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RIBCRACKERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

President's Message - Jim Young

I'm sorry I missed my first meeting as President, but my boss had other ideas and sent me to Mexico for a week (not for pleasure). I hope you were easy on Joel as he filled in for me. Many thanks to Roger and Dennis for their Workshop presentation, I hope you all got some new ideas on how to make your workshop a better place to practice your hobby.

Several brave souls turned out for the New Year's day fun fly. Not much snow, but good flying weather just the same. My son even managed a few flights with his

new Airhog before breaking it (it's back together now). If you brave the cold temperatures, make sure to dress the part and take breaks to warm up your thumbs.

For the February meeting we have Larry Markey of the Midwest R/C club coming to talk about turbine powered models. Larry has several turbine models and will show everything you need to know about the care and feeding of these beasts. So get out of the workshop for a night and come learn more about another aspect of our hobby.



Editor's Note Pad - Dave Hurt

Well, one month closer to the deadline. If by some chance you haven't heard yet, we are going to stop sending out mass mailings of the Thunderbolt every month. Instead, we will be switching to an al-

most all online version. Check it out, you may even like it! Point your browser to <http://www.ribcrackers.org> and look for the newsletter links. Full color, the ability to

zoom in, and several other great features you don't get on print. You'll also be helping the club by cutting costs. If you still wish to receive a hard copy, fill out the form on

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Another thing I want to mention is the great club meetings that Jim has been putting together for us. The next couple months are looking to be very exciting, with February you'll get to check out a couple turbine planes presented by Larry Markey and March you'll hear Dr. Keith Shaw talk about the Golden Age of Airplanes. So come on out for a few hours and check out what is sure to be a couple interesting club meetings.

For those that were at the January meeting, you may have caught an upcoming event Jim has in the works for the Spring/Summer meetings; The first ever Ribcrackers Junk Yard wars. That's right... With myself as one team captain and Dennis taking the reigns for the loosing team, come find out and be a part of what will surely be a fun event. Learn what will fly and what won't, and just how brave you really are by flying your contraption.

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That's right! We are going to be moving to an all electronic version of the newsletter. If you do not have access to a computer, or you really like receiving it in the mail every month, you have to let us know! We will be happy to mail you one, but we will need you to fill this form out and mail it back to us at the address listed below. February will be the last month that the Thunderbolt will be mass mailed, so be sure to let us know by then.

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January Meeting Minutes - Dennis Robbins

January Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2005 – Joel Disbro officiating

The meeting started promptly at 7:35 PM. The December meeting minutes were approved as published in the January Thunderbolt.

The 2005 schedule will be amended to have the August Fun-Fly moved to August 7th (Sunday) instead of the 6th (Saturday). The Fun-Fly will take place at Ray Field. A question was raised concerning the existence of the AMRCC (?). Jim Gatewood offered to research this organization and report back to the club. The AMRCC co-ordinates / gathers information on local club events taking place in the Detroit area.

Treasurer's Report – the club is still solvent. Contact Roger Wilfong for details. The proposed 2005 budget was approved, but will be changed by the board if required.

Sec. Report – Membership renewal is taking place now. Contact Gary Schaefer for more details if required.

Editor's Report – if you want to continue getting a paper copy of the Thunderbolt, send a note / memo to Dave Hurt before the March issue is published.

Old Business – The Ribcracker Swap Meet is scheduled for March 13th at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center. Contact Mike Hegyi if you can help. Field Search – Warren Wells has a strong lead on a potential new site. Stay tuned for detailed information or come to a club meeting to get the latest updates.

New Business – The monthly fuel raffle will end after the February meeting. After that date, the club will provide gift certificates to the lucky club meeting participant. The Ribcracker's pilots listed for taking non-AMA members aloft in 2005 are: Steve Cecone, Joe Alessandro and Ralph Hegadorn (excuse the spelling – I have no lists with me as I write the minutes). Safety officers for 2005 will be Ralph Hegadorn for Ray Field and Matt Gerou at Lang Field – however – safety is everyone's business – so "help" all your fellow club members fly safe. The May meeting will hold a "Junkyard War" where club members will build a flyable plane from "junk" provided by Jim Young. Team captains will be Dave Hurt and Dennis Robbins – contact either of them if you wish to participate and have a few laughs. The club will switch the Swap Meet to sometime in early December for future events. This year's March Swap meet will be the last held in March.

Show and Tell – the club held a pictorial on club member's shops – good and bad. Lots of good ideas and laughs for all. After the pictures, a few of the club members showed everyone their favorite tools. Great information for all.

Model of the Month – actually nothing, however Andrew Ditchfield brought and showed everyone a skeletal Giant plane that he designed and built to carry a video camera. Awesome job Andrew! Please bring it back when you've finished!

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
February 7	Ribcracker Club Meeting New Time! 7:30 pm Turbine Power by Larry Markey	Livonia Senior Citizens Center 5 Mile & Farmington, S.E. Corner	Jim Young (810) 565-2973
March 7	Ribcracker Club Meeting New Time! 7:30 pm The Golden Age of Air Racing by Dr. Keith Shaw	Livonia Senior Citizens Center 5 Mile & Farmington, S.E. Corner	Jim Young (810) 565-2973
March 13	Ribcracker Swap Meet	Livonia Senior Citizens Center	Mike Hegyi (702) 349-7253
April 4	Ribcracker Club Meeting New Time! 7:30 pm Student Night Ground School	Livonia Senior Citizens Center 5 Mile & Farmington, S.E. Corner	Jim Young (810) 565-2973