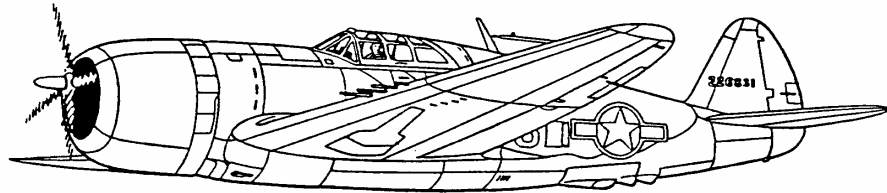


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JANUARY CLUB MEETING

MONDAY – JANUARY 5TH – 7:00 PM

LIVONIA SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER

5 Mile & Farmington Roads

General Meeting and Plans for the 2004

President's Message by Mike Hegyi:

Well here we are, 2004. I hope everyone had a good holiday. We are looking forward to a safe and fun year once again. Both fields are open for flying, so dress warm and fly safely. The elections for club officers were held last month and I'd like to welcome our new secretary, GARY SCHAEFER. The rest of the officers enjoyed it so much that we decided to stay on for another year of "punishment". I want to thank all of last years officers for their time and hard work. Speaking of hard work, we have a lot of work ahead of us, mainly finding a new field. Let's have fun flying and at the same time looking for a field.

We have many things to discuss at the January meeting, like finalizing a schedule for this year. As in past years, we will start with a swap meet/auction in late February / early March. The date and other details will be decided on at the January meeting. Please attend and give us your input and opinions as to what you want to see in the next year.

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Ribcracker December Meeting Minutes – Dec. 1, 2003

Meeting started at 7:08 PM. The November meeting minutes were approved as published in the December Thunderbolt.

Tres. Report – The club is still solvent – see Roger Wilfong for details.

Editor's Report – Problems exist with up-loading the newsletter to the web, work will continue. Instead of the a 1st flight of the year contest, the editor will host a "Fly-in" on Jan. 1 at Lang Field starting at 11:00AM till 1:30PM. No games, no prizes – just fly.

Old/Current Business: MISS Issue – J. DiDia was not present to report

The club purchased and will present to the Livonia Senior Citizen's Center a DVD player for allowing the club to use the facility. \$125 will be presented to Walbridge Aldingers for the use of Ray Field and \$500 will be presented to the church for the use of Lang.

Future meeting presentations may have: J. DiDia on setting up your plane for IMAC (or generally good flying characteristics), K. Shaw on the Golden Age of Airplanes and possibly an ex-B-17 pilot on past piloting experiences.

The club voted to hold a Swap Meet and Auction in March – V. Blasky will be requested to chair the event as he as always done an exemplarily job in the past.

New Officers for 2004 – Same "ol" guys except for the secretary who is now Gary Schaefer – (see 1st page for contact information).

Model of the Month – Winner – Dennis Robbins with a G.P. Ultimate 40 Biplane powered by a GMS .61, Nelson Lite Fabric covered with paint – white, pink and purple. Also showing was Frank Audette – a Gee Bee Model Y powered by a 5 cylinder Saito, by Pacific Aeromodels; Dale Stockman with a rubber-band powered Herr Engineering Cub – covered with tissue and dope; and Roger Wilfong with a 4oz Butterfly (Roger always has strange aircraft!).

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Robbins

1ST FLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Over the last few years, the Ribcrackers have always held a 1st flight of the year contest. Get out before the crack of dawn, drag a significant other with you for verification of your craziness and chance (a very good chance) of breaking a plane in the dimly lit hours of dawn. Well! Not this year. Weather permitting, the club will have a Fun Fly (no contests, just flying) at Lang Field on the 1st of the year, starting at 11:00 AM. This should give some of you party animals a chance to sober up and sleep in, then head for the field. The official stop time will be 1:30 PM so you can get home in time for football, but if you wish to stay, then that's OK too.

Charge up the batteries, wax the skis (but bring the wheels in case there's no snow) and meet all your flying buddies.

Bring hot coffee or chocolate and food, as nothing will be served...just cold air and fun times. See you at Lang!

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We would also like to schedule guest speakers like we've had in the past. If you have any one in mind, please let us know. Take a little time out of those new building projects that you found under the tree and come out and support your club Monday, January 5TH.

Dress warm and fly safe. Mike

Ribcracker Radio Control Airplane Club

2004 Activities Schedule – Tentative

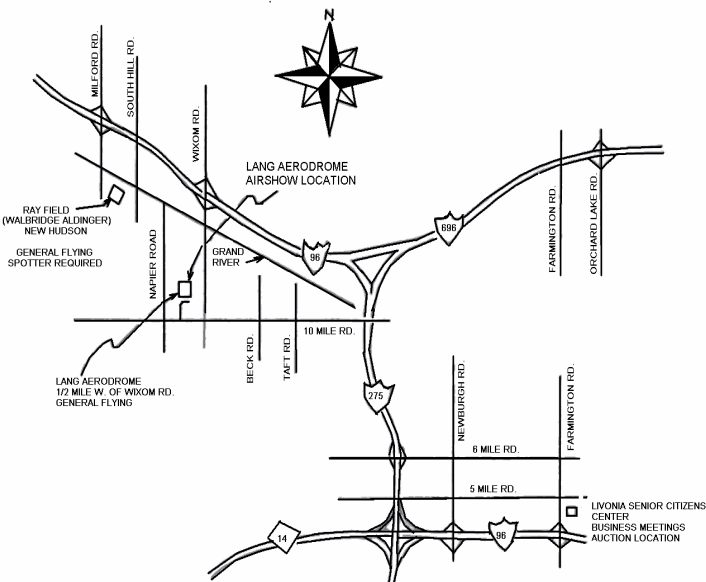
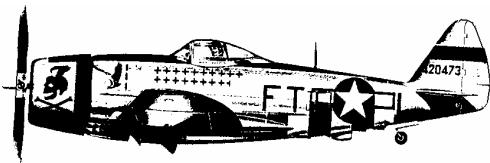
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January 5	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center
February 2	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center
March 1	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center
March 21	<i>Club Auction & Swap Meet</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center
April 5	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center
April 7	<i>Student Night Begins</i>	Lang Field
May 3	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center
May 8	<i>Air Field Clean-up</i>	Lang and Ray Fields
June 7	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Lang Field
June 20	<i>Fun Fly</i>	Lang Field
July 5	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Lang Field
August 2	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Lang Field
August 8	<i>Fun Fly</i>	Lang Field
September 13	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center
September 19	<i>Club Picnic & Fun Fly</i>	Lang Field
October 4	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center
October 20	<i>Last Student Night</i>	Lang Field
November 1	<i>Club Meeting</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center
December 6	<i>Club Meeting & Board Elections</i>	Livonia Senior Citizens Center

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

This month and soon –

Jan 1	Fly the 1st of the Year Open Flying Fun All Planes / All Pilots	Lang Field - 10 Mile & Wixom 11:00 - 1:30 Weather Permitting	Dennis Robbins 248-661-3562
Jan 5	Ribcracker Club Meeting Agenda for the year meeting	Livonia Senior Citizens Center 5 Mile & Farmington Rds	Mike Hegyi 248-669-7583
Feb 2	Ribcracker Club Meeting Agenda to be announced	Livonia Senior Citizens Center 5 Mile & Farmington Rds	Mike Hegyi 248-669-7583

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Membership Renewal

Time to renew your Ribcracker membership. To renew your membership you must show a 2004 AMA card and pay our Secretary or Treasurer the annual club fee of \$55. Additionally, you must have completed your work hours or an additional \$15 fee will be assessed. Addresses to send your renewal to are on the front page. Your club membership must be renewed by the March meeting, or you will be dropped from the club roster. Considering other club fees and that you still have two fields to fly from plus all the other club benefits, it's a bargain. Let any of the club officers know if you have any questions regarding this issue.