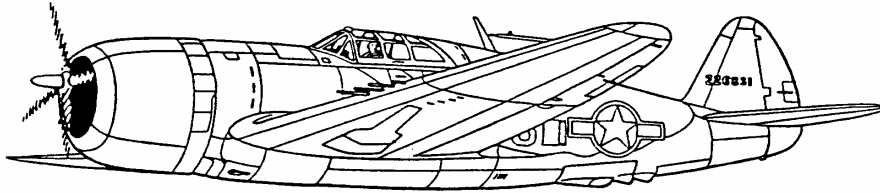


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CLUB 2067

RIBCRACKER MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING

LIVONIA SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER - October 4th - 7:00 PM
5 Mile & Farmington Roads - S.E. Corner

PLEASE NOTE THE "NEW LOCATION"
IT WILL BE DARK AT LANG

President's Message from Mike Hegyi

As Fall arrived, it felt more like summer with temps in the 80s. Let's hope this great weather sticks around. The construction around Lang continues, and as a reminder, there's NO flying over any construction. If you feel uncomfortable flying at Lang, please take a spotter, and fly at Ray Field.

If you missed last month's meeting, you might have heard that the airport property was not going to work. There seems to be two club fields less than 2 miles apart. As you know, this is much to close, but this is not the end of a new field, we are pursuing other prospects. We also had a visitor; Mr Kirk Smith, Community Association Manager with Island Lakes of Novi. Mr. Smith was there because the neighbor to the West of Lang was concerned with our flying and noise.

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Ribcracker's September Meeting Minutes– September 13, 2004**Ribcracker September Club Meeting – Sept. 13, 2005**

Start of meeting – 7:17 pm. The August minutes were approved as published in the September Thunderbolt.

Treasurer's Report – The club remains solvent – see Roger Wilfong for details.

V.P. Report – the fields are good and the Frequency Box at Ray Field is repaired.

Secretary's Report – Membership is up with 2 or 3 additions per month.

New News – A discussion ensued about a potential new flying site, but there are two other clubs within 2 miles of the proposed site. Frequency interference might be an issue and this was discussed.

The Home Owners Association at Lang Field have complained about noise. More discussion and most of the club felt that we were within AMA recommended guidelines for noise. Another discussion took place concerning moving the existing flight line further east (away from the homes) or at a diagonal to the current flight line (again, to fly further from the new homes). If the flight line is moved diagonally from the current spot, then more of the builders land will be flown over, but that land is currently open from development. A motion was made (and approved by the majority of members) to move the flight line diagonally from the current spot and send a letter to the Home Owners Association stating that the club is trying to reduce noise levels for them. The club then agreed to move the September Fun Fly to Ray Field.

Model of the Month – about 6 planes were shown – all very nice, but it was getting dark and I couldn't get all the names or planes written in time for this report.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Robbins

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To help please all involved, a motion was passed to move the flight line in a diagonal manner (NW to SE) so the houses to the West will be behind the flight line. This would eliminate any flying near the home as well as reduce the noise. As soon as Mr. Smith informs us that this will be satisfactory with the neighbor, we will move the flight line. In the mean time, we will continue as we have for the last ten years, keeping with-in the flight restrictions.

To keep peace and because of the concerns of Mr Smith, we moved the Picnic/Fun Fly (9-19) to Ray Field. The weather was FANTASTIC and Mark Heim did a great job arranging and running the picnic/fun fly (the potato salad was good too). Many thanks to all who helped him to make this a great event including, Steve C., Warren, Dennis, Gerald and others. For most of us, this was the first time in many years that we had flown here, as my tree trimming proved to all. There were many who participated in the fun fly and everyone had a great time. Afterwards, there was open flying while everyone chowed-down on burgers and hot dogs. Check the pictures on our web site.

Student night will be coming to an end soon (Oct.20th). On Oct. 6, at Lang, we have a special student night starting at 3:30pm. We will be hosting some students from the Detroit Community High School. Don Unsworth has been working with these students and we will show them some flying as well as letting them try their hand at flying. All who helped out Don last time (May 04) are welcome to help out again, as well as any one else that would like to participate. Please contact Don (248-348-0961) ASAP. This will be educational for all.

Fly Safe - MIKE HEGYI

Editor's Squawk-box by Dennis Robbins

OK - a little lighter this month. I don't know about you, but I love the trivia that's totally worthless and will let you amaze your friends. Listen to these:

- In George Washington's days, there were no cameras (obviously). If you wanted to preserve a picture of yourself, it had to be either painted or sculpted. Some of the pictures of ol' George showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back, while others showed both legs and arms. Prices charged by the painters were based on how many limbs were to be painted, not the number of subjects. Arms and legs are "limbs" and painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression: "Okay, but it will cost you an arm and a leg."
- At local taverns, pubs or bars, people drank from pint and quart sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in either "pints" and who was drinking in "quarts". Hence the term: "Minding your P's and Q's".
- In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall and was used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor (forget Hollywood!). Occasionally a guest, who would normally be a man, would be invited to sit in the chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the person sitting in the chair, the "chair man". Today in business, we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board".

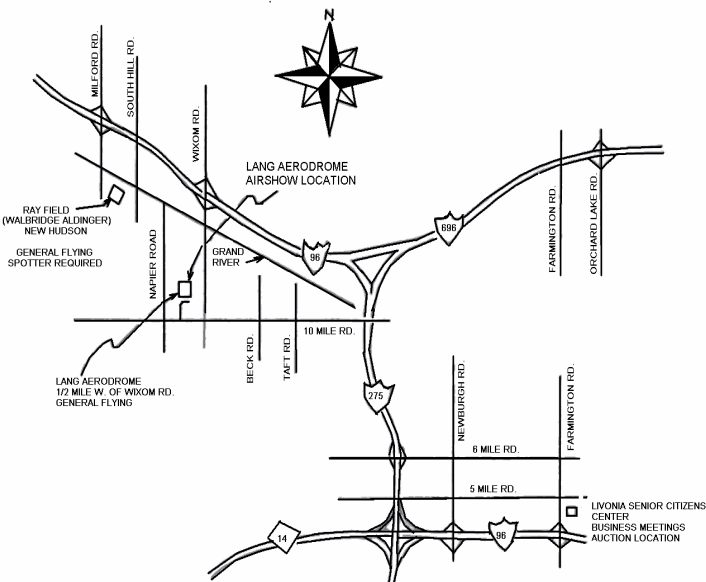
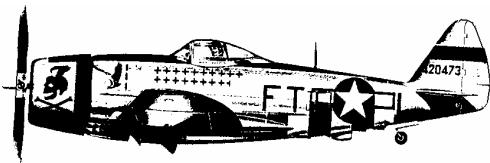
Membership Phone List - Flying at Ray Field requires a spotter and it's not always possible to bring your own or be sure that another club member will be present. It might be helpful to provide a membership phone list to all our members, so you can make a few calls and insure that second flyer will be out there with you. In the November issue, unless otherwise instructed, I will publish a list of our members and their phone numbers. If you wish NOT BE INCLUDED in this list, please contact me before October 22, 2004. My phone number is always listed on the front page of this publication.

Thanks - Dennis

Upcoming Events for October and Beyond - Mostly Local

October 4	Ribcracker Club Meeting Monthly Club Meeting	Livonia Senior Citizens Center 5 Mile & Farmington Rds, S.E.	Mike Hegyi 248-669-7583
October 24	PMAC Swap Meet	Waterford Oaks Community	Linda Vella 248-627-8060
November 1	Ribcracker Club Meeting Monthly Club Meeting	Livonia Senior Citizens Center 5 Mile & Farmington Rds, S.E.	Mike Hegyi 248-669-7583
November 7	Midwest Swap Shop Annual Swap Shop	Northville Community Center Main Street, Northville	Ken Meyers kmyersefo@aol.com

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Please come to the October meeting.