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RIBCRACKERS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

President's Message - Alex Stathis Alexopoulos

Dear fellow members:

Another successful flying season is coming to an end. I can say now as it is almost November, that we had a fun season without any major mishaps or accidents. I do have a few safety concerns that I would like to address at our next **MEETING ON NOV 3RD** that will be held at the Livonia Senior Center. This will be an important meeting and I would like everyone to attend. We will be discussing some important issues such as: field safety, concerns and suggestions, end of year club growth and

advancement reports, nominate new officers, and if time allows I would like to devote a small portion of time for members to talk about new models, future projects, even an occasional short story that has happened at the field. I will personally try to contact all of you by phone to remind you about the meeting as I feel that attendance is crucial for our clubs management and growth potential. As you know there is plenty of room for everyone and we will also have some donuts and refresh-



ments. The raffle is exciting as always so don't miss your chance to take home a new airplane or another prize by not showing up. 2008 was indeed a fun and productive year for our club, as we

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Editor's Note Pad - Gerald Klose

Woo Hoo! Only two more newsletters to go!! For some of you this is a relief to no longer have to tolerate my ramblings. Others though, have expressed that they enjoyed my writing and this is what keeps me going. It was good to see several of you out at the field and talk model airplanes. The re-

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Ken with his GWS Formosa



Roger with his e-flight P-38



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paired Glider motor worked flawlessly and I was able to catch my first thermal. That to me is the essence of flying: being able to stay aloft using just the air currents to your best advantage. Don't get me wrong, I am still a big fan of poking as many holes in the sky in as short a time as possible but this was cool stuff!! Unfortunately I had to cut it short due to an incoming full scale airplane and I could never find another decent thermal again. Bummer! Hopefully as I gain more confidence with the plane I'll get better at finding thermals. With the coming of winter this will probably have to wait

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Ribcrackers October Meeting Minutes – Oct. 6, 2008

The meeting started at 7:35 pm because we were back in the Livonia Senior Citizen's Center. The Sept. minutes were approved.

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 – nothing to report – the field is in good shape.

Discussion Items:

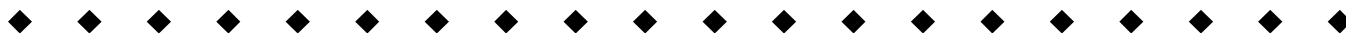
- It appears that the promotional flyers were a hit, so the holders at the hobby shops will be re-filled. More instructors will be required for the 2009 season.
- A discussion took place on safety regarding flying in a pattern, landing further into the field and away from the flight line and general safety.
- There will be upcoming officer elections in December and a number of posts will be open – this is a chance to help move the club forward – get ready!
- **Ribcracker Logo Stuff** – Is still available - T-shirts, sweatshirts or jackets embroidered) with the Ribcracker Logo - contact: Gary Schaefer at: Cell: (248) 343-1972 or e-mail at: garyj13901@spcglobal.net.

Club Raffle: A Lanier 40 Stinger and a few plane related tools.

Model of the Month: Winner – Ken Hilton – A foam GWS Formosa with a Rimfire brushless outrunner motor done in (primarily) white with red and blue highlights. Nice job Kenny! Also shown was **Roger Wilfong's** P-38 foamy done in gray with invasion striping. Roger is using a pair of brushless outrunner motors with a 3-cell LiPo.

The meeting ended at ~8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Robbins



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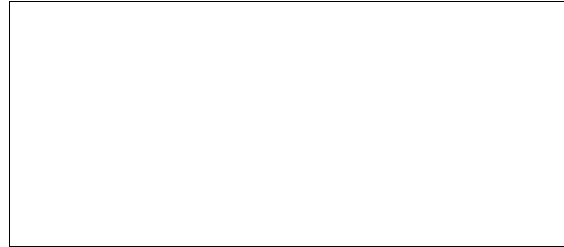
until next year. Speaking of winter, with the coming of the end of the flying season (or at least the end of the comfortable flying season) we start to ramp up the start of the building season. How lucky are we that we have a designated time of the year that we can build our next project without the distraction of year round perfect flying weather? So what is the next project for everybody? Does anybody out there have something new on the building board? Are you stuck in the middle of the project and have some questions? Bring it to the meeting and get some helpful suggestions. Speaking of new projects, I purchased an RCKits F7F Tiger Cat at an estate sale. It is for twin .40 size engines, flaps, and retracts. The instructions consist of a generous 2 1/2 pages of typewritten notes and some rolled plans. The flying surfaces are foam core and the rest is built up balsa. I am looking for someone that might be able to give me some direction in building the foam core wings and/or if anyone knows where to get more information on how to build one of these planes. I have seen some threads on assembling ARF versions of this plane but nothing like what I have nor have I been able to find any information regarding the Manufacturer. Any suggestions? See you at the meeting.



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managed to reduce our club dues, organize and run a successful student night program that as a result increased our membership. We managed to do better and more exciting fun flies and we also improved the appearance of our field by making several changes. Most importantly we managed to provide a safer environment for our fliers and guests to enjoy.

In closing I would like once again to thank all of you for help, participation, ideas, suggestions, even the occasional constructive criticism as you all helped the club to function properly and me personally to do my job as your President.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting or if weather permitting at the field and please remember ...when out there flying.. lets keep it safe!

Thanks, Alex

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Nov 3rd	Club meeting	Livonia Senior Center	Alex Alexopoulos 248-909-6869
Nov 9th	Midwest Swap meet	Northville Senior Community Center	