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President's Message - Warren Wells

First off I would like to thank Gerald and Hank for filling in for me last month on my newsletter and meeting duties. Thanks guys! Mike Hegyi left Michigan on Wednesday the 24th of October for a new job with his company in Las Vegas, Nevada. He asked me to say good-bye to everyone for him. He also said he will miss the club and everyone in it very much. I'm sure we all will miss him just as much. Good Luck , Mike! This year's flying season is quickly coming to a close. It has been a good year for the club once again. Our final night for students was yesterday and the program turned out some good pi-

lots this year along with a few new members as well. Our training program really took off this year after July. We were all quite busy on Wednesday nights ever since July. I would also like to thank all of the instructors and members that assisted with the student night program this year. Everyone did a great job, thank you. On another note, I have been hearing lately that some of our members are ignoring basic field rules while flying at Ray. Please remember that this has been a great flying season so far and we wouldn't want it ruined by a serious accident, so think



about what you are doing and go over the field rule sheet that is posted on the field box the next time you are at Ray field. I also would like to remind everyone that club officer elections are coming in December. We will be accepting

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Editor's Note Pad - Gerald Klose

As the year is starting to wind down along with the flying season there comes a time when one looks back on the years past. I realize that I had great fun flying with fellow club members, joining in some friendly competition during the fun fly's and communicating club information and news via my "Bully Pulpit" which is the club newsletter. I hope that I have informed and entertained to some degree and that it wasn't just a waste of time and paper. However, I have come to the realization that I have started to run out of things to say and it is time for a change. I therefore would like to announce that I would

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Officer Job Descriptions

It is that time of year again where we all sit around nervously avoiding eye contact. That's right, it is time for the annual election of the officers. In an attempt to make it easier I would like to offer up some roles and duties as I see them of each of the officers positions:

- President: Presides over meetings. Coordinates functions and people to work them. Is the main point of contact for the club.
- Vice-President: Help the president perform his functions. Step in when the President is unavailable.
- Treasurer: Keep track of money coming in and going out. The last several treasurers have used Quicken to help with this but that is probably not a requirement.
- Secretary: File yearly charter paperwork, articles of incorporation and keep track of new and renewing members. Pretty busy the first three months of the year. Paperwork is consistent from year to year.
- Editor: Responsible for sending out the newsletter each month before the meeting. Taking minutes at the meeting although Dennis Robbins has been doing this for many years.

Most previous officers are more than willing to help out the new board members. It is really not that much of an impact on your time. The rest of the membership is generally willing to help out when needed. The biggest bonus other than the title is that the membership fee and work hours are taken care of. As of this writing I know that the President and the Editor positions are up for grabs. Please consider tossing your hat into the ring.

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nominations at our next 2 meetings. I will not be in the running for president next year so start thinking about someone you may nominate for that position. The job is not a difficult one and plenty of help is afforded by our membership with any issues that come up. I hope to see everyone at the meeting on Monday, November 5th. Until then, Happy and Safe modeling.

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like to hand over the reigns of newsletter editor to someone else. So what does the newsletter editor do? Other than churning out a monthly article which is not really necessary I compile the meeting minutes from Dennis Robbins, and the President's message from the President, add a dash of coming events and when available some want ads and sprinkle some other information that I think club members might find interesting. Paper and stamps are paid for by the club. It helps to have access to a printer and/or a copier to print roughly 150 pages per month and then the patience to fold and stamp and address each one. The format was developed by Dave Hurt several years ago using MS Publisher because that is what he had. The format is not cast in stone nor is the requirement for Publisher. I would be more than happy to assist anyone wishing to give it a try to get started including printing out mailing labels, etc.... Let me know if you have any interest by either sending me an email at Gerald.Klose@xerox.com or calling me at: 248-582-1803. I look forward to hearing from you.

September Meeting Minutes - Dennis Robbins

Ribcrackers October Meeting Minutes – Oct. 1, 2007

The meeting started a little early this evening, at 7:27 pm. The September meeting minutes were approved as published in the September Thunderbolt.

Treasurer's Report – the club is/remains solvent and the report was accepted as published. See R. Wilfong for details.

News: Warren wasn't around this evening, so Hank Wojcik presided.

- The club Fun-Fly was a resounding success due to the hard work and efforts of many. Katherine Klose and her family ran the Fun-Fly and everyone had an excellent time – especially since no-one crashed. Art Jeffrey and Hank Wojcik are to be thanked for doing all the food preparation.
- The club also has some new flight tables to be used for plane set-up. These tables are the handy work of: Bruce Whitney, Deano Marashi, Alex O., Ron Duncan and Warren Wells.
- The club discussed the moving the monthly meeting time up to 7pm, but upon discussion and vote, it was decided to leave the start time at 7:30pm.
- There was also discussion regarding trying to get more members to attend the club meetings, and Alex volunteered to make some phone calls before the meetings to try and “drum-up” some interest.
- The club also discussed the annual swap meet and it was decided to drop that event this year due to lack of interest. It was noted that Midwest RC will have their event on Nov. 4th.
- Please note that club meetings will now be held at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center, due to the shorter days. Meetings will start at 7:30 pm.

Model of the Month

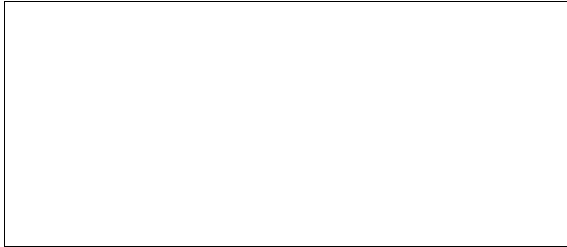
Alex O. brought a beautiful Liberty Sport biplane that he had repaired and is now flyable. Base color is white with a yellow top wing and lots of markings. Power is by an OS-61 and Alex stated that the engine is more than enough for this plane. Nice job!

The club raffle was held with the top prize being a Air Core 40. Secondary prizes were a flight box and tools.

Don't forget that the 7 Mile field has a new entrance (across from Pete Waters place) and that Channels 36 & 56 are “off-limits”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Robbins



For Sale:

World Models Yak combat plane. .25 2c engine, 48" wingspan. Has been damaged in the area of the wing hold down area and repaired and flown. Looking for \$25.00 or best offer.

Contact Gerald Klose 248-854-5604 or gerald.klose@xerox.com

Upcoming Events			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Nov 5	Club Meeting Officer Nominations	Livonia Senior Citizens	Warren Wells 248-437-2694
Dec 3	Club Meeting Officer Elections	Livonia Senior Citizens	Warren Wells 248-437-2694