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RIBCRACKRS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

President's Message - Jim Young

Well the summer flying season is winding down. Soon it will be time to dust of the workbench and work on repairing the damage, or starting something new. The next meeting will be indoors at the Livonia Senior Center, and Wednesday Student Night will end with the change from Day Light Savings Time.

We are having fewer safety issues, but there are still too many to say we are out of the woods. Our instructors are doing a fine job, but just because you are signed off to solo, doesn't mean you are ready for everything. For you new pilots, if you are at all uneasy about flying, or the

wind direction, or anything, please ask for help. For you experienced pilots, if you see someone having trouble offer some support. We were all beginners at one point, so let's make sure to support our new pilots.

We could use some ideas on what you would like to see at the meetings in the upcoming months. I think most of the clinics and activities we've done in the past have gone over pretty well. If someone is interested in organizing this in the future, it would be a great help. Please direct any ideas for things you would like to see, or can demonstrate to the club to myself



or any of the officers.

We have moved our annual Swap Meet to Sunday, December 4th. We need help organizing this event, so please come forward at the next meeting to get this going.

Editor's Note Pad - Dave Hurt

The last fun fly of the year went off very well! Thanks to all our excellent cooks, and I still am wondering where Warren got those burgers from...

Anyhow, more food talk, we also found out that small candy does not like to fly well either. It was rather random, but I'm sure the ground squirrels at Ray will ap-

preciate it. Thanks for everyone who helped to make this a good event, and I hope to see everyone back out again in the spring for our next fun fly!

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SWAP MEET

10:00am

Sunday December 4th, 2005

at

The Livonia Senior Center

5 Mile and Farmington Rd.

Come make some spare cash for the Holiday Season, or come pick up a good deal on a Winter Building Project

**Tables: \$12.00 in Advance (includes 1 admission)
 \$15.00 at the Door (Space is limited)**

Admission: \$3.00 - Women and Children free entry

For more information or to reserve a table:

Contact Jim Young (810) 231-1684

September Meeting Minutes

September Meeting Minutes – Sept. 12, 2005

The meeting started at 7:30 sharp. The August meeting minutes were approved as published in the September Thunderbolt. V.P.'s Report is that the season's grass cutting is now complete and it should not be required for the remainder of the season. Treasurer's report is that the club is still solvent and if you want additional details, please contact Roger Wilfong. Secretary's report is that numerous AMA members were affected by Hurricane Katrina – if you want to see which clubs or persons, please check the AMA website. The club's website is in need of an updating and Mike Hegyi will contact a few companies or people to determine what (and how much money) is required to update the site. Numerous members that have requested a mailed copy of the newsletter have reported that their newsletters have not arrived. Dave Hurt will be requested to investigate and report back.

The last Fun Fly was hosted by Tom Flynn and it was reported that everyone had a great time. Good job Tom! The club picnic is scheduled for Sept. 18th at Ray Field and it will be held in conjunction with another Fun Fly. The Ribcracker's will hold a Swap Meet on December 4th at the Livonia Senior Citizen's Center. Volunteers are requested – please contact Jim Young if you can help. Membership dues are now 50% of the requirement because we are past the mid-point of the year.

Condolences go out to Louis Marcon on the passing of his wife. Lou is a respected long-time member of our club and we all feel the loss of his wife.

Safety is still a major issue and we are being requested to remember:

Your membership card is required to pull a frequency pin at Ray Field

Remember to always impound your radios

Remember you must always have a spotter with you when you fly at Ray Field

Don't for any reason, fly over Grand River Road!

If you need to go out on the field for any reason, remember to call out your intentions and listen for acknowledgements before you proceed.

Always try to help new fliers / students.

Fly in-front of yourself and NOT OVERHEAD!

Model of the Month was a Corby Starlet assembled by Warren Wells. Another fine job by Warren.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Robbins

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
October 3	Ribcracker Club Meeting 7:30 pm	Livonia Senior Citizens Center	Jim Young (810) 565-2973
October 19	Last Student Night		
November 7	Ribcracker Club Meeting 7:30 pm	Livonia Senior Citizens Center	Jim Young (810) 565-2973
December 4	Swap Meet 10:00 am	Livonia Senior Citizens Center	Jim Young (810) 231-1684
December 5	Club Meeting & Elections 7:30 pm	Livonia Senior Citizens Center	Jim Young (810) 565-2973