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RIBCRACKERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

President's Message - Warren Wells

Well it's that time of year again, not much flying going on, so now is the time to do annual inspections on all of your flying models. We should go over each model thoroughly to insure that they are in tip top shape come spring. Check all control surface hinges, control horns, linkage rods, clevis', servos and servo arms. Also check the fuel systems and electrical components of the aircraft. One other thing I have learned is that it is a good idea to disconnect the battery pack from the receiver during stor-

age. This will prevent "black wire" disease from occurring during the off season. By doing this maintenance now, we will insure safe flying and fewer problems during the upcoming season. Also, during this downtime I would like to update the list of club items. If you are currently holding any items that belong to the club please let me know via e-mail or phone call so I can get them on the list. We need to know what the club still has and it's whereabouts so we can plan our events accord-



ingly. At one of our upcoming meetings we will begin to discuss our club events for this year. At our next meeting we will be voting on an increase in annual dues for the membership. I hope to see all of you there. Until then, happy and safe modeling.

Editor's Note Pad - Gerald Klose

Ahh, it is that fun time of year again when you can't tell if it is going to snow or rain any given day. You look out the window first thing in the morning and it looks beautiful and sunny but as you take the first load out to the car you realize it is freezing cold outside.

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There is a motion on the floor to increase the dues and value of work hours. Please come to the March meeting to vote on this important subject.

Pictures from the Ribcrackers website



Editor's Note Pad, continued from page 1

Of course anyone that has lived in Michigan for any length of time knows that the weather can be deceptive and fickle. Be prepared for the worst but enjoy those few days that are perfect flying weather. Make sure that you are prepared for everything and anything. Also please park on the road or the gravel area during these wet months. Even if the ground looks dry it is still soft and we need to make sure that we don't put ruts in the field or we could lose our flying privileges at this field as well.

I would like to thank Hank Wojcik for taking over the position of video librarian. It was great fun doing it for the last couple of years but now it is time to let someone else do it for a while. There are still some videos that have not been returned. Please make an effort to get those videos back and pay the fines. If you have lost the Videos please replace them. Remember that the video library is self supporting. The fines are what allows us to add to the library.

Let me know if you would like to see anything else in the newsletter and space allowing, I will include it. I will continue to run ads if I have space. Just let me know when the item sells.

That about does it for this month. Bring in those planes that we all have been working on over the winter and should be finishing up in the next couple of months. See you at the next meeting.

January Meeting Minutes - Dennis Robbins

Ribcrackers February Meeting Minutes – Feb. 6, 2006

The meeting started promptly at 7:31 pm. The January meeting minutes were accepted as published in the February Thunderbolt. The February Thunderbolt was both mailed to all members and posted on the web this month.

Treasurer's Report – the club remains solvent and the 2006 Operating Budget was approved as proposed by R. Wilfong.

Current issues:

- 1) PLEASE do not park on the grass at Ray Field unless you are sure it is dry and firm. Vehicles leave deep ruts when the ground is soft, so if in doubt, please park behind the flight line on the gravel or on the road.
- 2) Your 2006 Ribcracker membership is due by the end of the March Club Meeting, if you do not renew by that time, your membership will be subject to a late fee.
- 3) Don Unsworth is heading our field search activities, so please contact him if you identify a potential new site.
- 4) Ideas still surface for website improvements, M. Hegyi, R. Wilfong are heading the activities for it's improvement.
- 5) Remember that at the March Club meeting, we will be voting on a possible dues increase of \$5 for annual membership and making the work hours worth \$2@.

Model of the Month – winner was **Warren Wells** with his scratch built, all balsa electric, jet like **Pushie Cat**. Powered by a speed 400 brushless motor, this plane was said to fly great! Looked great in Michigan Blue with yellow stripes.

Dennis Robbins brought his kit built **Sig Somethin' Extra**. The plane is powered with a Super Tigre 51, and sports a bright yellow and orange wing, with a blue fuselage.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

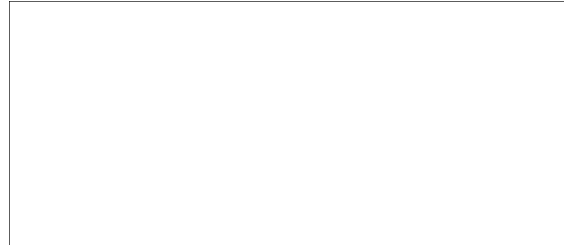
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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
March 6	Ribcracker Club Meeting New Time! 7:30 pm	Livonia Senior Citizens Center 5 Mile & Farmington, S.E. Corner	Warren Wells (248) 437-2694
April 3	Ribcracker Club Meeting New Time! 7:30 pm	Livonia Senior Citizens Center 5 Mile & Farmington, S.E. Corner	Warren Wells (248) 437-2694