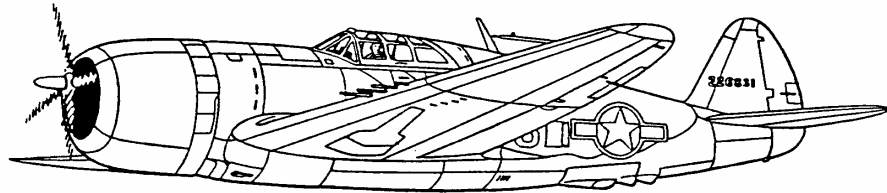


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JULY CLUB MEETING

MONDAY – JULY 7th – 7:00 PM

LANG FLYING FIELD

10 Mile Road – West of Wixom Road

Another Short Meeting
Bring your plane – We'll have time to fly!

The President's Message – by Mike Hegyi

Yes, summer is here. I'm not used to these "seasons," but it's definitely good flying weather. Student night is going well, and I'm sure our hard working instructors could use a little help. Let's not forget that student night is for the students and trainer type planes. Ray Field is also open for flying, but make sure you have a spotter. Volunteering for different events and helping to keep our flying fields in good shape is a good way to get your work hours in as well as to get to know the few members that are ALWAYS there, lending a hand. Joe's Hobby has been selling a lot of ARFs with JR radios and we have students waiting because the club has only 1 JR buddy box. We have another one on order, but it may be another week or two before it comes in. So if anyone has a 4 channel JR that's collecting dust, we sure could use a few for student night.

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Ribcracker June Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2003

The June meeting was held at Lang Field and started promptly at 7:16 PM. Food and drink were graciously provided by Mike Hegyi. The May Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the June newsletter.

V.P. Report - the work party took place on May 10th, but only 5 club members, plus the V.P. showed up to work. Those good guys were J. Disbro, W. Wells, M. Jerue, G. Schaefer, R. Hegadorn and T. Bassanyi. As we have many more flying members who count on our field being in good condition, the turnout was considered poor. We're hoping for a better showing at the next club event.

Treasurer's Report - the club is still solvent. For a detailed report, please contact Roger Wilfong.

Web Master - the new website is up and running and Dave Hurt will continue to update the site as his schedule allows. The old website with GeoCities is in the process of being shut-down. The new website address is: www.ribcrackers.org

Secretary's Report - Membership cards are now available and if you weren't at the meeting, they will be mailed to you.

Editor's Report - Newsletters and Ribcracker promotional flyers are available if you want or need them. A special thanks goes to Chris Brewer for his excellent article on 3-D flying in the June Thunderbolt.

Old News - The Big-Bird Fly-in at Lang on Memorial Day hosted 3 flyers and was fun for all visiting or flying. The Willow Run Fun-Fly on the same day had many flyers and visitors, but the Ribcracker Club banner was no-where to be seen. This seems to have been an oversight and at all future functions sponsored by the club, the banner should be hung so all visitors know who is supporting these events.

New News - A motion was made and seconded to give 3 club members lifetime membership due to their numerous contributions to the Ribcrackers over the years. These members were: Ed Katz, Al Luckham and Bill Hanson. Over the years, these members have served on the Executive Boards, Newsletter Editors, hosted club events and supported our student training programs – BIG TIME! Due to club by-laws, after this notice is posted, the club members have 30 days to consider this motion and then a written ballot will take place for confirmation. Voting will be at the August meeting or if you cannot attend, please complete the ballot (bottom of next page) and mail it to Mike Hegyi (address on the front page).

Model of the Month: Al Stein brought a rebuilt VK Newport 17 that had originally been built 35 years ago. Covered in the original silk and freshly painted, the plane looks and flies beautifully. All graphics are hand painted. The engine is the original Merco .61. Dennis Robbins brought a Penni miniature helicopter that is rubber band powered. Flights are a little tough at this time, but the future holds promise. All club members showed considerable interest and amusement over this model. Most popular winner was the helicopter with fresh rubber bands being promised and the fuel winner was the Newport 17 by Al. Good fun for all! Respectfully submitted - Dennis Robbins

Consider This:

When a cat is dropped, it always lands on its feet.

When toast is dropped, it always lands butter-side down.

Consider this: If you were to strap buttered toast to the back of a cat, butter-side facing up, then the two would hover, spinning inches above the ground. (Sort-of like two magnetic poles repelling one another.) With a giant, buttered-toast cat array, a high speed monorail could easily link New York with Chicago.

Don't you wish you had thought of that?

Life-Time Membership

As stated in the June Meeting Minutes, a motion was raised to give 3 club members lifetime memberships. The Ribcracker members were: Ed Katz, Al Luckham and Bill Hanson. According to Section 6 of the Ribcracker Constitution and By-Laws governing Election of Life & Honorary Memberships, it states:

- 1) Life and Honorary Memberships are granted to individuals in recognition of their dedicated and unselfish service toward promoting the purpose and spirit of The Club and the hobby.
- 2) Criteria for Life and Honorary Memberships:
 - a) Recognizable actions are both significant and long lasting
 - b) Extended period of service is desired but not required
 - c) Individual is of good character
 - d) A history of support and guidance of others in the hobby, a "Role-Model" for others in the hobby

Over the years, these members have served on the Executive Boards, Newsletter Editors, hosted and supported club events, promoted model aviation at schools and supported our student training programs. Many of their activities and contributions have become so "common-place" that we forget these gentlemen are still putting in their time for the love of the hobby. The club by-laws further state that club members have 30 days to consider this motion and then a written ballot is required for confirmation. This vote will take place at the August meeting. If you cannot attend, please complete the ballot below and mail it to Mike Hegi. You are urged to attend this meeting or vote by mail.

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Ribcracker Lifetime Membership Proxy

I, _____ vote to include the following Ribcracker members for Lifetime Membership as motioned and approved by the Board of Directors. Please circle your response and mail it to: Mike Hegyi, 43422 West Oak Drive, #306, Novi, MI 48377. This proxy is due at Mike Hegyi's by Aug. 2nd latest!

YES	NO	Ed Katz
YES	NO	Al Luckham
YES	NO	Bill Hanson

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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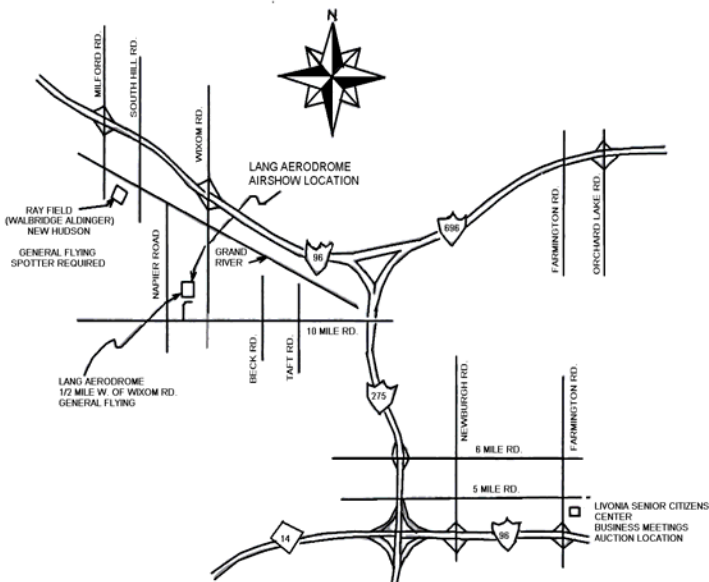
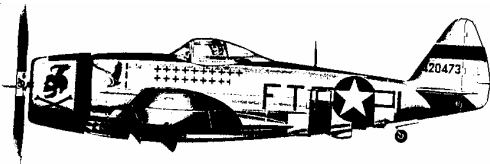
Joe DiDia and Jim Gatewood have been given the opportunity to host an IMAC event on August 15–17, that had to be relocated from another club. The board has given approval to use Lang Aerodrome those days, Fri.-Sun. The field will be closed to all but the registered pilots of the IMAC event. Ray Field will still be open, but with everyone helping out and/or enjoying the show, nobody will be at Ray Field, right? This is going to be a spectacular event with several TOC pilots expected, showing their flying skills. All are welcome to attend the event (free) which will be on August 16 & 17. The club has the opportunity to make a some money, since expenses will be low because the event is sponsored. But Jim and Joe can't do it alone and we'll need several volunteers. Since we have a club fun fly the week before, we will need help getting the field ready for the fun fly and a little more work for the IMAC.

The 6 main areas that we need help are: 1) Field prep 2) Sanctioning, Registration Forms, etc. 3) Scoring 4) Radio Impound 5) Food: Cook and helper, counter person, someone to buy the food and lunch on Sat & Sun. and 6) Needed: 4 or 5 coolers, 6 to 8 - eight foot tables, generator, 2 pop up tents, a BIG grille, 2 propane tanks, PA system, and stuff in the air show box. We'll discuss this further at the July meeting and have a sign up sheet for all those eager to lend a hand. This will count toward your work hours, as well as the fun we will have helping out. There is NO admission for this event, it will be FREE for all who want to experience a "mini TOC". Please contact Jim (734-464-9285) or Joe (248-348-9114) to volunteer. The more helpers the more everyone enjoys the show. Have fun, fly safe, & enjoy the weather.

Local Events –

6-28/29	Precision Aerobatics Signal Seekers	Signal Seekers Club Field Westland area	Robert Kane 734-281-8514
7-7	Ribcrackers Club Meeting Monthly Review and Update	Lang Field 10 Mile, W. of Wixom Rd.	Mike Hegyi 248-669-7583
7-12	Big Bird Fly-In UFO Club Field	UFO Pontiac, MI – call for directions	Dan Wamboldt 734-433-5451
7-12/13	MidAmerica Electric Flies Electric Only Fly-In	Midwest RC -Northville 5 Mile Rd, W. of Ridge	Keith Shaw 734-973-6309
7-13	Flint Aero R/C Club Tailgate Swap Meet	M-13 & M-21 Baker Field, Lennon, MI	Michael Reemtsen 810-639-4432
7-18/20	Michigan Jets RC Jets – Turbine & DF	Grosse Ile Air Station South of Detroit, head East	Art Gawjewski 734-454-0648
7-20	Great Lakes Scale Contest RC Club of Detroit	Wetzel Field – Lennox Twnshp Call for directions	James Lawless 248-641-7768

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Stolen Property – Reports have surfaced from other local clubs over stolen RC planes and equipment. It seems that the thieves pull into watch the flyers, then take whatever they can when the flyer is busy or has gone airborne. Please be careful with your equipment and watch your buddies cars / trucks too. Lock things up if you're unsure. We all know each other, in face if not name and spectators do stand out. Let everyone enjoy the sport, but keep those "eyes" in the back of your heads open too. Be Aware!