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RIBCRACKERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

President's Message - Jim Young

Well the year is coming to a close. We have gone through some major changes with the club; the loss of Lang Aerodrome comes to mind. Progress marches on, and our old flying field is no longer recognizable. This should highlight the need to continue our search for a new flying site, as it is only a matter of time with New Hudson growing at its present rate.

I would like to thank the current officers for a job well done, again! We were presented with several

challenges throughout the year, and I think we have managed to handle them in stride. We started the year with a potential budget deficit, but after some trimming here and there and staying on course it now looks like we will break even for the year. The move out of Lang was a major help in meeting our budget, as well as the extra Swap Meet we will be holding in December. Again, I would like to thank all of the instructors and other volunteers throughout the year

who really make the club function.

Please consider running to fill one of the club officer positions. The positions of president and secretary will be open for new blood, and Joel will be willing to step aside if anyone is interested in VP. Being an officer is not that hard, and without them who are you going to complain too??

Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Safe New Year,

Editor's Note Pad - Dave Hurt

The end of another year, the loss of a field, and still no replacement field for Lang. Warren has been doing a great job in his search, but this should not be a one man job. I know not

everyone can lend time, but with 83 members we should not have a problem with this. If you are under the impression that you'll just go fly at another field if we get shut down, you need to stop and think

that we're not the only one's facing this problem. Before too long it may be possible that we have to drive out in the country (which is getting further and further

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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

November Meeting Minutes - Dennis Robbins

The meeting started promptly at 7:30 PM and the October meeting minutes were read and approved as published in the November Thunderbolt.

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

V.P.'s Report: Joel has reported that due to the current weather, grass cutting is over for the rest of the season. The most western flight station will require repair of the orange plastic fencing due to it being hit by an airplane and protecting the pilot.

Sec. Report – the club currently has 83 members.

Current (and old) Issues: Thanks went out to the many Flying Instructors that spent countless hours during the flight season to help and teach our new flyers. The web site should be viewed regularly for updates and paper copies of the newsletter will be mailed out to those requesting paper copies. Don't forget that the Ribcrackers will have their Swap Meet on December 4th at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center. Mike Hegyi has agreed to run the event, but still needs more help. Easy way to get in work hours! Contact Mike or Jim Young if you would like to participate. Warren Wells continues to look for a new flying field, so if you have any ideas, call Warren. Warren also agreed to make new frequency pins for members flying park flyers. Club elections are next month and the club will need a new President and Secretary. Jim Young and Gary Schaefer have done a great job, but time constraints are forcing their retirement. If you are willing to help out a few hours / month, please consider running for office. If you have any ideas on topics to discuss during a winter meeting, please contact Jim Young.

Model of the Month – And the winner was.....Jim Young with an electric (what else?) F-18 ducted fan jet. The plane was not quite finished, but Jim stated he will install an Astro 05 for power. You'll know the plane belongs to Jim when you see how nicely it's finished and in Jim's favorite colors. Joel Disbro brought in a Great Planes Flexi-Flyer, which is exactly what the plane will do. Made of all foam and it flexes as required (or not). The plane is powered by a geared speed 280 motor and all the electronics fit in a zippered pouch on top of the plane. Very crazy Joel! Sam Abdu brought in a foam board Ultimate. Powered by a Hi-Max 20, the plane shows well and Sam stated he was anxious to try flying the plane.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM after a lot of free time talking and laughing with our fellow flyers.

Editor's Note Pad, cont - Dave Hurt

away) to participate in our hobby. As much as I hear people complaining about safety violations at Ray and how it may cause us to loose the field, imagine how much better off we'd be if all those people pitched in an hour a month to help in the field search?

As some of you may know, I belong to a group of flyers called the Profile Brotherhood. They only have a few rules... #1 - No whining, #2 - At all times you must

have fun, and #3 - What happens at a Probros meet, stays there. The group is founded on enjoying flying, getting out and being around guys who just like to fly, no bs. Currently they are 2,500 members and climbing daily. Maybe some of you could take a look and learn something?

On my last note, please come out to the December meeting, even if it's just to vote on the officers next year. The club doesn't run itself,

and is what we make out of it. We will need a replacement for Ray field, it's only a matter of time.

This will be my last edition as newsletter editor. I'm putting the position up for grabs for anyone who wants to take it. And I'd encourage someone new to take over. You don't even need a computer to put a newsletter together, so you have no excuse!

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
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
January 9	Club Meeting 7:30 pm	Livonia Senior Citizens Center	?