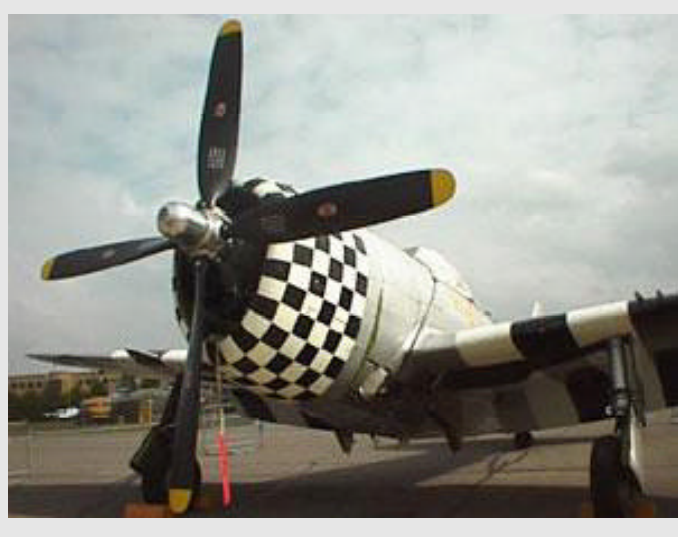


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President's Message

- Aaron Avery

Although it is still cold outside, it will not be long until flying season is upon us. Along with warm days at the field, there will be several club events that take place. The greatest of these events is the air show which is scheduled for the 27th and 28th of July. Anyone who has ever been involved in the planning and execution of this event knows that it is both a great deal of fun and a great deal of work. With the swap meet successfully finished, Joe DiDia the air show chairman and Dave Shiavolin the event CD, have already begun actively planning for the event. As the air show grows closer, every club member will be called upon to contribute to its success. For the benefit of the club, I ask that each member support Joe and Dave and approach each opportunity to contribute enthusiastically.

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I would also like to say thank you to everyone who had a part in making this year's swap meet a success. Judging by the turnout, Dave Schiavolin and Vince Blasky clearly did an excellent job of organizing and promoting the event. Every table was sold, we reached our financial goals, and Dave has already commented that next year a bigger facility may be necessary. In addition to the contributions of Dave and Vince, numerous other club members worked at the event in order to help make it a success. These names are listed below and on behalf of the club, I would like to thank each of you.

Joe DiDia	Joe Blaszczyk
Bob Brooks	Tom Bacsanyi
Eric Blaszczyk	Ahmad Chughtai
Jim Newcombe	Ron McHale
Roger Wilfong	Warren Wells

Going a little bit further into the past, I would also like to recognize Chris Brewer and Mark Freeland for their scratch building demonstration at the last club meeting.

Everyone who had the opportunity to see this presentation benefited from both learning the scratch building process and also the skills and techniques necessary to successfully complete such a project.

I encourage everyone to attend the next club meeting on April 1st. Remember that the meeting will be held at Livonia's Sheldon Park Senior Center which is located on the east side of Farmington Road just past Plymouth Road. Parking is behind the building and can be accessed via Van Cort drive which lies just north of the senior center. Until then, happy building and flying!



Plane of the Month

Well, I've managed to stump everyone for the past two times, so we'll run this again. Last month was a Stinson L-5. So the usual deal, if you're the first to e-mail me with the plane, we'll come up with something for you. Just a hint, it's not a SR-71.

Editor's notes - Dave Hurt

Hey, how is everyone doing this month? Me and my computer are doing better now, but we started out this month pretty rough. After getting quite a few e-mails regarding the electronic newsletter, my computer decided to start Spring cleaning a little early, cleaning out everything on it. So sorry for the hassle, but if you want it by e-mail, could you send me your address again? We'll try this again for the May newsletter. I'm also playing around with the format for the newsletter, as you've probably noticed. Let me know what you think! Keep flying and have fun!

Since I usually have some extra room in the newsletter, I'm going to start running some classified ad's. So if you have something laying around you want to sell, and couldn't make it to the swap meet, drop me a line and we'll try to fit it in.

(No gear included with the planes, but give me an offer on combos)

Horizon Aspire glider - converted to electric and V-tail - no motor though. \$50 (New: \$100)

PB FunFly, electric funfly/3D trainer - no motor \$50 (comes with spare parts, wings, tail, fuse, etc New: \$90)

NSP Elipstik 400 flying wing Tom Hunt design \$50 (New: \$90)

Graupner Starjet twin flying wing, \$50 (New \$110)

Jetset twin flying wing - upgraded with larger elevons, and stall fence (New) \$60 (I paid \$80)

NSP Tom HLG/soft DLG 10 ounces flying weight \$50 (New \$150)

NSP Eli Micro HLG 5 ounces flying weight \$20 (new \$50)

Graupner 280 motor with Horst 3-1 gear and 9-6 prop \$15

Jeti 15-4 Phasor motor (2 available) \$60 (New \$75?)

Jeti 40 Amp Sensorless, BEC, (2 available) \$60 (New \$75?)

As new, Kontronik BL 600-52, Ultimate complete 10-cell F5B competition system, CF 15-10 folders (2), spinner, 2400 packs (3) above 750 watts in. 85-90% efficiency. Vertical launch on a 4 pound frame. Asking: \$550 around 20 flights (110-120 sec. LMR each) (New \$725+)

FX 35 AI/robotics, brushed speed controller, 50A peak, BEC, brake, etc. \$30

If you are intrested, please contact:

Anders Hoberg, (248) 961-0870

March Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order 7:13

Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Pres: Fields, swap meet 7-8 am for help, 9 am for selling

Vice: careful about parking, sign up for jobs this year

Treasurer: All good.

Secretary: membership stuff, events at other clubs, address lists of club members

Editor: newsletter stuff

Old Business:

New Business:

Yankee air museum – 27th of May

Detroit Science center – display on flight needs help

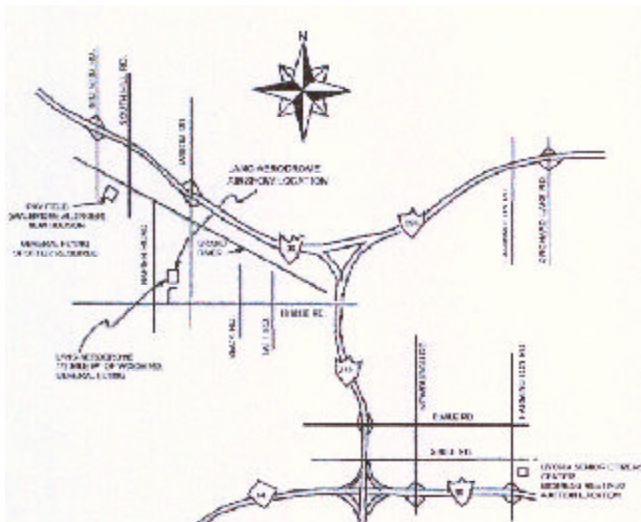
Big bird fly – 27th of May – Lang

Local Coming Events

April 1 - Meeting at Sheldon Park Senior Center 7:00 PM

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.