

# THUNDERBOLT

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## RIBCRACKERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

### President's Message - Jim Young

Well it looks like Ray Field withstood the storm, with only the loss of some of the lawn chairs. Unfortunately, DTE replaced the 15 power line poles so we still have to stay clear of them! Because of the power outage and limited access to Ray Field, we postponed the June meeting one week. We made a reasonable attempt to contact members about the change, and judging by the turnout we succeeded. If there are important announcements to make to the general membership, our primary method will be the club website. So, please make it a habit to check the website periodically.

Safety is still a hot topic. I don't want to sound like a

broken record, but with one field in the glide path of a full scale airport we need to be extra vigilant. Mike Hegyi has volunteered to be the new safety office for Ray field, so please give him your support. While some of our members may think that the safety rules are "stupid" and can be ignored, they will be enforced and you will lose your flying privileges if you break the rules.

If you are out flying in the Michigan summer, please make sure to drink plenty of water and get out of the sun as much as possible.



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## Editor's Note Pad - Dave Hurt

Well, our first fun fly of the year is over with, and I was quite surprised by the turn out! We had 12 guys show up and compete, and had no major problems, other than trying to find the bombs that scattered all around South Lyon... We do have another fun fly coming up next month on August 6th that we are looking for someone to run. So if you are interested at all, get a hold of myself or one of the officers and we'll get you all the info you need. Just remember, it's an easy way to get work hours!

## Fun Fly Pictures



## June Meeting Minutes - Dennis Robbins

The meeting started at approximately 7:30 PM and the May meeting minutes were approved as published in the June Thunderbolt.

**Treasurer's Report:** The club remains solvent - contact Roger Wilfong for details.

**V.P.'s Report:** Joel showed the group a new idea for safety fencing. The group liked the idea and voted to have Joel build 4 units total and install them in-front of the current fencing. Thank Joel when you see him for increasing our safety quotient. Joel also agreed to move some of the wood chips to areas in need.

**Secretary's Report:** The club's membership continues to grow. Contact Gary if you would like a membership roster.

The club website is working fine, please check it often for updates.

**Current Issues:** Mike Hegyi agreed to take over a Safety Officer position at Ray Field, but a continuing discussion addressed the issue that ALL CLUB MEMBERS are responsible for safety at the field. The search for a new field continues. Joe Alessandrini's work load is increasing and he cannot continue as the Chief Flight Instructor. Anyone wishing to take on this activity is encouraged to contact Jim Young. Interestingly, many of the club members are hoping that Steve Cecale will accept that position. Well Steve? Student night is continuing and members are being signed off as they display the necessary skills. The Junk-yard Wars took place and were declared a complete success. Everyone had a lot of fun, but unfortunately, Dave Hurt was so shamed by loosing, the he could not bring himself to attend the June meeting. The Fun Fly was held on June 12 and about 12 pilots showed their flying prowess. Games were bomb drop and spot landings. The club agreed to provide a July 4<sup>th</sup> gift to the people working at Walbridge Aldinger, with Al Luckham handling the chore.

**New Business:** Jim Young conducted a discussion on flying safety and club rules. Everyone is now aware of the necessary safe practices, and everyone agree to support club rules. No-one may fly at Ray Field without a current club card unless they are a guest of a current member and have a current AMA card. Past members without a current club card are not to be considered guests.

The meeting adjourned sometime around 9:00 PM.

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### Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
June 12	Fun Fly Please note the new date! Events start at 10 am. Be there early!	Ray Field	Dave Hurt (248) 767-4639
July 11	Ribcrackers Club Meeting New Time! 7:30 pm	Ray Field	Jim Young (810) 231-1684
August 1	Ribcrackers Club Meeting New Time! 7:30 pm	Ray Field	Jim Young (810) 231-1684
August 6	Fun Fly Start time TBD	Ray Field	