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## RIBCRACKERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

### President's Message - Warren Wells

The 2006 flying season is off to a good start. Student Night is in full swing and the annual spring field clean up is behind us. I would like to thank the members that turned out to help with the clean up and spruce up efforts at Ray.

We accomplished all the items on the agenda in a little more than 3 hours. The next day's "Junk Yard Wars" fun fly did not turn out as well. We did not have enough participants to make a worthwhile go of it so it was decided to postpone the event until June the 18th. We will combine

the event with our 1st club picnic of the year. At our June meeting at Ray field, we are planning an in depth discussion about our field search efforts. Various members have been following up on different leads we have been receiving, but nothing is concrete as of yet. Don Unsworth, our

Field search chairman and I would like to inform the membership of the club needs and wants in relation to a new field. We're also hoping to get input from the membership for any ideas or means



that will intensify our current efforts. So, I encourage everyone to attend, the club needs all the help it can get on this matter and we need to get very serious about this. Until then, happy and safe modeling.

### Editor's Note Pad - Gerald Klose

Pardon my valley speak but it is like way hot out there! So hot in fact that I chose to write this article rather than go out flying. Pretty hot, I'd say. In this

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## Random Thoughts

by: The Bystander

I swear, they spend half their life down there! What I mean is hobbyists use most of their free time building the latest project in the basement, drive for 1-1½ hours to get to a flying field, and then what do you know? It crashes almost immediately. I guess I don't really understand why they build them, but it makes no sense why they get so upset when a plane that they built painstakingly for maybe a month should cause so much grief when it falls apart due to some technical oversight. Maybe I'm just a fatalist, but I think that anything that you spend care and devotion over is going to break. Inevitably, it just does. It seems as if there is some sort of god of Irony, and that he has fun making the stuff that are the most coincidental or most inconvenient happen most regularly. I have taken this into my way of life, and have come to almost count on it (My hobbies are supposed to blow up).

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issue you will find an article by a mystery writer with a somewhat sardonic view of our hobby. I am keeping his identity a secret for now in the hopes that I can get him to write additional columns and to shield them from any unduly harsh backlash. The idea is to get a viewpoint from someone that is not so overwhelmingly enthusiastic about our hobby with the hopes of getting some insight into their perspective of our hobby. I thought this might give us an opportunity to try and appeal to those people with the hopes of at least understanding where they are coming from if not outright converting them into fellow modelers. Let me know what you think.

With the heat of summer upon us make sure that you get some sun protection and drink plenty of fluids. Remember beer is not allowed at the flying field nor is it a recommended beverage to be drinking in the sun. I know, what a bummer.

Unfortunately we didn't have enough participants to make the junkyard wars worthwhile in May so it has been rescheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> which is the same day as our club picnic. Hopefully there will be a larger turnout so that we can once again compete for the bragging rights of whose heap made it in the air first.

Well it is time to mow the lawn for the second time this week. Until next time, try to land the plane with the wheels pointing down. (yes, I had to be told)

## May Meeting Minutes - Dennis Robbins

### **Ribcrackers May Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2006**

The meeting started promptly at 7:30 pm. The April meeting minutes were accepted as published in the May Thunderbolt. The May Thunderbolt was mailed to all members due to technical difficulties still being encountered while trying to post to the web. Dave Hurt is working on correcting this website situation.

**Treasurer's Report** – the club is/remains solvent. See R. Wilfong for details.

**V.P. Report:** Field mowing has started. There will be NO FLYING while the grass is being cut. Weather permitting; the grass cutting will normally take place on Wednesdays about 10 am.

**New Issues:** Student night has started and is in full swing. Evan Flynn will look into obtaining a new wind sock for the field. Don Unsworth has requested a special Executive Meeting to discuss the issue of searching for a new field. The intent of this meeting will be to come back to the club membership with specific ideas on methods to find a new field. All members are welcome to join and help. Please contact Don Unsworth for additional details. The orange plastic pilot barriers are “missing”. A vote was taken to decide if they should be replaced and the decision was to not replace them. Please contact Warren Wells if you have any club property as Warren is trying to develop an accurate listing of who is holding what. The club was offered a pair of trainers at a very reasonable price and decided to purchase them. Radio's and engines are already in the club inventory, so the club will soon have two “new” planes for student night. Saturday, May 6 is field clean-up so please show up for the few chores that still require attention. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Junk-Yard Wars will take place on May 7<sup>th</sup> – plan to attend and have a few laughs.

**Field Rules** – while flying at Ray Field, a spotter is a MUST!! Other people that are not involved with spotting full scale planes is not acceptable. Trash has begun to “sprout-up” at Ray – if you bring it with you, please remember to take it home when you leave.

**Model of the Month** – Evan Flynn brought a new Extra Extreme. The plane is Li-Po powered electric that runs with an Axi brushless motor. Blue and white and it flies great. Nice job!

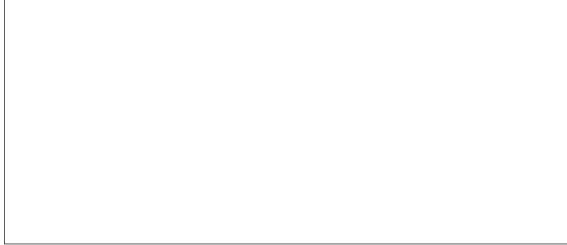
The meeting adjourned sometime after 8:00 pm. (I didn't check my watch)

The next meeting will be held at Ray Field on June 5.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Robbins



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## Upcoming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
June 5	Ribcracker Club Meeting	Ray Field	Warren Wells (248) 437-2694
June 18	Fun-fly / Club picnic	Ray Field	
July 10	Ribcracker Club Meeting	Ray Field	Warren Wells (248) 437-2694