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Built a Plane? Then Enter It in a Contest!

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Its that time of year again when pilots will be charging batteries for their transmitters, and receivers, adding after run oil to their engines, or just inspecting their aircraft for the next flying season. Then there is the decision on what kind of aircraft to built for next year. If you have built an airplane in the past 12 months, why not enter it in a plane building contest sponsored by the Westlake RC Club? This is a fun event and is held as a fund raiser for their club. Last year, 40 planes were entered and were judged by John Halfhill, Rich Horvath and Bud Boreman. I am including the e-mail sent by Michael Lenz, event director of the contest for all of the details of this event:



Photos by Bob Slivka

From : Michael Lenz, event director, Lenzmike@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, November 30. 2011 11:03 AM

Subject: Westlake RC club build contest.

Everyone,

We are exploring the possibility of having a building contest early next spring (end of March).

This would be a fun event and a fundraiser for our club as well. Right now we are looking to see if any of your members are interested. This would be a chance for everyone to show off their work before the flying season begins. As mentioned it is a fun event with what may seem to be nontraditional categories. Last year we held a similar event for our club alone and had almost 40 planes entered which were judged by a group of 3 judges.

Can you please share this information with your club and ask the members to simply let me know if they are interested. We will move forward with our plans based on the level of interest.

Anyone interested should contact me. I will send updated information once we determine the level of interest. Contact: **Mike Lenz** e-mail address is: **Lenzmike@aol.com** Telephone: **216-496-1347**

Basic Contest Information: Categories include: Beginning Builder, Intermediate Builder, Advanced builder, Best ARF built. General Awards are for: Best build for young builders (18 or younger), Crowd Favorite, and Top Gun.

Rules: To be defined but not too strict but tight enough to cause arguments. **Planes have to be built (finished-not started) within the past 12 months and may have flown.** Cost: Entry fee would be between \$4.00-\$5.00 per plane.

Cash awards to the winners in each category. All awards are based on the total amount of contests.

Thanks for listening. Michael Lenz, Westlake RC Club Lenzmike@aol.com (216) 496-1347. Questions go to Mike Lenz.

December 2011 MEETING MINUTES:

- * The meeting was called to order by Vice President John Halfhill at 6:30 PM on December 1, 2011 at the North Ridgeville Library.
- * Secretary, Bob Slivka read the minutes from the previous meeting. Rich Horvath motioned to accept the minutes, and seconded by Steve Petranyi; the minutes were accepted.
- * Financial Report: Boro Pizir read the Financial Report. A motion to accept the report was made by Tom Aston and seconded by Jim Kingsley; the minutes were accepted
- * Membership Report: Chris Bonner reported 100 members of LCRC in November, 2011..
- * Field Maintenance: The field is wet.
- * Safety Report: Have a nice holiday and stay safe at home.
- * Club Raffle and Fuel Raffle: No Club Raffle. The Fuel Raffle was won by Ron Arif.

Old Business:

- * No news about filling in pot holes on the road leading to the field. Bob Brassell was unable to attend the December meeting, and will give a report at the next meeting.

New Business:

- * John Halfhill reported on the possibility of having a plane building contest as reported in an e-mail sent out by Michael Lenz of the Westlake RC Club. This would be a fun event and a fundraiser for the Westlake RC Club. If you are interested, contact Mike Lenz at Lenzmike@aol.com. Last year there were 40 planes built; judging was done by John Halfhill, Bud Boreman, and Rich Horvath. The categories include: Beginning builder, Intermediate builder, Advanced builder, and Best ARF built. The entry fee would be between \$4 and \$5 per plane and cash awards would be awarded to winners in each category. More details about the rules can be found on page 1 of this December Newsletter.
- * Safety Officer Election: Jim Kingsley was nominated for Safety Officer for 2012. Jim Pflanz closed the nominations, and Jim Kingsley was reelected. Jim Kingsley accepted the office of Safety Officer for the next year.
- * Dennis Matovich reported that the website has been updated and has a better format for photos.
- * The Akron Swapmeet was rated as very good by some of the members who attended. Keep this in mind if you are thinking of attending the Akron Swapmeet next year.
- * Correction from the November Newsletter. The Geneva Sports Complex Indoor Flyin held December 2, 3 and 4 had a pilot fee of \$25, and not \$15, and free for spectators.
- * Bill Ritchie and Tom Olejko are storing the trainers at their homes for the winter.
- * The Skysport Transmitter for the club owned red LT 40 Trainer has been reported missing. If you borrowed it or know its location contact any club officer.
- * Bill Ritchie placed a new battery in the transmitter of the club owned Eagle 2 Trainer Airplane.

2011 MINUTES CONTINUED:

New Business Continued:

- * The traditional January 1st Chilly Fly will be at 1:00PM at Crawford Field. Attach some skis to your airplane if there is a snow covered field. Or, if you don't want to fly, come to the field as a spectator.
- * Boro Pizir reported about a huge hobby store in Orlando Florida. Graves RC of Orlando Florida has just about every kind of plane for sale. The ceiling is littered with many used planes for sale, and the walls are stacked with tons of kits and stuff; if you are ever in Orlando, Florida, stop in and have a look.
- * John Halfhill thanked everyone for accepting some of his decisions during the last 5 years of his service to the Club, and he hopes for a better 2012. John wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- * Jim Pflanz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rich Horvath; the meeting was adjourned.

- * **Continue to be aware of the 10mph limit as you drive to and from Crawford Flying Field!**
- * **Continue to be aware of Safety Rules!**

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PLANES BEING BUILT

There is a lot of activity out there, and I have received a lot of information on plane building to share with members this month.

Bob Schneider is well on his way to completing a 1/5 scale CAP 10. He is building from a discontinued Yellow Aircraft Kit. The model features a fiberglass fuselage and balsa sheeted foam core wings and horizontal stabilizer. He covered the wings and stabs in Stits Lite Polyester fabric. The painting work will be done with Behr acrylic latex followed by a Polycrylic clearcoat sealer. Power is a Zenoah G-26 and Robart struts are used on the landing gear. Bob opted to include flaps on the model to make the approach speeds a bit tamer. Flying weight is expected to come in a bit south of 20 lbs. Photo of the Cap 10 was sent in by Jeff Shutic.



Photo by Richard Kolesa

Jim Suchy has two 1/3 scale WWI projects underway this building season. The first is a Siemens Shuckert D.VI. He is building from plans by Dave Johnson. This airplane appeared very late in the war, and utilized a geared rotary engine that swung a massive 4 blade propeller. The fuselage is completely round in cross section. The model is all built and ready to cover. Expected to fly in 2012.



Siemens Shuckert D.IV
Photos sent in by Jeff Schutic

Jim's other project is an Airco (Dehavilland) DH2, also 1/3 scale. This airplane appeared early in the war and utilized a pusher engine to allow gun placement on the airplane's centerline. This design preceded the use of gun/engine synchronization by British forces. Jim drew up his own plans for this effort. The rearward placement of the pusher engine will require a lot of nose weight as the pilot and ammo load was part of the weight and balance equation of the full size aircraft. The model is well underway and is also expected to fly in 2012.



Left: Airco(Dehavilland) DH2 picture photo and under construction photo sent in by Jeff Shutic.

Jeff Shutic has made more progress on his 1/3 scale Hansa Brandenburg D.I Starstrutter project which was started last winter. The wings have now been fitted so the strut system can be designed and built. The model will be powered with a Zenoah G-62 engine fitted with a belt drive reducer to turn a 30" propeller. The model is expected to fly in 2012.



Picture photo on the left and photo of plane being built on the right of the Hansa Brandenburg D.I Starstrutter project which will be ready to fly in 2012. Jeff is also continuing with adding additional scale details to his 1/3 scale Sopwith Triplane which flew this past year. Photos sent in by Jeff Shutic.



Jeff Shutic is also researching the 1918 Vicker Vimy twin engine bomber as a possible project for the 2014 Dayton Dawn Patrol Rendezvous that will mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the great War (as it was called back then). The Vimy would be built to the same scale as Jim Suchy's Gotha G.IV bomber and would span around 16 feet. More researching the project, detailing the drawings, and getting parts together need to be done. More information and photos on page 5.



PLANES BEING BUILT CONTINUED

Jim Suchy is designing the airfoil for the Vicker Vimy. The actual construction is scheduled for June, 2012, allowing 2 years to build and test fly. The wing area is 75 square feet, and the finished plane will weigh close to 75 lbs. Jeff says it should make a good candy dropper.



The left photo is Jeff Shutic's Sopwith Triplane. The picture photograph on the right is the planned 1918 Vicker Vimy twin engine bomber that may take up to two years to complete, just in time for the 2014 Dayton Dawn Patrol Rendezvous in Dayton Ohio, and marking the 100th anniversary of



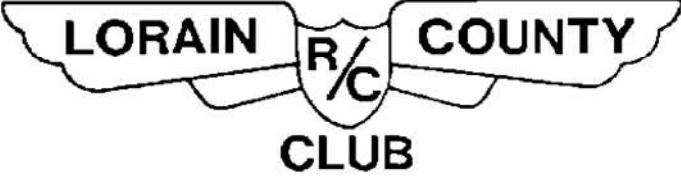
W W I. Photos sent in by Jeff Shutic.

CHECK OUT THIS WEBSITE

An interesting website was sent in by Bret Durisin, www.lazor-toyz.com/shopindex.htm has a video of a \$5 item that could help in the location of a lost plane in the thick growth of trees and bushes at the south end of the field. The item is called a plane locator. The device is small and attaches to the plane's charging port. When you stop using the controls of your turned on transmitter for one minute, the device emits a loud noise that can help locate a lost plane. Other items and planes are also for sale on this website.



LCRC Membership Application for 2012



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2012

AMA CHARTER #963

NAME _____

AMA# _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

The email address above will be used to send monthly newsletters and any communication from the club. Please provide your email to save printing and mailing costs. You can also download the newsletter from the internet at **LCRC.ORG**. Members who do not have an email address can receive their newsletter by mail by checking here _____. The newsletter will be sent to the address above.

ADULT \$75 SENIOR \$65 JUNIOR \$15 ASSOCIATE N/C – Spouse or Child of Adult Membe

NOTE: There will be a \$10 late penalty for anyone who has not renewed by February 28th of the current year. **Excluding new members!**

Make checks or money orders payable to: "Lorain County R/C Club". Mail applications to Chris Bonner at the following address:

Chris Bonner, LCRC Membership Chairperson
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Macomb, MI 48044
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I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE LORAIN COUNTY R/C CLUB BYLAWS AND FIELD RULES, AS WELL AS THE AMA SAFETY CODE.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____