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**UPDATE FROM LCRC EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DAVE COOK**

MANY AN RC ENTHUSIAST HAS ASKED THE QUESTION “WHY ISN’T THERE ANY YOUTH INTEREST IN AVIATION?” OTHER SIMILAR INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SUCH CONCERNS. POST WW2 INTEREST IN AVIATION WAS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH WITH FREQUENT EVENTS SUCH AS AIR RACES AND AIRSHOWS ALONG WITH A LARGE INTEREST IN GENERAL AVIATION. BOTH YOUNG AND OLD WERE ENTHRALLED IN THIS ERA BUT TODAY’S SKIES ARE A STERILE REPRESENTATION OF RECENT PAST. HIGH TECH AND HIGH ALTITUDE AIRLINERS QUIETLY FLY HIGH OVERHEAD ALMOST UNNOTICED. THE THRILL OF AVIATION HAS BEEN IMMERSSED INTO A MODERN DAY WORLD OF BUSY LIFESTYLES, GADGETS AND TECHNOLOGY THAT PUSHES YOUTH INTEREST TO THE BACK BURNER. THERE ARE CURRENTLY SEVERAL GROUPS THAT ARE APPROACHING THIS MATTER IN THEIR OWN UNIQUE WAY. THE OLDEST OF THESE PROGRAMS IS THE ELYRIA HIGH SCHOOL STEAM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART AND MATH) PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM COMMENCED THREE YEARS AGO BY CLUB MEMBER NEIL MABROUK WORKING WITH TEACHER JEANNINE WEST WHO HAS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THIS EFFORT. SINCE IT’S INCEPTION SHE HAS PROCURED A DOZEN TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS TO PUT INTO FLITE TEST MT MINI TRAINERS. USING HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS AND HOT GLUE GUNS. STUDENTS BEGIN A SIX WEEK JOURNEY INTO AIRPLANE CONSTRUCTION. THEY ARE QUICK TO LEARN THE BASIC COMPONENT LANGUAGE SUCH AS AILERONS AND FUSELAGE. IT TAKES A LITTLE PATIENCE AS THEY BUILD, TO UNDERSTAND HOW ALL THE WORKING PARTS AFFECT AN AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT. THE PROGRAM KICKS OFF WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GLIDER VERSION OF THE AIRPLANE. AFTER HAND TOSSED FLIGHTS RADIO CONTROL COMPONENTS ARE ADDED TO THE TAIL SURFACES ALONG WITH THE MOTOR. THE PROJECT CULMINATES WITH “THE BEST FIELD TRIP EVER’ AT THE LOCAL  
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**REVISITING THE WINGS AND WARBIRDS OVER PORT CLINTON**

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE EVENT WAS 2012 WHEN FORMER LCRC CLUB MEMBER BRIAN DEE ORGANIZED AN RC EVENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LIBERTY AIR MUSEUM IN PORT CLINTON. ATTENDEES WERE ABLE TO TOUR THE MUSEUM AND SEE RC AVIATORS FLY FROM THE NORTH/SOUTH TAXIWAY. THIS EVENT HAD A FIVE YEAR RUN AND EACH YEAR GREW LARGER TO INCORPORATE FULL SCALE AIRCRAFT JOINING IN WITH THE LARGE COLLECTION OF RC AIRCRAFT. IN ONLY IT’S SECOND YEAR THE SHOW MOVED TO THE NORTH/SOUTH RUNWAY WHICH WAS CLOSED FOR THE EVENT AND EVEN HAD AN FAA NOTAM TO INFORM FULL SCALE AIRCRAFT. THE 2016 SHOW INCLUDED A TWO SHIP FORMATION FROM THE OHIO ANG 112th FIGHTER SQUADRON F16s “THE STINGERS”. PAGE 5 OF THIS NEWSLETTER HAS A PHOTO ESSAY OF THE 2012 EVENT AND THE MARCH NEWSLETTER WILL HAVE PHOTOS FROM THE FINAL YEAR OF THIS SHOW 2016

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SATURDAY MARCH 7th AT 12 P.M.**



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**THE MARCH CLUB MEETING WILL HAVE A PRIZE RAFFLE FOR THE ATTENDEES PRESENT. AMONGST THE VARIOUS PRIZES IS A \$50 CASH PRIZE THAT HAS YET TO BE CLAIMED. PLAN TO ATTEND THE MARCH MEETING. THE WEATHER SHOULD BE IMPROVING SO WE HOPE TO SEE Y’ALL**

**10 MPH OR LESS WHEN ENTERING AND LEAVING OUR FLYING FIELD**

(CONTINUATION OF DAVE COOK'S ARTICLE)

RC FLYING FIELD WHERE THEY GET TO FLY THEIR COMPLETED AIRCRAFT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A CLUB MEMBER INSTRUCTOR. THE NEW AVIATORS ARE TREATED TO A PICNIC LUNCH OF GRILLED HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS, SIDE DISHES AND BEVERAGES. THE NEWER PROJECT IS WORKING ALONGSIDE THE EAA (EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION) WITH THEIR BUILD AND FLY PROGRAM. THIS WELL ESTABLISHED PROGRAM WAS RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE LOCAL EAA CHAPTER 1252 AT THE LORAIN COUNTY AIRPORT. THE EAA PROVIDES A COMPLETE RC TRAINER KIT COMPLETE WITH ADHESIVES, COVERING, MOTOR, TRANSMITTER ALONG WITH AN RC SIMULATOR AND A VAPOR INDOOR AIRCRAFT. ALL OF THESE ITEMS ARE PROVIDED AT A TREMENDOUS DISCOUNT. LAST YEAR'S PROGRAM INVOLVED THE SPACE AND AVIATION CLUB AT THE KEYSTONE HIGH SCHOOL IN GRAFTON. THIS YEAR THE PROGRAM IS BEING HOSTED BY DISCOVER AVIATION AT THE LORAIN COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT. THE EAA PURCHASED A NEW KIT TO BUILD, HOWEVER THE ENTIRE PROJECT WAS NOT FUNDED. WE ARE IN NEED OF SEVERAL COMPONENTS TO COMPLETE THIS AIRCRAFT. THE ELYRIA PROGRAM IS TAKING PLACE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL ON SCHOOL DAYS WITH THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM COMMENCING ON MONDAY, MARCH 23rd. WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO ROAM THE VARIOUS BUILD STATIONS AND OFFER GUIDANCE/ASSISTANCE WITH CONSTRUCTION. THE EAA PROGRAM IS HELD ON SATURDAYS FROM 10:00 AM TIL 12:00 PM IN THE DISCOVER AVIATION HANGAR (IT IS THE GROUP OF HANGARS AT THE NORTHWEST AREA OF THE AIRFIELD). HELP WILL BE NEEDED AT THESE SESSIONS TO COVER FOR THE AUTHOR WHEN HE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND. NO GREAT BUILDING SKILLS ARE REQUIRED. THE KIT ASSEMBLY IS BASIC AND PLANS ARE WELL PRESENTED. HERE ARE THE COMPONENTS THAT WE ARE IN NEED OF: SPEKTRUM DX6E SIX CH TRANSMITTER, RUDDER ELEVATOR AND AILERONS SERVOS, EFLITE POWER 46 MOTOR, LIPO BATTERY PACK, SPEKTRUM SMART AVIAN 60 AMP ESC WITH BEC, SPEKTRUM AR620 SIX CHANNEL SPORT RECEIVER, IRON ON VINYL COVERING MATERIAL AND GRAPHICS, SPEKTRUM S100 X 100W USB-C SMART CHARGER, MEDIUM SIZED SPEKTRUM MOTOR MOUNT, SERVO EXTENSIONS AND Y HARNESS, 13 X 8 THIN ELECTRIC PROP, 12" 440 THREADED PUSHRODS, 1 2.25 NOSE WHEEL AND 2 2.5 INCH MAINS, DuBRO 1.5 INCH SPINNER, 5/32" WHEEL COLLARS, VELCRO FOR BATTERY, 36 INCH DuBRO LAZER PUSHRODS. PLAN TO VISIT US AT THE HANGAR ON SATURDAY MORNINGS AND BRING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU! DAVE COOK



JEFF SHUTIC'S SCRATCH BUILD VICKERS VIMY 1/4 SCALE WWI BOMBER PROGRESS. LANDING GEAR AND NACELLE BRACING COMPLETED. SERVO AND CONTROL CABLING INSTALLATION IS UNDERWAY. READY FOR ENGINE INSTALLATION. POWERED BY 2 ZENOAH G62 TWO STROKE GAS ENGINES. ALSO ADDING WEIGHT UP FRONT FOR CG.

STUDENTS AT WORK ON THE EAA PROJECT



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE KEYSTONE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT





THE LCRC WISHES A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER MARK CONRAD. MARK WAS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE FEBRUARY 7th MEETING AND SUBMITTED HIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. MARK IS JUST BEGINNING HIS JOURNEY INTO THE HOBBY AND WILL BE PROCURING HIS FIRST AIRPLANES AND RADIO EQUIPMENT AND WILL BE LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP. BE SURE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO MARK AS HE ATTENDS MEETINGS AND VISITS CRAWFORD FIELD IN THE SPRING

UPCOMING SWAP MEETS IN OUR AREA:

- 2026 WAYNE COUNTY RC SWAP MEET SAT. FEBRUARY 21st 9:00 AM TIL 1:00 PM FAIRLANW MENNONITE CHURCH 8520 EMERSON ROAD APPLE CREEK, OHIO
- 2026 RAVENNA THUNDERBIRDS SWAP SHOP SAT. MARCH 14th 9:00AM TO 1:00 PM TALLMADGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 207 N. MUNROE RD TALLMADGE, OHIO
- WESTLAKE RC CLUB'S 54 1/2th ANNUAL SWAP SHOP (RESCHEDULED FROM ORIGINAL 10/25 DATE DUE TO FACILITY REPAIRS) SUN. MARCH 22nd 9:00 AM TIL 12:00 PM. NORTH OLMSTED COMMUNITY CABIN 28114 LORAIN RD NORTH OLMSTED, OHIO
- DAYTON MODELRAMA LARGE SWAP EVENT HELD IN MARCH STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER UPDATES
- TOLEDO RC SWAP MEET AND EXPO APRIL 10th AND 11th 2026 FRIDAY FROM 9:00 AM TIL 5:00 PM AND SATURDAY FROM 9:00 AM TIL 3:00 PM GLASS CITY CENTER (MAIN FLOOR) SWAPPERS, MANUFACTURERS & DISTRIBUTORS 401 JEFFERSON AVENUE TOLEDO, OHIO 43604



Westlake RC Club's 54 1/2 th Annual



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Sunday March 22, 2026

9 AM - 12 PM

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Radio Controlled Planes, Heli's, Cars, Boats, Quads, Radios & Accessories We have added additional tables this year

When: Saturday, March 14, 2026, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm General Admission: \$5 per person, children 12 and under FREE

Where: Tallmadge United Methodist Church 207 North Munroe Road, Tallmadge, Ohio 44278 Free Parking - Plenty of parking spaces for cars, trucks, and trailers

Details: Tables 8'x 2'6" Available by reservation Tables \$12 each, or \$15 each after March 1st and at the door (includes free admission for 1 vendor) Table reservations Contact Mike @ 330-296-3633 or kb8tuy@gmail.com Pre-paid reservations are non-refundable after March 1st Cash and Venmo accepted for payment Table layout available @ ravennathunderbirds.com Exhibitor setup 8:00-9:00 am Saturday, tear down same day 1:00-1:30 pm

Hot Food and Beverages Available while supplies last With proceeds from purchases going directly to the church. Serving, Biscuits & gravy - Hot dogs - Chili - Coffee - Soft drinks



WINGS AND WARBIRDS OVER PORT CLINTON





SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7th CLUB MEETING MINUTES

PRESIDENT JIM SEMAN CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:00 PM. ATTENDEES: 3 OFFICERS, 4 MEMBERS (INCLUDING NEW MEMBER MARK CONRAD) AND ONE GUEST. THERE WERE NO MINUTES TO READ FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING

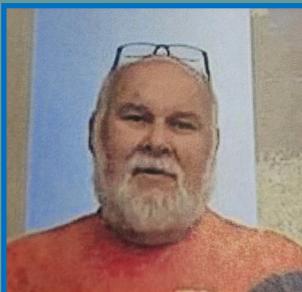
PRESIDENT JIM SEMAN MENTIONED THAT DAVE COOK CONTACTED HIM REGARDING HAVING THIS MEETING HELD AT THE EAA HANGAR AT LORAIN COUNTY AIRPORT WITH THE INTENT OF CLUB MEMBERS OBSERVING AND MENTORING THE KEYSTONE STUDENTS BUILDING THEIR EAA FUNDED RC TRAINER. JIM INDICATED THIS WOULD BE A GOOD VENUE FOR THE CLUB TO BE INVOLVED AND A FUTURE MEETING DATE WOULD BE CONSIDERED. JIM IS STILL WAITING FOR THE 2 CLUB MOWERS TO BE DELIVERED TO HIS WORK-PLACE WAREHOUSE ON LOWELL STREET TO BE SERVICED FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. JIM IS ATTEMPTING TO RENEW COMMUNICATION WITH A CONTACT AT THE CITY TO CONTINUE PURSUING A SECOND FLYING SITE. THIS WAS INITIALLY STARTED A WHILE BACK AND WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE CLUB TO PURSUE.

TREASURER JACK HOPP PRESENTED A REVIEW OF THE CLUB'S FINANCES AND REPORTED THAT 2025 WAS BASICALLY A BREAK EVEN YEAR FOR THE CLUB WHEN COMPARING EXPENSES TO MEMBERSHIP IN-COME. JACK WILL BE MEETING WITH SHERI NEXT WEEK TO PROVIDE HER WITH THE 2026 RENT CHECK FOR THE FLYING FIELD. JACK WILL HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH SHERI TO SEE WHAT HER FUTURE PLANS ARE REGARDING THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY. JACK REPORTED THAT HALF OF LAST YEAR'S MEMBERS HAVE YET TO RENEW AND HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF MAILING MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO THIS YEAR'S PAID MEMBERS AND PLANS TO UPDATE THE CLUB ROSTER

SECRETARY JOHN SHUTIC REPORTED THAT HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF SEARCHING FOR A USED 20 FT SHIPPING CONTAINER TO REPLACE THE WOODEN SHED. JIM INDICATED HE HAS 2 SUCH UNITS THAT HE MAY HAVE ACCESS TO. JACK SUGGESTED AMA FLYING SITE ASSISTANCE FOR LARGE EXPENSES OLD BUSINESS PILOT BARRICADE REMOVAL (NOT DISCUSSED) NEW BUSINESS STEVE BROOKS, A GUEST AT THE CLUB IS SEEKING RC TURBINE ASSISTANCE FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS. HE HAS 2 JETS AND WAS INFORMED THAT HIS CONTACT INFO WILL BE FORWARDED TO NICK, NEIL AND DAVE. STEVE INDICATED HE IS A POTENTIAL MEMBER CURRENTLY AT VALLEY VIEW RC. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING PASSED @12:40 PM

2026 CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

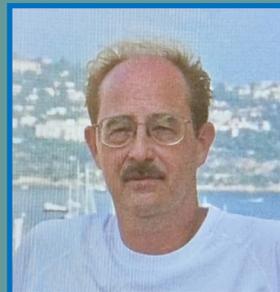
THE LCRC OFFICERS & CHAIRMAN WHO ENDEAVOR TO SERVE THE CLUB AND PROMOTE THE RC HOBBY



PRESIDENT JIM SEMAN



VICE PRES. MIKE PECK



TREASURE JACK HOPP



SECRETARY JOHN SHUTIC



SAFETY OFFICER  
JIM KINGSLEY



EDUCATION CHAIRMAN  
DAVE COOK



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN