

# THUNDERBOLT

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## RIBCRACKERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

### President's Message - Warren Wells

The Toledo RC Expo has come and gone and the 2007 flying season is officially underway. I had a great time spending two days and too much money (as usual) at the Expo. My hopes were dashed though on Sunday when they announced the winners of the "Sport Biplane Class". I had entered a model in the contest this year hoping to at least place in the category. This year I did not succeed, but there's always next year to hope for. While I was there I ran into many of our club members and some of our past members. As many of you are aware, our membership num-

bers have fallen this year due to various reasons. In talking to some of these people, they all had different reasons for not rejoining the club this year. In talking with these people I have extended "Guest" flying privileges to them at both of our fields. Hopefully they will not abuse our club rules regarding "Guest" flying. May will be a busy month for our club. We will have a cleanup day at Ray field and also we will try to install our Lang field box at the new seven mile field to use for frequency control. Also, we have a club "Fun



Fly" scheduled at the seven mile road field. We will be discussing all of this agenda at our May meeting which will be held at Ray field on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see everyone there. Until then, Happy and Safe modeling.

### Editor's Note Pad - Gerald Klose

So ok, I went to the Toledo Show with a set budget. I also had a very short and precise list of things that I was going to buy. The cost of the items on the list coincided nicely with the

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Examples of some extreme models provided by Mike Hegyi

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

budget. While it was a wonderful exercise in economics the end result was typically true to life: namely, the budget was blown and the list was strictly a starting point. In any case I got lots of cool stuff that I desperately needed and I stocked up on my supply of catalogues and brochures. I am sure that I have enough reading material to keep me entertained for many weeks to come.

The recovering job that I took on is rapidly drawing to a close. What I thought would be an easy couple of evenings took on a life of its own and lasted much longer. It was quite a challenge and I learned many things. Everything will be completed in time for the May meeting and the plane will be handed over to the rightful owner and possibly entered in the MOM. I had never done a recovering job before and it is interesting how working on someone else's plane adds a new dimension and feel to the project. The usual phrases like: "Close enough", or "no one is going to notice that once it is in the air" and "It'll probably fly ok once I add some trim" are no longer acceptable. These are all replaced by: "I better do this right" and "I wonder if he would rather have the stripe 2" wide or 1.5" wide?". All in all it was a great experience, especially since I had my daughter helping me during the early part of the project. Working on a plane with one of your kids is the best reward one could possibly have. Thanks Ron, for giving me this opportunity.

## April Meeting Minutes - Gerald Klose

Previous month's Thunderbolt approved as written.

**Treasurer:** We appear to be close to the budget and finances are good. See Roger Wilfong for details

**VP:** Hank had nothing to report except for the fact that he had crashed a plane

**Secretary:** For those that had sent in money but had not received their cards, please check the field box at Ray field. Some cards were left there. Matt also said that he would leave a membership list there so that people could call for a spotter.

**Editor:** Let me know if you have any suggestions. This is the last newsletter you will receive if you have not renewed your membership.

**President:** Field is in good condition. You can even park on the grass

### **New Business:**

- There is a field clean up day scheduled for May 12th at both Ray field as well as the new 7 mile field
- The first funfly of the year is scheduled May 19th at the new field on 7 Mile road.

Mike Hegyi once again tempted us with many cool items to be raffled off.

- Don Unsworth won the "fuel" raffle (actually a gift certificate)
- Al Luckham was lucky enough to win a Fox 40 size engine.

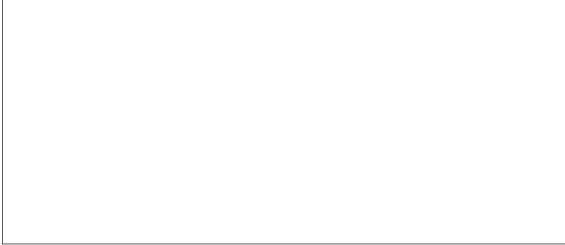
### **MOM**

Roger Wilfong brought in a ¼ scale Clancy Sky Baby. It is powered by an Astro 35 with either a 2 cell Lipo battery or 6-7 cell Nicad/NiMH. Nice looking plane.

Respectably submitted by Gerald Klose



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## Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
May 7	Club Meeting	Ray Field	Warren Wells 248-437-2694
May 12	Field Clean up	Ray Field / 7 mile field	
May 19	Fun Fly	7 Mile Field	