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## RIBCRACKERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

### President's Message - Warren Wells

Warmer weather is finally here and more club members are venturing out to the flying field. I would like to remind everyone not to park vehicles on the grass just yet. Please use the graveled area or the paved road for now. Also remember we now have 2 club fields available for flying. I've heard some grumbling from some of our members regarding the Seven Mile road site as to it not being a very good field. Remember that the field is only 2 years old and has had very little use so far. All new fields are rough in the beginning. With continued use and upkeep I'm sure it will

turn out to be a great field as our other fields have in the past. So please, have a little patience. Also, remember that your club dues are due no later than our April meeting. Click onto our website to see the new rates for this year and also a contact number and address to send them to. There will be no flying at either field if you cannot produce a valid AMA and club membership card. Ron McHale has volunteered to be Chief Flight Instructor this year. The club is in need of Intro-Pilots and flight instructors for the student night pro-



gram. If you are interested contact Ron or myself to volunteer and we will get you signed on. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting. Happy and Safe modeling.

### Editor's Note Pad - Gerald Klose

While it looks nice outside I can hear the flag snapping in the wind over the building next door and decide it is too windy to fly. Who needs the weather channel and an anemometer when you have a neighbor with a huge flag. It was, however a great day to try out my new kite that

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## R/C Model Show

### The Toledo Show

**At the SeaGate Centre**  
**401 Jefferson Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604**  
**April 13th, 14th, & 15th, 2007**

Show hours: Fri/Sat 9am to 5pm - Sun 9am to 3pm

Handicap parking available - Tickets readily available at the door!

**Admission is still only \$7.00 per person per day**, and new for our 53rd R/C Expo, kids 12 and under are FREE!



Ultra Bandit  
 First Place Finish  
 Terry Nitsch



Carden Extra 330 35%  
 1st Aerobatic  
 David R Flemming



T-28 Trojan  
 1st Military sport scale  
 Hal Parenti

#### Editor's Notepad- *continued from page 1*

I got for Christmas. Other than steering it into the ground a couple of times and once almost getting pulled off of my feet it was great fun and it kept me out of the basement and away from my building project. However, the flying weather is getting more prevalent and it is time to get the project done. The fuselage is pretty much complete and only the wing is left to do.

Other than more/better flying weather another harbinger of spring is the annual Weak Signals Toledo show. If you haven't ever been there then you owe it to yourself to make the trip at least once. The Toledo show brings all the major vendors together under one roof. Anything that you could possibly think of plus a few things that you may not have thought of is there. The biggest advantage is that you can pick the brain of the guy behind the table and get his expertise on whatever he is selling. Most of these guys are modelers as well and are more than happy to swap stories. I once spent about 20 minutes talking to Keith Shaw about a model that I was planning on building and obtained a lot of insight that possibly kept me from taking a wrong turn.

Speaking of buying stuff, for those of you who need a little extra cash and wish to unload last years plane or whatever you are not using so much anymore the offer still stands that I will include an ad in the Thunderbolt, (space permitting). That is it for now. Hope to see you at one of our two fields.

## March Meeting Minutes - Dennis Robbins

### **Ribcrackers March Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2007**

The meeting started promptly at 7:33 pm. The February meeting minutes were accepted (with only a few gipes) as published in the March Thunderbolt.

**Treasurer's Report** – the club is remains solvent. See R. Wilfong for details. Roger presented a modified budget based on the added expenses of the 7 Mile Rd. Field. All members approved of this proposal. Additionally, financial details from the Swap Meet were shared and the club ended up this activity on a positive note.

**Newsletter** – nothing new to report.

#### **New /Old Issues –**

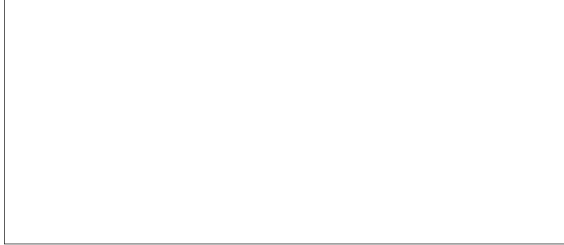
- Due to other commitments, D. Stockman will not be able to head the Student Instruction activity. All accomplished pilots are requested to offer their services for this rewarding activity. As an incentive to heading the Student instruction, Ralph has graciously offered to support those instructors. Student night will begin Wed. evening, on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- A suggestion was made to produce some flyers promoting the club and it's 2 fields. This idea was accepted with the hopes that it will bring in a few new members.
- Don't forget that the Toledo Show will take place April 13, 14 & 15. Lots of new toys / RC items to purchase.
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**Model of the Month** – Surprisingly, no-one had any new models to share. April should be interesting. The #1 Raffle Prize for the evening was an OS .20 engine. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Robbins



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## Don't forget:

If you haven't renewed by the end of April's meeting this will be the last Thunderbolt that you will receive in the mail.

### Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
April 2	Club Meeting	Livonia Senior Center	Warren Wells 248-437-2694
April 4	Student Night begins	Ray Field	Ron McHale 248-437-4935
April 13-15	Toledo Show Weak Signals	Seagate Center, Toledo	www.toledoshow.com