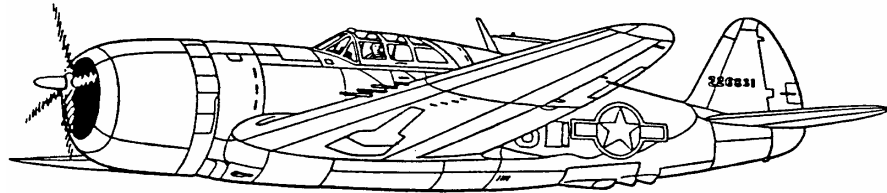


THUNDERBOLT



OCTOBER CLUB MEETING

MONDAY – OCTOBER 6th – 7:00 PM

LIVONIA SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER

5 Mile & Farmington Roads

Time to discuss the end-of year activities

President's Message by Mike Hegyi

Summer is gone, fall is here, but the weather is still great. There's plenty of good flying days left before our fingers and toes start to get numb. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say that our VP, Joel, has done an excellent job in taking care and maintaining the fields. Many thanks Joel for a fine job. While I'm at it, I would like to thank everyone that has participated in keeping both fields clean and well groomed.

As I mentioned last month Dave Hurt would be handling the fun fly/picnic, but due to a mix up there were no plans for the picnic. Never the less, Dave did a fine job with the fun fly and we had a good turn out. We all had a great time and only 1 plane had to be retired, but the pilot survived to tie for 5th place. Some of us, including myself, are still doing repairs. Joel brought some chips and my son, who volunteered to round up some food by running out for pizza & pop, the picnic was saved. It wasn't as good as Ralph's hot dogs, but a lot less work and we had plenty to eat. This gave Ralph the opportunity to sit down and eat while watching the fun fly, a well deserved break for him.

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Ribcracker September Meeting Minutes – Sept. 8, 2003

The meeting started promptly at 7:07 PM. August meeting minutes were approved as published in the Sept. Thunderbolt.

VP Report – due to weather conditions, mowing the grass at both fields will stop unless it is needed again.

Tres. Report – the club is still solvent. Please contact Roger Wilfong for details.

Web Site – please submit any articles or pictures to Dave Hurt

IMAC Report – this was during the “Blackout Weekend”. The meet almost didn’t happen, however 17 pilots showed up ready to fly. During the weekend, no planes were lost and the meet was considered a success. This event also made a few dollars for the club. A big thanks to all who helped.

The club is still in need of a new field, so all members are requested to LOOK! and report any potential sites to the Mike Hegyi. Note: Student night is almost over, so get in your instruction while you can!

Models of the Month – Dave Hurt brought a SPAD (Simple Plastic Airplane Design) \$10 for material + engine and radio. Very ugly, but it flies great! Check-out www.spadtothebone.com for a variety of designs. Dennis Robbins brought a Turbo Bee – another weird Clancy Aviation design – electric ducted fan (18” tube with integral motor) with wings and a vertical fin. Sort-of a large & fast park flyer. Roger Wilfong – brought a mini-zagi weighing in at 5 or 6 oz.– total flying weight! Flies great with a 7-cell pack. And the winner was Dennis.

The next club meeting will be held at the Livonia Senior Citizen’s Center – S.E. corner of 5 Mile and Farmington Roads.

Respectively submitted – Dennis Robbins

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A club member and his wife are doing some embroidering of the Ribcracker’s logo on hats, shirts, and jackets. Their prices are very reasonable and if you’re interested please see me at the Oct. meeting, which will be at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center. I’ll have a catalog and more info at that time. With the start of fall, there will be a swap meet somewhere in town almost every weekend. This is a good time to find that special something needed for that winter project. Remember, one man’s junk (not needed R/C supplies) is another man’s treasure. Even though we’re checking out some leads on a new field, we are still interested in any info you may have about a flying site.

Have fun and fly safe...Mike

With the season is almost over, we’ve all seen a few crashes. These are some of the comments you might have used: (stolen from RC Universe - Humor Section)

Looks like your prop needs a little balancing

Hey, at least you won’t have to clean it now

I heard the screams of the vegetables

Are you finished with the frequency pin yet?

Life is too short to build ugly airplanes

Hey! I know that one!

Hey, the runway is over here.

I never knew a XXX could bounce that high!

That hit so hard, dirt flew out of the transmitter.

The good news is that you don’t have to clean up anything.

The bad news is that you don’t have to clean up anything.

Just send money and I can teach you to land like that too!

Look what you did...you put a hole in the ground!

You keeping that?

Here, I brought a bag.

Well, the rudder looks ok.

I really thought you had it there of a minute

“Nice flying, dumb a\$\$!”

Damn, that did look kool!

“LOWER!!!”

Can I have the tail wheel?

Looks like another field maintenance job!

Tell em’ “Too bad it wasn’t a SPAD”

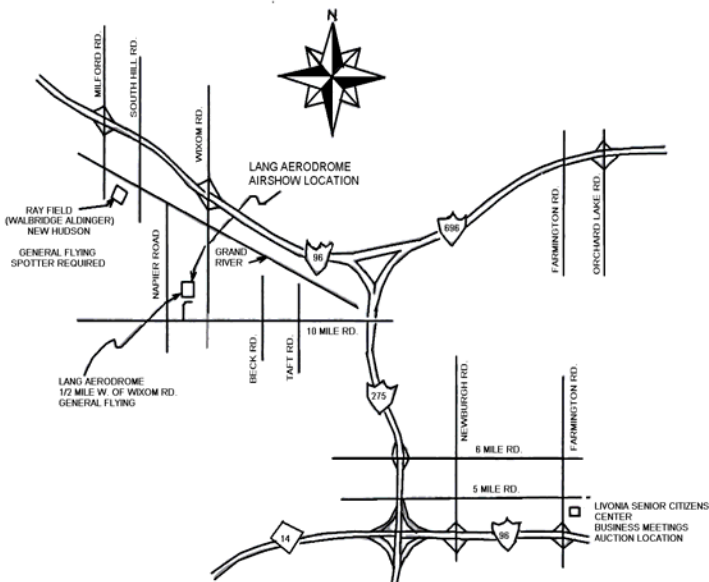
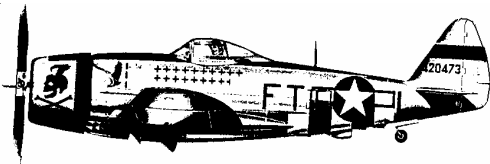
September 14, 2003. Fun-Fly and Picnic. The pictures below are only a sampling of the turnout that morning. Note the cheering section at the bottom of the page and all the prizes to be won. Laughs, smiles and a good-time was had by all!



This month and soon –

- Oct. 6 Ribcracker Club Meeting Livonia Senior Citizens Center – 5 Mile & Farmington Rds.
Contact Mike Hegyi @ 248-669-7583 for more information
- Oct. 26 Spooksville Fun Fly by the Sumpter Hilltoppers – Contact Paul Henson @ 734-461-3329 for more information

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Ribcracker Classified: For Sale: Tower KAOS 40- O.S. 46 SF/Futaba FP-T6NFK 6 channel radio, \$285. , Great Planes Super Sportster 60- Saito .91/Futaba T6YF 6 channel radio, \$275. , Big Lazy Bee- O.S. 40 FP/ Futaba FP-T6FG radio, \$250. , also flight box w/electric fuel pump, battery recycler, prop balancer and miscellaneous items.
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