

### Club Meetings

Second Wednesday of each month, 6:00pm at the Community Center Building, Goodells County Park. Summer- weather permitting meetings are held at the field.

### Club Breakfast

First Saturday of each month, 9:00 at Cavis Pioneer Restaurant on Lapeer rd. West of Wadhams rd. Flying afterwards

### Come and join us!

Club Meetings and Breakfast are open to everyone, if you are an experienced pilot, or just thinking about getting into R/C, Come check us out.

**The Propbuster R/C flying Club is located at the Goodells County Park, 8345 County Park Drive, Goodells MI 48027.** The flying field is just West of Castor rd. -off the parks East parking lot . *The general location of the park is South of Lapeer rd. -about 10 miles West of Port Huron.*

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# The Broken Prop



## St. Clair County R/C Propbusters

Model Aviation Club Goodells, Michigan

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A.M.A. Charter Club #1762

June 11, 2007

## President's Perspective

*By Gary Smedes*

This month I want to touch on a subject that I can't seem to understand. On May 12 we had our annual Spring work/cleanup day. Out of 74 club members, 7 showed up. Now I don't typically use this column for negative comments or complaining, but I have to say that I'm rather disappointed in the turnout. There was a lot of time and effort put into getting tractors and trailers to the field for moving dirt and we could have used a few more bodies to help spread it around. Especially since all of us were over 40 (2 over 70). If you're over 40 you know what I'm talking about. I commend and thank those of you that took the time out of your busy schedules to come out and do the work that needs to be done. Its only once a year for 3 to 5 hours – if you use the field you should help maintain it. Enough said.

Coming up on June 16 at 10:00am is our first Fun Fly of the year. I believe most of the prep work is done but the club still needs your help to advertise. Please print off a flyer from the website and hang it wherever you can. Due to overwhelming response to the Blue Water Summer booklet, we did not make the cut this year. So we need to put in an extra effort to get the word out. This event provides the funds to set up for our annual Charity Fun Fly in September and help maintain the field.

We've eliminated the parking attendant and cooking positions by having free parking and bringing in a caterer, so all you have to do is show up and fly. Although you may still be asked to help...but it won't be to move dirt. And as always, everyone is invited to join in and fly including other local club members provided you have your AMA.

Good job and a huge 'Thank You' to those of you that showed up for the Eddy Elementary demo. Preliminary reports are indicating a successful day out with the school kids. I'm sure they enjoyed the demo, talent and knowledge that was out there representing the hobby of r/c flight.

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*Hope to see you at the meeting!*



St. Clair County Propbusters

**Meeting Minutes**

On a rainy May 9th, we had a meeting that started at 6:07 pm at the Community Center Building with 7 members and 2 guest present.

Al/Sheila made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. Keith/Sheila made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed and pay bills. Sheila stipulated that the cost of the club's newsletter mailings will be going up starting next month because of stamp prices.

Gary talked to the Times Herald about the club's summer announcement and Keith gave a follow-up on the Pine River Nature Center's permission for our Charity Fun Fly. Gary is going to call someone from the list of concession providers he has as The Pine River Nature Center doesn't have the ability to perform that service.

Gary has received two or three replies back from the donation request letters that he's mailed. Some of the members suggested some other vendors that could be approached for donations.

For a follow-up on the Bulk Fuel Orders, it was provided that the fuel orders were already in and set.

We discussed the Field Cleanup Day coming up this weekend. Ed O volunteered to purchase the painting supplies needed for the work day. Gary/Al made a motion to authorize Ed to spend up to \$100 for paint and supplies. It's was decided that it is too wet to do the French drains. Ed L donated a weed-whacker to the club and will be bringing it to the work day.

A reminder that the River District Eagle's School Kids outing has been changed to June 1st was supplied by Sheila.

Keith mentioned that our July Meeting will be held in the main room at the Community Center building instead of the conference room as that room has already been booked. If the weather is good, we will probably have the meeting at the field anyways.

Ed O reminded us about the fence project that Josh is doing for his Boy Scout Eagle project. A requirement of the Boy Scout's for the Eagle Project is that all the project materials must be donated by the club or other members. Ed O/Gary made a motion to spend up to \$120 for fence parts for Josh's Eagle project.

We discussed the extra finishing mower and possible removal of it from storage at the field. Al/Ed L made a motion to offer the extra finish mower deck to a private party for \$200.

An email was sent to one of the Redline Racing

members to see if they would be interested in providing a demo at our June Fun Fly. They will discuss it at their next meeting.

We added two members at the meeting: John Neil and Lyle Keipinger.

We passed around SMAC Swap and Toys for Tots flyers.

Sheila/Ed O made a motion to close the meeting at 6:53 pm. All motions passed.



If you have been wondering who has been keeping our field looking like a putting green, meet Tom Nichols. Tom and Ed London have been keeping the equipment in tip top working order, and grass you could bounce a dime off of. Be sure to say thanks next time you see them.

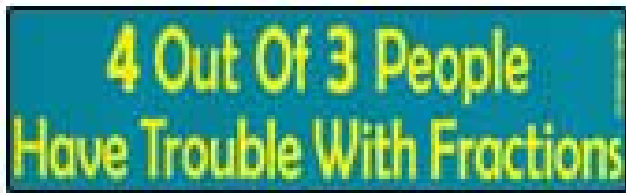
**Financial Report Summary**

Beginning Balance	\$3385.79
<b>Income:</b>	
Dues	\$100.00
Hats	<u>\$ 91.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 191.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Stamps	\$8.19
Tractor parts	\$76.16
Gas and Oil	\$ 73.48
Paint, brushes, ties	\$18.05
Paint	\$69.93
Seed	<u>\$19.78</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$265.59</b>
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$1311.20</b>
<b>Equipment fund</b>	<b><u>\$2000.00</u></b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$3311.20</b>

# THOUGHTS

By Jack DeLisle

I've been reading about the new for airplanes spread spectrum radios and they are the best news in Radio Control since Mono-coat® and CA glue and you might want to put ARF's in that category too.



But I am having a problem with the numbers and claims. Spektrum ( the first out of the blocks with their rendition of Spread Spectrum ) claims that you have to have two receivers to prevent the receiver from "hiding behind" a big engine and losing the signal and they must be positioned apart to work right. This is their 8 channel system. Their 6 channel system also has two receivers but they are in a package and look like one receiver???? They also claim that their six channel system is restricted to park flying only. Regardless of the two receivers in the six channel system ?

Now Futaba® comes out with a spread spectrum system and it has one receiver, as far as I can tell, with the instruction that the two receiving wires should be kept as straight as possible and 90 degrees orientation with regards to one another ( bend each antenna 45 degrees from each other as bending one 90 degrees may lead to breakage). Futaba says that their spread spectrum system is good to go for any airborne model and are not limited to "park" flying. I haven't checked the cost of the Spektrum systems but the Futaba sells for \$296.94 with four standard servos, batteries and etc or you can buy just the transmitter and

receiver for \$219.99 or the plug in transmitter module and receiver for \$189.99 from Tower Hobbies. Those prices are from their latest ads in the Model Airplane News magazine and the flyer I got today in the mail.

And to throw more gas on the fire I open up my latest issue of Model Aviation and there on page 14 is piece in the Worth a Closer Look section extolling the Xtremelink module system for transmitters having removable R/F modules that include Futaba, JR, HiTec, Multiplex and Airtronics radio systems.

The pictures of the transmitter module and the receiver show a short "nubbins" of an antenna protruding from the back / front of each. Not even a dipole with 90 degree separation? This system also has no rejoinder / warning to fly small planes in small places. Does the nub of an antenna sticking out of the back of a transmitter present a problem? Not if you fly without a trey. According to the piece this system will sell for \$179.

I started out this piece saying I had a problem and that isn't true because I probably will never buy another radio system because I have more then I need now but if I were to buy a radio now it would definitely be a spread spectrum. To my way of looking at it, all other radios are obsolete. Well maybe I will buy another radio because I can see a glut on the market of the radio systems setting on the dealers shelves.

Another thing before I close out this little dissertation. I know a few people flying their 40 and 60 size airplanes and using the Spektrum 6 channel radio. When they bought them I think they thought Park Flyer meant Yellowstone or Yosemite National Park?? The United States allows spread spectrum to broadcast at 1 watt. My JR XP1803 puts out 1/2 watt according to the manual !

## **Propbuster Field Gets a Facelift.**

*Ed Olszewski*

At 9:00 am Saturday May 12th the parking area of the field looked more like a tractor convention than an R/C flying field. There was definitely enough horsepower to get something done. At first the weather looked a little ominous with clouds hanging overhead, threatening to drop more rain than the night before. But soon the clouds gave way to clear, sunny skies. The cool weather was just the ticket to get a little work done without working up too much of a sweat. All in all, a perfect day for field work.

First order of business was to get the canopy moved back to the edge of the new parking stone. This will give the gang mowers a straight shot while mowing the flight line, and get rid of the hard to mow area between the stone and the canopy for the woods mower. Hopefully this will make the job of mowing quicker and easier. The tarp for the canopy was installed, but it is starting to look a little ragged. Hopefully we can get at least another year out of it. The ties are about shot, and may need replacing before the season is over.



Attention quickly turned to the assembly benches and the tables. The loose paint was scraped away, but it was decided to let them dry a little, and paint them another day. The supplies are purchased, all we need is some volunteers, and some good weather.

There has been a couple low spots on the field that have collected water that has been a problem for years. It was decided not to let the heavy equipment go to waste, and get some dirt into the low spots, and to get some fresh dirt on the trench that was dug a couple years ago. With the help of Ed L's trailer and Gary Smedes front loader, talk turned into action, and several loads were transported to



the worst of the needy areas, spread out by hand and raked. Jack DeLisle came by with the "Cold Duck" and roller to compact the newly placed soil.

Sheila O. came by early the next Monday to spread some grass seed, just in time before the rain started. There was hope that the predicted several days of successive rain should nicely get the seed germinated, and we would see some results in a couple weeks. However the rain was torrential, and washed away most of the seed. In the weeks that followed more seed was planted and is starting to germinate as you read this article. Within a few weeks we should be rid of the bald spots. There are still several low areas, that will probably take several years to get leveled, but this is a big step forward.

The weather for the day started out looking rather inclement, which is probably why the turnout of workers was not as good as previous years. The sun finally came out and it turned into a very nice day. A lot was accomplished. A Thank you is in order for everyone who gave up their morning to make our field a little nicer!



# Happiness Is

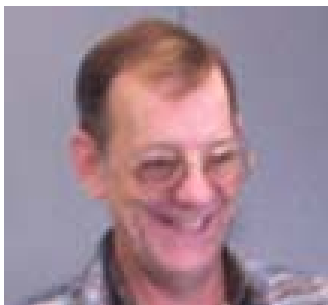
By Jack DeLisle



*The smiling faces of those lucky enough to not have to work anymore and could be at the outing for the Eddy Elementary school children. Back row left to right :Al Harbour, Ed London, Archie Kammer, Gary Wilkerson, Bud Joachim, Y.B. ( Sarge ) Cook, and Dave Waldecker. The Girls from right to left: Virginia Kammer, Joan Joachim, Carol Waldecker and Janet Welser. The guys kneeling: Al Fournier, Jack DeLisle and Bill Welsler. Not shown in this picture are: Tom Nichols ( hiding behind Virginia Kammer ) but show below , John Joachim, Bob Troy and the picture taker Sheila Olszewski.*

On Friday the first day of June the River District Eagles are credited with hosting The Eddy Elementary school children at what has become an annual outing for the children, their teachers and their parents.

The last few years the outing has been held at our Propbusters field so without the Propbusters I doubt that the outing could continue so I'm going to credit the Propbusters too.



In fact, the picture of Tom Nichols is because of how well the field has been maintained to make for a Mosquito free environment and a great place to fly from and also because he was hiding in

the group photo.

The day started out hazy and warm but the haze went away as the day progressed and the promised rain never happened so it

ended up just about perfect.

I got to the field at about 8:30 AM and Gary Wilkerson was already busy setting out the big tarp for the 52 children that were coming in that big Yellow school bus. By the time I got the PA system set up with Ed London's help Bud and Joan Joachim had the Candy Drop plane ready to go and the rest of the gang were close behind.



*All set up for the children, Ready to go.*

The school bus rolled in at Ten and the kids went right to the layed out tarp and the show started with Gary Wilkerson flying one of the planes he brought along , followed by Ed London flying his pylon scale model of the Minnow, Archie Kammer flying his plane I called the Patriot because of the beautiful Red, White and Blue paint scheme and then I managed to get in a flight with my Bravo 303 between words on the PA.

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*The children watching the planes*



I would say that one of the highlights of the mornings flying was when Gary Wilkerson turned on his smoke and I told the kids that his plane was on fire but then explained that it was really just smoke that he could turn on and off when he wanted to. I suppose that the kids would have really liked to see the plane burn and crash ? That would have been real exciting!

The second exciting thing, and we don't have a picture, is Dave Waldecker's VERY low inverted flight of his Piper Cub. He was so low and slow that I thought he had reached beyond the limits and was surely going to land inverted? But it didn't happen. Talking to Dave later he said that when he realized he didn't have enough speed to climb out and was too low to roll over he "pushed" the nose down and got enough speed up to recover. I told him the next time he does that to do it in front of the spectators so they could all see it. He was at the far East end edge of the field when he pulled his little stunt.

Naturally, the BIG event for the morning was the CANDY DROP. Bud and Joan Joachim donated enough candy for three drops because that's what is needed to supply all of the 53 children and Bud did the dropping with his big Candy plane.



*Children gathering the candy ( Dentists Delight )*



*Getting Close and personal to the planes on display*

The next thing on the flying agenda was letting the children walk the line and view all the planes close up. Here Bud Joachim is about to show how the Candy Drop works.



*Ron Pennell on the right with the kids*

The last thing for the children for the day was to watch the Off Road cars running over the Red Line obstacle course and we want to thank Ron, Ron Nunez and Nat Wilcox for taking a working day off for the children. THANKS GUYS.

The Eagles and the Propbusters want to thank the teachers: Christina Angell, Barbara Joachim Carrell, Mary Beth Simpson and Lynn Zollweg for having such a fine bunch of children in their care and the parents who gave their time too.

As the old saying goes " Last but not least." we want to thank the Propbusters for the use of their members and their field and making it a day where everyone had a really fine time and we would love to have this event on the schedule of events for years to come.

We couldn't do it without you and that's a fact. !!!!! And how about those pictures by Sheila.

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 Contact Sheila 367-6367



**Club Embroidery** is available for coats and other attire By Heather Jones, Contact Carl Jones for more information.

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

### JUNE

13th-Club meeting	6:00 PM
16th-Prop-Inter-Club Fly In	10:00AM
17th-Aero R/C fly-in (Lennon)	10:00AM
23rd-Frankenmuth Fly-in	11.00AM
24th-RCCD Fly-in	10:00AM
24th-Float Fly	2:00 PM

### July

7th-Club Breakfast	9:00 AM
7-8th Midwest R/C electric fly (Northville)	
11th-Club meeting	6:00 PM
21st-Bi-Plane Rally	10:00AM
28th- Propbusters 4H demo	10:00AM

### August

4th-Club Breakfast	9:00 AM
8th-Club meeting	6:00 PM
18th-Float Fly	9:00 PM
25th-SMAC TFT	

### 2007 Propbusters Special Events

June 16	Inter-Club Fly In
July 21	Bi-Plane Rally
July 28	4-H Fair R/C Demo
September 8	R/C For Charity Fly In
September 9	Whirlybirds at Propbusters
December 9	Propbuster Swap

### SCC Propbusters Interclub Invitational Fly-In

June 16, at 10:00 am. Flying, fun and food are the order of business. Open Flying all day, Raffle and food concessions. Help get the word out to R/C pilots and spectators! Please go to our website and download a flyer, and put it up where people will see it. Proceeds from the fly-in helps support our field, and keep our dues the lowest in the area. Bring an aircraft and fly, or just bring friends and family members. But be sure to come out and have a good time and support your club. See us on the web at <http://sccpropbusters.com/>

Club Breakfast is the first Saturday of each month at 9:00am. Attendance has been anywhere from a half dozen to a couple dozen members and guests. Come out and join us at Cavis Pioneer Restaurant- on Lapeer, just West of Wadhams rd.

The Aero R/C Fathers Day Fly In The Airshow will be held at Baker Field. 2039 Sheridan Rd. (M13) Lennon, Michigan 48449

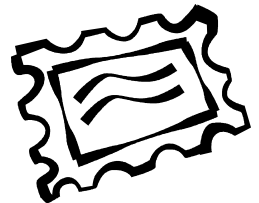
The Frankenmuth Aeromodelers will be hosting a Mid Michigan Fun Fly June 23, 2007 from 11 AM until 5 PM. Rain dates are June 24th or July 1st. This Event will feature remote control planes, helicopters and giant scale aircraft from some of the best R/C clubs in Mid Michigan <http://www.frankenmuthaeromodelers.com>

RCCD Big and Little Bird Fly In. June 24, 10:00 am. Raffle Prizes, Auction Lots of flying, Tailgate SWAP <http://www.rccd.org>

**Please help us out** and pass along the names and dates of any events you might know of. Get the latest updates on club and local R/C events and activities on our website [WWW.SCCPROPBUGSTERS.com](http://WWW.SCCPROPBUGSTERS.com)

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