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RIBCRACKERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

President's Message - Warren Wells

It seems as though we've made it past the frigid winter temperatures and things will soon be warming up. In the coming weeks as we venture out to the Ray field for some flying fun, be sure to park your vehicles either in the gravel parking area or on the paved road to prevent the grass area from rutting. We do not want a rutted, muddy mess in front of Walbridge/Alldinger's building. The deal to share a flying field with the Midwest Society club has been put in place and we are free to fly there as we please. Please be respectful to the owner's house and property when using the field. An increase in our club

dues was voted in at our last meeting. Please see the following editor's message for details. At our March 5th meeting I would like to get our flight instructor's in place for this year's student night program. If you would like to participate this year please feel free to sign on. It can be a very rewarding experience to follow a newcomer from startup thru pilot sign off. In this month's issue of Model Airplane News, there is a good article on CG balancing. With the simple formulas that are given, you can determine the correct balance point for any type of model airplane.



This comes in handy when buying used airplanes at swap meets or when getting ARF's that come with lousy instruction sheets. Every modeler should have a copy of this in their workshop. That's all for now, I hope to see everyone at our next club meeting. Until then, Happy and Safe modeling!

Editor's Note Pad - Gerald Klose

It is that time of year again when our dues are due. Most of you are aware now that the dues have been raised to \$90.00 to cover the increased cost of the new field on 7 mile road that we are sharing with Midwest. Along with the dues, those who have not contributed any work

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2007 Ribcrackers Club Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location
January 1 st	Fun Fly	Ray Field
January 8 th	Club Meeting	Livonia Senior Center
February 5 th	Club Meeting	Livonia Senior Center
February 25 th	Swap Meet/Auction	Livonia Senior Center
March 5 th	Club Meeting	Livonia Senior Center
April 2 nd	Club Meeting	Livonia Senior Center
April 4 th	Student Night Begins	Ray Field
April 14 th	Field Rolling	Ray Field/7 Mile Field
May 7 th	Club Meeting	Ray Field
May 12 th	Field Clean Up	Ray Field/7 Mile Field
May 19 th	Fun Fly	Seven Mile Road Field
June 4 th	Club Meeting	Ray Field
June 23 rd	Fun Fly/Picnic	Ray Field
July 2 nd	Club Meeting	Ray Field
July 21 st	Junkyard Wars Fun Fly	Ray Field
August 6 th	Club Meeting	Ray Field
September 10 th	Club Meeting	Ray Field
September 15 th	Fun Fly/Picnic	Ray Field
October 1 st	Club Meeting/ Officer Nominations	Livonia Senior Center
October 24 th	Student Night Ends	Ray Field
November 1 st	Club Dinner for Flight Insts	TBD
November 5 th	Club Meeting/ Officer Nominations	Livonia Senior Center
December 3 rd	Club Meeting/ Officer Elections	Livonia Senior Center

“In order to keep a true perspective of one’s importance, everone should have a dog that worships him, and a cat that ignores him.”

— Dereke Bruce

February Meeting Minutes - Dennis Robbins

Ribcrackers February Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2007

The meeting started at 7:38 pm. at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center. The January meeting minutes were accepted as published in the February Thunderbolt.

Treasurer's Report – the club is remains solvent. See R. Wilfong for details. The attending members decided to accept the proposed 2007 budget. Again, nice job Roger!

Newsletter – nothing new to report.

New Issues -

- The Ribcrackers will hold their annual Swap Meet on Feb. 25th. Help is strongly being requested to support that date.
- The Ribcrackers discussed a field merger with Midwest RC regarding a field on 7 Mile Road and have decided to proceed. The two clubs will share this field and all expenses. This agreement is for one year and then the club will decide if there is interest in continuing the arrangement. Note: Channels 36 & 56 cannot be used at the 7 Mile field and the 98dB @9' noise limitation will be in effect.
- Because of the new expenses with a second field, the club members voted and approved an increase in the annual dues to \$90 / year and work hours are worth \$20 (10 hours @ \$2). Club initiation is now \$50 (one time fee).
- Ribcracker dues are now required before the end of the April meeting. Proof of an AMA membership is required. Also – if you wish to fly at a Ribcracker field, you **MUST** be current in your membership dues. An AMA card alone will not suffice.

Sad News – The club has lost 3 long time members and we are saddened by their passing. They are: Joe Blasyk, Dave Robinson and Ned Nuss. Good guys and good club supporters – very sad.

More News – Wiqar Syed has offered to host the club's website and all members present gladly accepted his offer. Please take a few minutes to meet Wiqar and thank him for stepping up to this task.

Old News - If you are holding any club property (flying items or videos or ??????), please make sure to bring them to the next club meeting and turn them in.

Model of the Month – Roger Wilfong brought in a GWS Slow Stick with a “non-standard” / aileroned wing. Hank Wojcik brought a China Model Products – Staudacher. Nice looking (and hopefully flying) model. Dennis Robbins brought a black and clear winged Lazy Bee (called a Bumble Bee) that was built from his scrap box. Power by a Magnum .15, under 2# and with a wing loading of under 9 oz/sq.ft., it should make for an interesting flyer. Dennis won the MoM by sheer luck.

The #1 Raffle Prize was a another plane – good prize! (I don't remember who won – it wasn't me). The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Robbins



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hours to the club would also owe an additional \$20.00. As a reminder, the work hours are \$2.00 per hour contributed. Work hours are relatively easy to fulfill. There are swap meets and fun fly's and picnics to organize and help run. We have people that run the video library, newsletter, and webpage. We have periodic field maintenance days as well as student night that can always use another instructor. Take your pick and pitch in where you can. As mentioned elsewhere the initiation fee has also been raised. The new, onetime fee is \$50.00. If you do not renew before the end of the April meeting then you will be charged a \$50.00 late fee. To renew is easy: Come to the next meeting and renew in person or send your check and a copy of your 2007 AMA card to the Ribcracker club Secretary, Matt Jerue. If you are unsure how many work hours you have on record as being completed please call Matt at: **248-348-5948**.

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Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
March 5	Club Meeting	Livonia Senior Center	Warren Wells 248-437-2694
April 2	Club Meeting	Livonia Senior Center	Warren Wells 248-437-2694
April 4	Student Night begins	Ray Field	Ralph Hegadorn
April 13-15	Toledo Show Weak Signals	Seagate Center, Toledo	www.toledoshow.com