## Model aircraft pilots take to skies at show

Model alrevaft enthusiasts turned North Farmington High School into a radio control air base July 15-16 when planes were demonstrated for the third annual model air show spensored by Riberackers Radio Club of Livonia and the Farmington Area Jayces.

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The air show is associated with Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival activities, It featured quarter-scale military aircraft, simulated air combat and specialty model aircraft, Nearly 200 people participated both days.

"They put on a great show," said Ray Aiwell of Farmington Hills, "When I was a kid, they didn't have there radio planes. That was long before power planes."

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THE SHOW is presented to expose participants and viewers to all aspects of the sport. It is staged as a jund-raiser for Riberackers and the Jaycees, Riberacker president Ernst Wendi said.

The planes are controlled by radio and are assigned various frequencies by the Federal Communications.

"We encourage this type of hobby for younger kids, rather than something not as beneficial," Wendi said. "They get to interact with ciders in a sport they both enjoy."

MILITARY AIRCRAFT such as the P-51 of World War II, the Tri-plane flown by the Red Barron, and the "Blue Angels" flyers were dem-

A three-plane collision during air combat on July 18 was "no crash and burn" but did cause major damage to the models. All members of Rib-crackers are insured, Wendi sald.

Alternat entertainment peaked with demonstrations of odd-looking planes such as flying saucers, flying care, a flying iron and the "Praying Manits."

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The flying witch "Hilda" flew in on her bromstick by creator Barry Killick, Riberackers member. Hilda wears orange and black socks, ablack cape for wings with her brom as the rutter.

"Believe it or not, she's not my mother-in-law," Killick sald.
"It's awesome," said Greg Mudge, 14, of Farmington. "It's almost like areal air show."

"I like watching them do all the loops," said Feddy Winnen, 10, of Royal Onk. "Yesterday, they had combat planes that coilided. I thought that was neat."

HOUGH that was real.

RIBCRACKERS IS a non-profit organization that meets twice a month to enhance techniques in model aircraft. All members are part of a national organization called Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Annateurs are required to build their own model and buy a radio controller. The total start-up coat to fly is \$200 or \$150 for sail planes that are not radio operated, Wendi said.

ARF planes (Almost Ready to Fly planes) can be used for beginners and are essentially prebuilt planes with only the major components to assemble such as the wings.

Expensive aircraft such as pattern

AN INSTRUCTOR will first teach how to take the plane up and after several flights will teach flying tech-niques. The last and hardest instruc-

several mass. Several mass and hardest instruction is the landing, Wendl said.
Farmington Area Jaycees provided concessions for the show. 'The
turn-out really exceeded our projections,'' Farmington Area Jaycees
president John Sulo said.
"I think the wenther made it a
nice day for this,' said Buff McCarthy, Jaycees member. "Last year, it
rained all day Sunday."

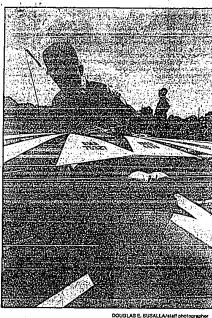
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Swap Shop trade-and-sell booths were set up for hobbyists to swap plane parts and information. The event also included a drawing for an Eagle II model aircraft built by the Riberacker team during the show. Building the model is designed to familiarize viewers with the process and raise aircraft interest throughout the audience.

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Minors are allowed to join the Riberackers. A large number of retired participants are in the club, Wendi said.

"The sport has always attracted me," Wendl said. "But I was never able to do it when I was younger. I enjoy introducing it to my own kids. You don't have to be a kid to enjoy it."



## Naming of new school postponed

Farmington school trustees will postpone naming the dis-trict's new elementary school un-til next month, after discussing several possible names July 10. "Challenger" and "Maple Hill"

"Challenger" and "Maple Hill"
were the favorites among a list of
nine offered this week, with the
board leaning toward "Challenger Elementary."
This drew some groans from
the audience, with resident Richard DeVries commenting. "I
think the name's Jousy. That's just
about the worst name. It says
about the worst name. It says
abothing. It has no significance to
the children."
The school, being built on 11
Mile east of Haisted Road, will be
on a wooded to next to the Hunt
Club subdivision in Farmington
Hills.

ins. In addition to those mentioned In addition to those menticate above, other names being considered include: Maple Ridge, Briar Hill, Sally Ridg, Christa McAuliffe, Maple Woods, Maple View and Maple Dale.

The board solicited name suggestions from the community in May, then parrowed them down to their favorites.

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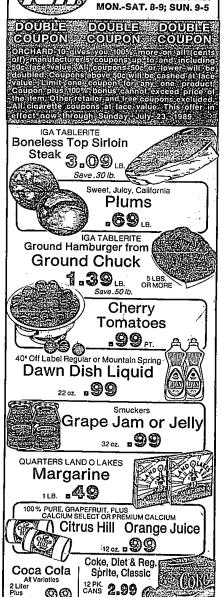
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