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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *John Fischer*

First of all, I wish to convey my wishes to all of the membership for a fun and sage 2006 year with the LCRC. As the spring season approaches, many of last year's issues and problems have been laid to rest and it is my hope that we only go forward from here. If any problems do arise please contact me through my e-mail or home telephone number.

As of our last monthly business meeting we have scheduled our Model Mania and another activity that I feel very important to the club's atmosphere is a fun fly that we hold after every business meeting during the flying season.

Hopefully, more of our members will take an active role in this club—I understand that not everyone can—but those who have the time should be a participant. However, if you wish only to fly, show up often and enjoy our fine facility—but safety and adherence to the rules is paramount. To those that become involved with the club's operation, I thank you in advance as we will all benefit from a stronger organization. This year we already have a better response to the committee signups and I hope this trend continues.

When someone shows ownership in any activity they participate in, much personal satisfaction is gained. I strongly believe that if we make progress with the aforementioned, the LCRC will be an organization we can all be proud to be associated with.



Up, up, and away for a great 2006 flying sea-

WEB SITE

Tony DiNicola is seeking membership participation with the club's web site. E-mail your articles and photographs to TONYLCRC@AOL.COM

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MODEL MANIA 2006



The date for this year's event is Sunday, August 13th with the club holding its monthly business meeting and setup detail on Saturday, August 12th. The rainout date is set for Sunday, August 20th. We are now enlisting volunteers for the many duties that are necessary for a safe and smooth running event. Bob Brassel has signed on to be the event's Contest Director.

Early planning and organization will make the day a memorable one as we showcase the many aspects of the hobby we enjoy so much—warbirds, helicopters, turbines, aerobatic aircraft, trainers, electric flight, 3D and so on. So join in and help!

NEXT MEETING—SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH NORDSON DEPOT 1:30 P.M.

Special points of interest:

- Have you renewed your AMA and LCRC membership yet???
- Don't forget the Toledo show the weekend of April 7, 2006
- Watch for our upcoming field maintenance day
- For the latest in Li-Poly batter technology log onto BigWave-Power.Com

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February Meeting Minutes

- ◇ The meeting was called to order by President John Fischer at 1:32 p.m.
- ◇ The minutes from the January meeting were read and accepted
- ◇ The treasury report was read and accepted
- ◇ Safety Officer Report—Chris Bonner mentioned that the fire extinguishers have been procured, are currently in the shed
- ◇ Membership Report—Yvette Calvert As of today 80 members have renewed or joined
- ◇ Raffle Chairman—Brian Buganski - stated that the club has purchased sufficient raffle prizes to date and today's raffle will be for a Protégé RC airplane kit
- ◇ Field Maintenance—No Report
- ◇ Audit Report—Ben Sultzer Ben and Stan reviewed the financial records being maintained by club Treasurer Tony Oravec and decreed that the club's financial recordkeeping is in very capable hands

Old Business

- ◇ John Fischer opened proceedings to the membership as how to address the issue of Bill Paulin—a motion was passed to vote whether or not to retain his membership—vote will occur at the end of today's meeting

New Business

- ◇ John Fischer expressed his desire to have an improved family atmosphere at the flying field this year and suggested a fun-fly after each business meeting
- ◇ Brian Buganski volunteered to assist John Fischer and John Shutic with the Events Committee
- ◇ Gary Szetlak suggested that the members wear name tags when at the field. Gary's affiliation with a previous club utilized these and they were very helpful with membership recognition and were a professional presentation to guests at the field. Gary will look into sources for obtaining these and will report back
- ◇ Chris Bonner made a motion that the club allocate \$50.00 for prizes for each fun fly in addition to reinstating the one gallon fuel raffle at each club meeting. Motion Accepted. Chris also donated four gallons of fuel for the raffle.
- ◇ John Fischer mentioned the need to improve the timeliness and quality of the club's newsletter and website—these are very important communication tools for the club. It was mentioned that there have been several updates to the club's web site as of late
- ◇ Cookouts/Family Events—John Fischer suggested that these be incorporated into the club calendar—steak fry's, grill/bbq cook-outs etc. It was suggested that these be scheduled with the monthly fun-fly's. Topic to be expanded on at next meeting
- ◇ John Fischer wants the LCRC to host the Westlake RC Club Warbird Fly-In this year. He will send a letter of invitation to them to see if there is interest.
- ◇ John Fischer, Bill Tracy, and Chris Bonner will visit the site of the Boy Scout Jamboree being held this September to assess the feasibility and safety of the Lorain County Fairgrounds location.
- ◇ Tony Oravec made mention of local AMA sanctioned events that are published in the AMA magazine events calendar
- ◇ John Fischer wants any member with a grievance of any kind to bring it to his attention—preferably via e-mail, or a call to his residence, the member may also bring the issue up at the club's monthly meeting
- ◇ The issue of black T-shirts purchased by the membership was presented by John Fischer—this color was designated for club flight instructors **only**. After discussion the issue was tabled and will be addressed at the March meeting as John Fischer will review the club's previous ruling on this matter
- ◇ Membership voted to terminate the membership of Bill Paulin
- ◇ The raffle was won by Jim Pflanz

Meeting Adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Financial Report **Tony Oravec, Treasurer**

As of 02/05/06

Beginning Balance		\$4377.59
Less Expenses	#1312 Holiday Inn (Christmas Party)	\$789.05
	#1313 Bill Pritcher (Raffle Prize)	\$280.00
	#1314 John Dolacki (Raffle Prize)	\$100.00
Total Expenses		\$1169.05
Plus Receipts		
	#81494 John Shutic (Xmas Party)	\$645.00
	#81495 Brian Buganski (Raffle)	\$62.00
	#81496 Yvette Calvert (Membership)	\$2035.00
Gross Balance		\$5950.54
Less 2006 Expenses		
	2006 Field Rent	\$2190.00
	AMA Insurance	\$190.00
	Port-a-Potty	\$550.00
	Field Maintenance	\$1800.00
Total Estimated Reserve		\$4730.00
Net Operating Funds		\$1221.54



An unidentified LCRC member takes advantage of the warm winter weather to bench-test his new JetCat turbine in his own unique way

New Aircraft Our Members are Building

- ◆ Bob Jackson will be unveiling a giant scale Aeronca Champ this spring
- ◆ Phillip Technow is in the finishing stages of his first kit build—a Sig Cougar powered by an O.S. .46 AX
- ◆ Jim Suchy is building an A-26 Invader—a twin engine WWII bomber you don't see modeled and flown very often
- ◆ Jeff Shutic is building a 1/4 scale Balsa USA Fokker DVII powered by a Zenoah G-26
- ◆ John Dolacki is building a giant scale Curtis P-40 from Ziroli plans

2005 HOLIDAY PARTY

The LCRC held it's annual Holiday Party at the Elyria Holiday Inn on Sunday, December 18th, 2005 and it was an affair enjoyed by all who attended.

There was a delicious buffet that offered something for everyone's palate and a cash bar which everyone sipped from as they mingled and shared last year's highlights and this year's expectations. Three television monitors played video highlights of the 2005 flying season as well as the ooh and aah producing Crasher Video series.

A big note of appreciation to Brian Buganski, our raffle chairman who put on a spectacular raffle with prizes for the members, ladies, and children. Brian put in a lot of time and leg-work for this event and it was certainly the highlight of the day. Also, we need to thank Daniels Hobbies, Hobby Town, and the Corner Store for their generosity with raffle prizes.

It was suggested by the attendees that the club hold the 2006 party at this locale. With sufficient planning time in addition to the members prepaying for their admission—a much larger turnout and a festive year end celebration will be something for all of us to look forward to.

Newsletter Articles and Submissions

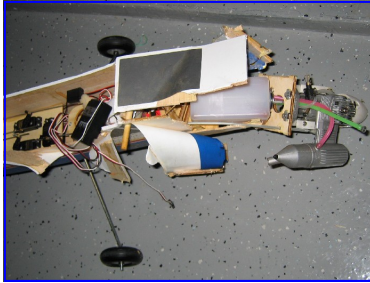
First of all, I apologize for the delay with your receipt of this newsletter. It seems my desktop publishing skills haven't kept up with the times and I struggled to produce this issue. Now that I have a basic template I will only need to input the upcoming meeting information so the March issue will be e-mailed or sent hard copy in a more timely manner.

I have utilized newsletters in a previous occupation and will strive to keep them informative, interesting, and representative of the club's members, activities, and upcoming dates/events.

What will enhance our newsletter the most is your participation—by composing and submitting articles to me. Areas of interest, new technology, building tips and projects, featured members, and photographs.

With the next issue I will provide an E-mail address to simplify the submission process, however in the meantime please bring any information to the March 5th club meeting

John Shutic, Club Secretary



A quick glance at this ruined plane reminds us a good reason for safe RC flying habits—other than the one of utmost importance—personal safety

Before You Fly

RC pilots should practice what is a required procedure for full-scale pilots; a thorough preflight inspection of the aircraft. If you have ever observed one, the pilot does a complete walk around inspection of the aircraft—paying close attention to its control surfaces, overall structural integrity, landing gear, power plane, and propeller condition.

RC pilots should do the same. It only takes a few minutes while assembling your bird at the field and will pay off with more flight time and less time repairing or shopping for a replacement for the one that fluttered and sputtered.

Pay close attention to the engine and its mounts, control surface hinging, no loose or failed glue joints, pushrods, servo horns, wheel collars, servo mounts, etc. Scrutinize the propeller's condition too.

Keep 'em Flying & Fly Safe

SAFETY THOUGHTS

Chris Bonner, Safety Officer

- ◆ When starting your aircraft, ensure that it is pointing to the east, is held in place by a restraint, and is not taxied out of the pits
- ◆ If your takeoff roll goes off line and becomes a potential hazard in proximity to a bystander, another aircraft, or the pit area— **ABORT** the takeoff rather than trying to force the plane into the air— full scale pilots live by this practice and so should we
- ◆ It is every member's responsibility to know the published map of our flying field—fly and no fly zones— are to be adhered to
- ◆ The AMA has recently modified one of its rules regarding aircraft in flight—at **no time** is a pilot to fly within 25 feet of another person—so maintain a line of flight 25 feet parallel and away from the barricades
- ◆ Observe the allowable number of planes in flight at one time and observe the pattern
- ◆ Let us all be considerate making sure that everyone has a chance to fly, it's nice just sitting back to relax, enjoying the surroundings, and taking time to chat with another club member or guest. Be conscientious of giant scale aircraft, turbines, and novice pilots.
- ◆ If you observe someone violating a club rule, kindly bring it to their attention. I am at the field often and will certainly maintain a safe facility for all of us.



This is Nick Yuhasz's F-5 Freedom Fighter in Swiss Air Force markings climbing out after takeoff. You will have to travel to a jet-fly to see Nick pilot this turbine powered aircraft since it only operates from a paved runway. It is too pretty of a picture not to publish in the LCRC newsletter

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