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RIBCRACKERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

President's Message - Alex Stathis Alexopoulos

Dear friends and fellow members:

I hope everybody is having as much fun as I do flying at the field and enjoying the nice weather. Our FUN FLY event is coming up on JUNE 22nd and we are all very excited to participate and have some fun. Our friend, Dave is going to run this one so it is going to be a well organized and creative event. I would like to see all of you at the field that Sunday. Dont forget to bring a table, tent and all your

JUNK to sell, This fun fly is a swap meet at the same time. I see many new models in the air lately at the field. I guess all that hard work during the winter months is paying off now and many of our members are enjoying their airplanes that they worked so hard to build. Membership is somewhat increasing and new students come out on STUDENT NIGHT. We need to organize this effort a little better in order to provide a better service to these folks and es-



pecially in order to assure safety for all. My self and our head instructor Warren would like to see a person in charge of safety on student night looking out for everything that would be a po-

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Editor's Note Pad - Gerald Klose

The newsletter is coming out a little earlier than normal this month. There are two reasons for this: First is that I need to get the Thunderbolt out before I leave for vacation and the second reason is that we are having a funfly/swapmeet this weekend. Alex thought it would improve the turnout if we could remind everyone via the newsletter before the funfly. Unfortunately, I will be forced to miss this funfly as well since I will be in Germany. If you have never participated in a funfly please consider doing so.

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tential hazard for students and instructors as well. Hope I see you all at the field, flying, having fun. Don't forget about our monthly meeting JULY 7th at RAY field , enjoy the weather and please remember FLY SAFELYThanks Alex

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The events are usually such that an element of chance is involved so that the novice flyers have a pretty good chance to place well, too. The most import thing is to make sure the plane survives to fly another day and to have a good time. The last funfly that I participated in was run by my Daughter and we had two new contestants. Everyone helped them understand the rules and events and encouraged them throughout the contest, even though they were competitors. Fun was had by all and everyone got a prize.

Please accept my apologies for the brevity of this edition of the Thunderbolt. I look forward to hearing about the results of the funfly and wish I could be there. Hopefully I will get a chance to fly soon. I look forward to seeing you at the field.

Ribcrackers May Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2008– Dennis Robbins

Ribcrackers June Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2008

Alex didn't want any flack for starting the meeting late this evening, so he was ready and waiting for the guys to assemble. And we did start the meeting promptly at 7:30 pm. The May minutes were approved as published in the June Thunderbolt. Everyone got their copy of the newsletter and we quickly discussed who might take on this activity for the 2009 calendar year (now that Gerald Klose has decided to retire from this post).

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

V.P. Report – In addition to his role as V.P., Hank has acquired the new role of **OFFICIAL CLUB COOK**. This sacred position was held in the past by Ralph, but since Hank supplies both food, drink and fire – he's officially taken on additional responsibilities. Thanks to Ralph for all the great past meals – Hank has a tough act to follow.

News Items:

- Student night has begun and the club still needs more teachers and helpers. If you can help out on Wednesday evenings, please come.
- The annual requirement of keeping the field clean is still in effect – if you bring “stuff” with you to the field, please make sure you take it home – especially cigarette butts!
- There was a discussion regarding the club's website and Roger was able to secure (with Mike Hegyi's help) all the codes required to use our past domain. Roger kindly offered to get the website up and running – it will be simple but it will contain everything needed to promote the club.
- Everyone should notice that a pair of posts have been placed on the east end of the pits – to secure big birds (or others) that need to have engine run-ups prior to flying.
- The club will host a Fun Fly / Swap / Sell Meet on June 22nd.

Club Raffle: The big prize was a CAP 232 EP ARF and a few smaller prizes. Winner was Roger Wilfong (just in case he's run out of planes to build and fly). Seems like every month we have a plane to raffle off – what a deal! \$2 gets you in the running!

Model of the Month: Warren brought out his Yellow Sukoi that is powered with a pumped YS-120. Nice looking and flying plane.

Next month's meeting will be at Ray Field - 7:30pm – July 7th. Bring a plane – we may have time to fly.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Robbins



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Fun-Fly/Swap meet June 22

Bring whatever plane you have to join in the flying fun. The events are usually designed to even the playing field. Everyone has a chance. The main goal is to have fun.

Also, bring whatever you can bear to part with for the swap meet. One man's junk is another man's treasure. Who knows, you just might find that missing item you have been looking all over for.

Please contact Alex if you have any questions

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Jun 22	Fun Fly/ Swap Meet	Ray Field	Alex Alexopoulos 248-909-6869
Jul 7	Club Meeting	Ray Field	Alex Alexopoulos 248-909-6869