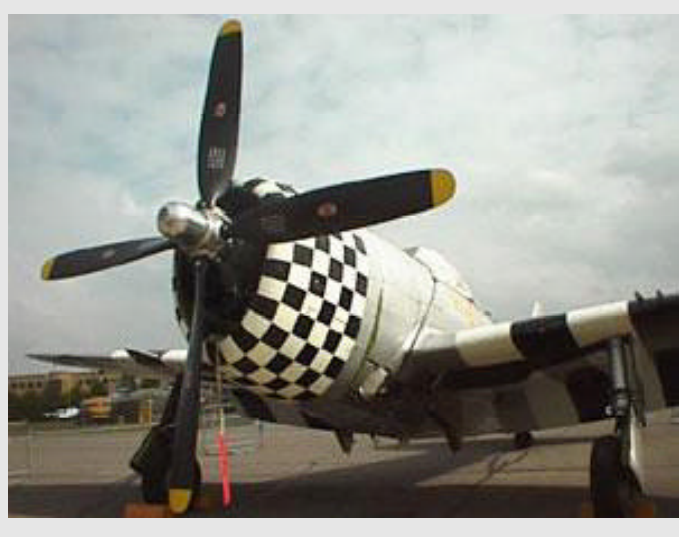


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Vice President's Message

- Don Unsworth

Spring is here and the flying season will soon be in full flight (!?!). For you hardy souls that are braving the elements, getting in some flying time, I suggest some caution when driving into the field parking areas. At RAY, stay close to the road and off the grass until the parking area ground firms up. At LANG, park EAST of the bleacher area until the ground dries up near the pavilion. There is a low spot between the bleacher and pavilion that collects water that stays wet and soft long after a rain fall.

This year, club member Joel Disbro will be cutting the flying field grass at both Ray and Lang.

In addition, Joel will act in my behalf as the "maintenance manager". I will be out of the state May 1 through 23. If there are any maintenance concerns, call Joel or Aaron Avery.

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VP's Note Cont.

Our spring "field clean up" day has been set for May 25, at 10:00AM. This is the time to get a start on your work hours, get the field in shape for the BIG BIRD FLY IN and the flying season. Bring your tools and family and let's have a good time. We will also be rolling both fields. The fields will be closed to flying during clean up. The plastic covering on the Lang pavilion will be removed at that time if the weather permits. (Remember last year's club meeting at Lang? Cold, cold, cold!!)

Please look in the field flight boxes for the work sign up sheets. This is a good way to get in your work hours if you can't make the work days. A change in the RAY field sign up sheet, when you do a work activity, record it on the sheet in the flight box.

Any questions, contact me or Joel.
GOOD FLYING

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!

On another note, some of you probably noticed there wasn't a April newsletter. March was one of those months that there was too much to do and not enough free time to finish all of it. The April newsletter will be found on the webpage when that gets updated, and I will have copies at the airfield and montly meetings for you to pick up if you want them.

April Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 7:13 pm
Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Pres: June 7th, 8th, and 9th – Lang Field will be closed due to church use. Air show and fun fly dates approved. Field search continuing.

Treasurer: All good.

Old Business:

Swap meet: Good turnout, considering looking for bigger place for next year

Livonia mall: 26, 27, and 28 of this month –

New Business:

Fun fly: May 19th. Anyone. Find out the details day of event.

Air show: Yankee Air force museum. 27th of May

Big Bird fly: May 27th.

Air show: 27-28th July.

13-14th july - EFO fly at Midwest

President's Message - Aaron Avery

Hi to everyone. I hope that your flying season has begun successfully. As I have mentioned in the past, there are several club events planned for this season that I hope everyone will attend. Included with in this mailing is an updated copy of the 2002 club schedule. I encourage each of you to take careful note of the event dates as there have been some changes.

Second, upon vote of the Ribcrackers Board, the Webmaster position will now be an elected position. The job description for this position is provided below and should be considered before applying. All individuals interested in serving in this position are asked to submit a document at the next club meeting consisting of 200 words or less that is titled: "Why I Should Serve as the Ribcrackers Webmaster". These documents will be presented to the membership at the May 6 club meeting which is to take place at the Prop Shop. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please send your statement to me via e-mail or snail mail in time for the May meeting. In addition, the documents will also be published in next month's newsletter in order that all members are informed. The vote for this position will take place at the June 3 club meeting which will be held at Lang field. I encourage anyone who has the skills and desire to assume this responsibility to run for the position.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who attended the April club meeting. Attendance was low, but in consideration of the holiday and the fact that many choose to go to warmer climates during this time of year, it is understandable. I will also say however, that if you were not there you missed an excellent presentation by Andrew Ditchfield on using video cameras in model aircraft. He presented some excellent footage along with the equipment and necessary techniques in order to accomplish this. Thanks Andrew! Well, that's about it for this month. I hope to see you at the field!

Webmaster Job Description

1. Create and maintain an effective, attractive, and functional website that will promote both model aeronautics and the Ribcrackers Radio Control Club.
2. Provide updates and changes to the website as determined by the Ribcrackers club leadership.
3. Provide a convenient means by which both club and non-club members can communicate with club leadership.
4. Provide club membership renewal information.
5. Highlight and update regularly the current events and activities that take place within the club through use of both text and pictures.
6. Provide directions and maps to club flying and meeting sites.
7. Provide both AMA and Ribcrackers rules and regulations.
8. Provide a copy of the club Bi-Laws and Charter.
9. Provide a copy of the Thunderbolt which is updated monthly.
10. Maintain and updated club schedule of events.
11. Be a regular, active, and enthusiastic participant in club functions.

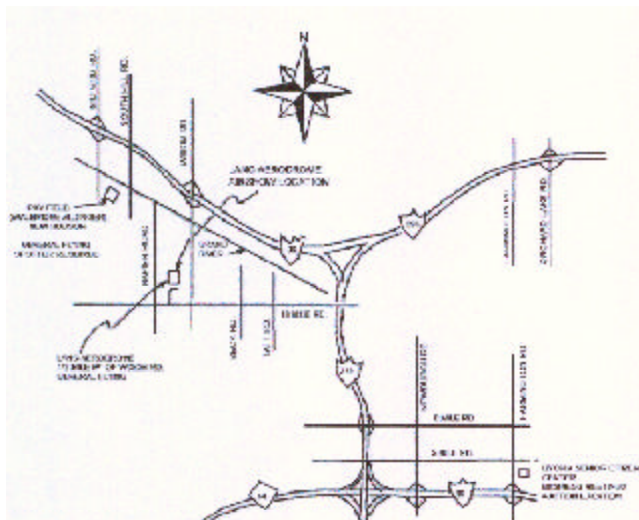
Local Coming Events

May 6th - Meeting at Sheldon Park Senior Center 7:00 PM

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July 27-28 - Airshow

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locked. If the gate is not locked, we
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Radio Control Model Airplane Club

2002 Activities Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 7	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center
February 4	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Joe's Hobby Center (8:00 PM) (Grand River, E. of Drake - Farmington)
March 4	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia Sheldon Park Senior Citizens Center
March 17	<i>Club Auction & Swap Meet</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center (See March Newsletter for times)
April 1	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia <u>Sheldon Park</u> Senior Citizens Center
April 10	<i>Student Night Begins</i>	Lang Field
May 6	<i>Club Meeting</i>	The Prop Shop (7:00 P.M.) (23326 Van Dyke, Warren (586) 757-7160))
May 19	<i>Fun Fly</i>	Lang Field (Details to be Announced)
May 25	<i>Air Field Clean-up</i>	Lang and Ray Fields
May 27	<i>Big Bird Fly In (IMAA)</i>	Lang Field (Details to be Announced)
June 3	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Lang Field (Details to be Announced)
June 8-9	<i>Church Function</i>	Lang Field Closed
June 23	<i>Fun Fly</i>	Lang Field (Details to be Announced)
July 1	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Lang Field
July 26	<i>Air Show Field Preparation</i>	Lang Field (6:00 P.M.)
July 27-28	<i>Air Show</i>	(Details to be Announced)
August 5	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Lang Field
September 9	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia <u>Sheldon Park</u> Senior Citizens Center
September 22	<i>Club Picnic & Fun Fly</i>	Lang Field (Details to be Announced)
October 7	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia <u>Sheldon Park</u> Senior Citizens Center
October 30	<i>Last Student Night</i>	Lang Field
November 4	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia <u>Sheldon Park</u> Senior Citizens Center
December 2	<i>Club Meeting & Board Elections</i>	Livonia <u>Sheldon Park</u> Senior Citizens Center

☞All Club Meetings begin at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

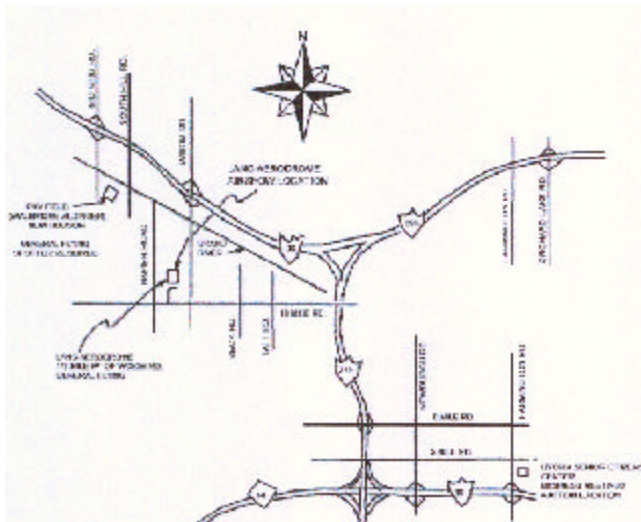
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