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RIBCRACKERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

President's Message - Jim Young

Well we're off to good start this year. I'd like to thank Larry Markey of the Midwest R/C club again for taking time to come out and show us what's involved in turbine powered models. This month, Keith Shaw will be talking about the "Golden Age of Air Racing". Expect to see some amazing models and hear some amazing stories.

If you're out flying at our

fields, please use common sense (I know this is a stretch for some of you) when driving and parking on the soft ground.

Our Spring Swap Meet will be held later this month. Please contact Mike Hegyi if you can help out or at least clean out your shop and turn your trash into cash!

Happy Landings!



Field Notice!

The Church has schedule to break ground on Lang in mid March or early April for their new building. This is not a drill! Please attend the March meeting so we can organize the removal of our equipment from Lang field and find a place to store all of it. Your help is needed!

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Editor's Note Pad - Dave Hurt

Spring is such a lovely time for us airplane enthusiast. It's time to finally start all of our winter projects and kick all the mice out of our planes. (It seems that mice like hiding stuff in the tail section of your plane, so I found out last year) It's also that time of the year to hit all of the swap meets going on to sell off your winter projects and buy someone else's, with our swap meet coming up quickly on March 13th.

There are just a few brief things I'm going to touch this month. First off, with the loss of Lang, we need to be very careful while at Ray. Please park on the road going into the field, do not park on the grass behind the flight line. The grass will be torn up very easily this time of year.

With the loss of Lang, it makes it even more important to continue our search for a new field. Come to the meeting and volunteer to help with our search for a new field.

This is Your Last Chance!

This will be the very last mass mailed newsletter! Starting in April, the newsletter will only be available on the website unless you fill out this form and mail it back to us. We will also be starting an email list for notification on when the newsletter is put on the website. Send a note to editor@ribcrackers.org to be notified of new releases.

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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.



February Meeting Minutes - Jim Young

The meeting started promptly at 7:30pm. The January meeting minutes were approved as published in the February Thunderbolt.

Treasurer's Report: The club is solvent. Contact Roger Wilfong for details.

VP's Report: The plastic on the impound area at Lang is in good shape. Due to the warming weather conditions, please remember to park to the East of, and behind the bleachers at Lang, and on the access road or lower parking area at Ray. Otherwise, please sign up to fill in your ruts during the spring clean up.

Secretary's Report: Gary Schaefer investigated the incorporation status of the club. We are five years delinquent. Gary has prepared the necessary reports and the funds needed to bring us up to date were approved. Membership renewal is taking place and the grace period expires in March.

Editor's Report: Printed copies were made available. The March newsletter will be the last mass mailing of the newsletter unless you submit a form to Dave Hurt.

Old Business: The new field acquisition behind Ray field has hit a few snags. Warren Wells will continue to pursue this lead with caution. The first annual Ribcracker's Junk Yard Wars Fun Fly will start at the May meeting. Dave Hurt and Dennis Robbins will be team captains. This should be a good one! Mike Hegyi has several volunteers to help with the swap meet. More help is always appreciated, please contact Mike on how you can help out. We need all members to help promote the swap meet, so please announce it at other club meetings and hobby shops.

New Business: A club member is offering to donate a fiberglass ducted fan kit, engine, and exhaust to the club to be used as a possible raffle/fund raiser. We are looking for a team of builders who would be willing to take this on as a club project. This could be a great door prize at the December Swap meet. We are looking for suggestions for this Summer's outdoor meetings. Please contact any of the officers with your ideas. Mike Hegyi has updated the started packs and will post them on the website shortly. The First Aid kits at each of the fields need to be replenished. The board will look into this. It has been okayed by W.A. to move one of the bleachers from Lang to Ray to support student night. This will be done during the Spring clean up. Anyone with a trailer capable of moving them, please contact one of the officers.

Model of the Month: Jim Young showed his framed up design of a Hughes H-1 racer. It sports a foam wing, and a planked fuselage built on a removable crutch. Tom Bacsanyi turned the cowling from balsa and laser cut formers were ordered from the CAD plans.

Presentation: Larry Markey gave a lively presentation on turbine power models. He discussed the process for obtaining an AMA waiver and the care and feeding of these powerful beasts. He brought his impressive King Cat model for display.

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
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
April 6	Student Night Begins Starts at 6:00	Ray Field	
May 2	Ribcrackers Club Meeting New Time! 7:30 pm	Livonia Senior Citizens Center 5 Mile & Farmington, S.E. Corner	Jim Young (810) 565-2973