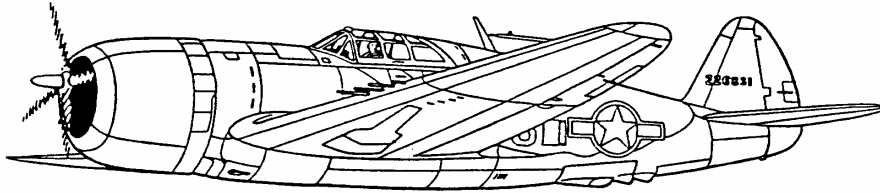


# THUNDERBOLT



JULY 2004



CLUB 2067

## RIBCRACKER MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

### JULY CLUB MEETING

July 5th – 7:00 PM at LANG FIELD  
10 Mile Road - West of Wixom Road

No Speakers this month - just a Quick update on Club Biz

Bring a plane and fly - before and after the meeting!

### President's Message from Mike Hegyi

By now, most of us have been out to Lang Field and are aware of the new flying restrictions. If you're not, review last month's newsletter or check the info posted at the field. Use common sense and enjoy the thrill of actually seeing what your plane looks like in the air when you don't fly so far out.

We enjoyed our second fun fly this year on Father's Day. The first was New Years Day, for those that are scratching their heads. The small turnout made it easy to be one of the top 10. Dave Hurt & Mark Heim did a great job making every event fun and keeping things moving along at a good rate. In fact, it ended before we realized. We all had a good time and the **GREAT** weather enticed many of us stayed until evening. I wish I had used sun-screen during the day. J Check out the pictures in the Photo Gallery on the web site.

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**Ribcracker June Club Meeting – June 7, 2004**

The meeting started promptly at 7:07 pm – Joel Disbro presiding. The May meeting minutes were approved as published in the June Thunderbolt.

Treasurer's Report – the club remains solvent

Secretary's Report – some members are requesting statements so they know when to renew their membership and how much to pay. It was then commented that the renewal timing is published many times before and after the end of the year and that most members know when it is time to renew. A phone call to the club secretary will inform any member on their current dues status.

Old Business – if you bring it to the flying field, please take it home ..... leave no trash at the field.

New Business – the first club fun-fly of the year is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>. Mark Heim and Dave Hurt will run the event. Start time for flying is 10:00 am.

Warren Wells has designed a "Field Search" route sheet that will allow Ribcracker members to drive specific routes and mark them for potential areas to investigate. Many club members took the sheets and all will return them to Warren at future meetings. The club approved a vote to provide Walbridge-Aldinger with a summer gift for use of Ray Field. If you want to receive your newsletter via e-mail, please let Dennis Robbins know so he can add you to the e-mail notification group.

Model(s) of the Month – Jim Young continues to impress everyone with his talents as a builder of fine models. Jim brought two planes this evening. First plane – A scale Wendell Williams powered by a Mega-Max Motor, weighing in at approx. 13#. Massaged plans by Wendell Hostettler to enable conversion to electric power. Covering by Monokote and graphics by Mark Freeland. Possibly a first for Jim – this model even had a scale pilot figure! Second plane – An almost scale B-29 (graphics not applied yet) – 80" wing-span, balsa over foam and four Speed 400 motors. Very realistic looking as it flew towards the field. Short meeting and then lots of flying! Nice job on both!

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Robbins

**Editor's Squawk-box by Dennis Robbins**

If you didn't attend the June Fun-Fly, you missed a lot of laughs. I was only mildly amused that Gerald Klose always seems to end up doing well and that my placing was down in the pack. Dave Hurt and Mark Heim did a great job at trying to keep the games even and fair, regardless of the plane you were using, but somehow I still didn't end up on top. The games were as follows:

1. Slalom - taxi your plane through a maze of balloons and don't miss a gate. This tended to favor those with larger wheels and strong engines. Don't let the wind tip your plane and stay on course. I keep wondering why Joel Disbro won't cut the grass shorter, but even though the field looked great, the grass made it tough. A special thanks to Cathrine Klose for keeping everyone's plane running and showing everyone why they say youth has lots of strength.
2. Carrier Landing - pass over a 5' high streamer and then land on a painted carrier deck in the shortest possible distance. I think I'll have to look into a 3-D plane, computer radio and lots and lots of practice. I didn't fall off the "deck" as (I think Mike Hegyi did), but I certainly couldn't get my plane to land short.
3. Timed flight - just before you started your taxi and flight, Dave gave you a time to match with a take-off, flight and landing. No watches or timers were allowed and while you tried to keep a mental track of the time, everyone tried to assist you by shouting out various numbers and assorted comments. This was tough because you needed your fingers for operating the transmitter.

A few of the participants brought their own cheering section, while the rest of us were left to hoot and holler. The events were run quickly and we ended up with everyone getting some free flying time. The club will be having another Fun-Fly on August 8th and you should consider participating. Dave has a new list of events and it should end up being a fun challenge for all. Heck - surprise of the day was that no-one even broke a plane. I think we did break a prop, but that was the extent of the carnage. Show up next time and be prepared to have some laughs and fun!

**President's Message - continued from Page 1**

If anyone would like to enjoy the fun that Dave and Mark had in running the fun fly, please see one of the club officers to help out with the next one in August.

At last month's meeting, Warren Wells distributed information to help us in finding a new field. Let's do what ever we can to help him. We still have Ray Field, so let's make use of it (don't forget to bring your spotter!) Don't forget to check the back of the newsletter, as well as the web site, for up coming events. Also, so we can enjoy the summer weather and get more flying time, July's meeting will be at Lang. Where else can you bring a plane for "Model of the Month" and fly it after the meeting? We won't count the one that Roger brought and flew across the room when the air conditioning came on. See you at the July meeting. Mike

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## **Flight Restrictions at Lang (one more time)**

Effective May 3, 2004, the acceptable area for flying while at Lang Field have been modified as below, with the changes shown in **bold italics**:

- Never behind the flight line
- No further East than the tree line to the East of the field
- **No further North than the road between the field and the lake**  
**No further West than 300 feet west of the west end of the runway (If you look to the west you will see the Church's temporary cross. This is approximately 300' west of the runway.)**

**Why have we made these changes?** While we have been concerned for some time over the sale of Lang Field and the church construction timing, our largest concern is now residential building. To minimize the possibility of complaints from the developers and the home owners, we feel it is necessary to make the changes.

**These restrictions will be strictly enforced.** The Ribcrackers have deemed these changes to be very important, and Club Officers and the Safety Officers may suspend flying privileges of any who violate the flying restrictions.

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### **Life Lessons: ALL I NEED TO KNOW TO FLY AN AIRPLANE AND OTHER LESSONS IN LIFE (as some of it applies to the RC pilot)**

- When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten - Robert Livingston
- The only time an aircraft has too much fuel on board is when it's on fire - Sir Charles Kingford Smith
- If you can't afford to do something right, then be darn sure you can afford to do it wrong - Charlie Nelson
- Never fly the "A" model of anything - Ed Thompson
- Keep thy airspeed up, less the earth come from below and smite thee - William Kershner
- There is nothing more useless to a pilot than the sky above him or the runway behind him
- The Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you - Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot
- A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum - Jon McBride
- If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible - Bob Hoover
- It occurred to me that if I did not handle the crash correctly, there would be no survivors - Ricard Leakey, after engine failure in a single-engine aircraft, Nairobi, Africa, 1993
- The emergencies you train for almost never happen. It's the one you can't train for that kills you.

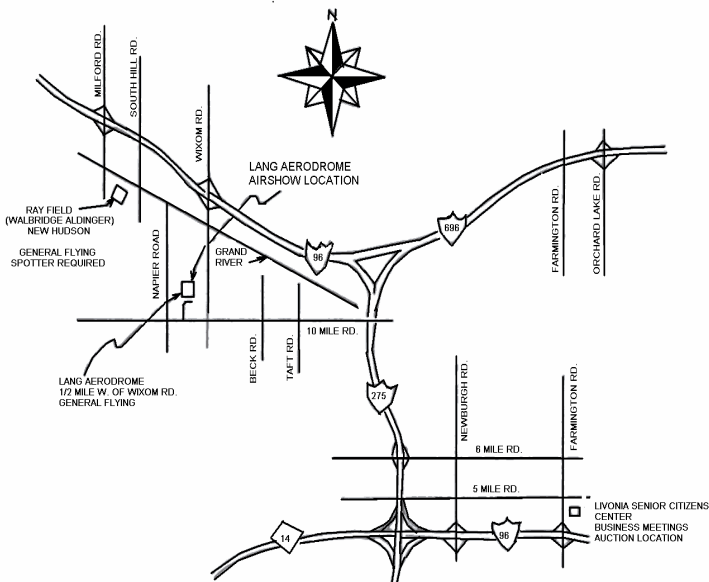
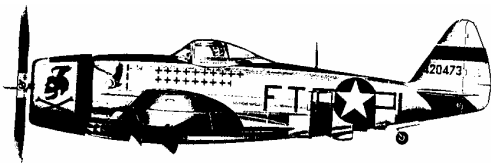
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**Local and Upcoming Events for July**

July 10/11	Mid-America Electric Fly Midwest RC	Northville, MI 5 Mile Rd, East of Beck	Ken Myers 248-669-8124
July 10/11	UFO Air Show Michigan State Park	Highland, MI Highland Rec. Area	Dan Wamboldt 734-433-5451
July 23-25	Michigan Jets Detroit Aeromodelers/Flying Pilgrims	Grosse Ile Airport Grosse Ile	Arthur Gajewski 734-454-0648

Check AMA's Model Aviation for additional RC flying activities!

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**Please**  
 Make sure your planes are airworthy before you take them to the field. Nothing is going to get better after you go airborne!  
 Everything should be tight and tuned. Check your props for chips and tightness.  
 Always display safe practices. Your being safe will help to make this hobby more fun!

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