

# The Broken Prop



## St. Clair County R/C Propbusters

Model Aviation Club Goodells, Michigan

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A.M.A. Charter Club #1762

July 6, 2007

### 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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## President's Perspective

*By Gary Smedes*

Congratulations everyone! We have officially become a Gold Level Leader Club. Keith G. presented the official plaque at the last meeting. This is very good P.R. for the club. With minimal effort we should be able to keep this status year after year.

As I suspected, the lack of advertising for our Spring Fun Fly was definitely noticeable. With the missing out of the Blue Water Summer advertising and (I suspect) the minimal number of flyers being hung up, I think we did O.K. However, the whole idea is to put on a show for the spectators. So I think we need to concentrate on better advertising for our future events. On the other side of the coin, we had an excellent turnout of pilots and some really nice weather. And once again, I would like to say thanks to all of you that put your time and efforts into this event. It's definitely a fun time. Great job everyone!

I see in the back of the Model Aviation magazine that it's that time of year again for the Michigan Jets Show. If you've never seen model jets fly before, go to Grosse Isle on the 13th, 14th or 15th of July. I recommend the 14th because everything is in full swing then. Don't quote me but the price has been \$10 per car, which seems steep, but is definitely worth it. Check the back of the magazine for more info.

Next up is the Bi-Plane rally on July 21st. An unofficial club event for the bi-plane enthusiast. In addition to our club members, all local club members in good flying status are also invited. No schedule, no concessions and no stress, just good ol' flying. However, there will be an impound in use for the obvious reason. If you don't have a bi-plane, bring what you got! This is not restricted to bi-planes.

After that is the 4H fair demo/club picnic on July 28th. This is an official event and it is 100% open flying all day long. Please bring a dish to pass around for the lunch break and enjoy some relaxing time with your fellow members. The club usually springs for the hotdogs and buns. And although this is a club picnic, outside club members are more than welcome to join us. It's always fun to hear new stories.

*Hope to see you at the meeting!*



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**Meeting Minutes**

June 13, 2005

June Propbusters' Meeting by Keith Graham, Secretary

The meeting on June 13th started at 6:05 pm at the Propbusters field. Doug/Mike made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. Doug/Doug made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed and pay bills.



We talked about the Eddy Elementary fun fly. The Eagles only had 53 kids this year because it was just one school, but the kids were all very well behaved. Sheila provided that there are pictures from the event on the Propbusters' website. The only negative comment brought up was the lack of an American flag, which was needed during opening ceremonies for the National Anthem.

We discussed the Boy Scout Eagle project to repair the fence. Josh is waiting for acceptance of the project by the Boy Scout's Eagle Review Board.

Ed L gave an update on the finishing mower sale; it's still in the works.

We discussed plans for the fun fly. Keith will start the impound box. Gary has a confirmed company who will be providing concessions. Sheila stated that the Port-a-john has been cleaned.

The Propbusters have successfully become an AMA Gold Club. We received a plaque, brass plate and pins for all. Keith passed out the commemorative pins to all members present and will continue to disperse them to the rest of the members at future meetings. If you haven't received yours, please see the club secretary.

Doug /Mike made a motion to spend \$120 to purchase the parts needed to get the adjusters for the gang mower working.

Doug/Sheila made a motion to end the meeting at 6:17 pm. All motions passed.

The meeting was re-opened at 6:22 pm. We were informed we have no more club hats available for sale. Doug /Al made a motion to have Sheila purchase 1 dozen club hats. The motion passed and the meeting was re-adjourned at 6:24 pm.

**THANK YOU !**

The SCC Propbusters want to thank Everyone who donated their time and efforts to help make the annual Inter Club Fly In a success. We would also like to thank the following companies for their generous donations of products and services, that will in turn help keep our club operating in the above board.

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Have you been to the website lately? If you have you were among the 20,574 distinct visits to the Propbuster website in June, yes, that is right over twenty thousand visits last month! In fact 27,197 pages were viewed. Keith is doing a great job! The website contains dates of local events, weather, directions, Links, and more photos than you could look at in an afternoon. Is the cost of the website worth it? I guess I would have to say YES!

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**Financial Report Summary**

July 6, 2007

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$3311.20</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Hats	\$ 39.00
Raffle	<u>\$ 243.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 282.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Stamps	\$ 9.02
Tractor parts	\$ 39.23
Gas	\$ 100.19
Septic	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 173.44</b>
<b>Ending balance:</b>	<b>\$1419.76</b>
<b>Equipment Fund:</b>	<u><b>\$2000.00</b></u>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$3419.76</b>

## Inter Club Fly In

*Ed Olszewski*

The weather man Promised and delivered a picture perfect day for a fly in. Tom Nichols made sure the field was cut immaculately. The weeds along the fence were whacked, and the benches freshly painted, everything looked great!

Pilots started showing up at about nine, and after a quick pilots meeting at ten, it was show time.



Jack DeLisle did his usual great job of announcing, keeping the spectators informed, amused and on their toes. A good announcer can keep the audience connected to the happenings in the air. Without that, most spectators probably would not understand the significance, the challenge or the experience of what they are seeing. Jack does a fantastic job with all that and more. Also a thanks to Ed London for making sure we had a PA system, in good working order.

This year we used a new caterer. When I talked to him, mid-day he said he was doing well selling Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, and drinks. Using an outside caterer to handle the concessions takes care of getting a food service permit— and all the regulations that go with that. It is also one less big job that a group of members would have to take care of, allowing more people to come and enjoy the day.

Due to previous commitments, our usual candy drop pilot and plane were not able to make it. Mike Grant came to the rescue with his helicopter to make the goodies fall from the sky. Mike tested the device out before the event with no problems. But when the moment arrived so did Murphy, at first the bag of goodies did not want to release. This only seemed to add to the suspense of the children— but probably not to Mike. He made several efforts until finally the heli gave up its load dropping the load of candy to the ground. The children cheered. Jack

Drake's daughter, and Mandy Ward held the kids back until the helicopter was safely on the ground. The usual candy gathering mayhem ensued until not a single piece of candy was left on the field.

Gary Wilkerson put on a great show with his Laser. A beautiful large airplane, good smoke system and clear sky always thrills the crowd. Of course, I had gotten the crowd to the edge of their seats and ready for his show by doing a warm-up demo, highlighting the slow flying- long lazy figure eight abilities of my Slow Poke. My lack of smoke would make them appreciate his, and I did a couple lazy loops and a slow roll. The sharp contrast to the upcoming show was astounding making his all the better!

Ed London showed off Al Harbour's Monocoup, after a few engine problems were solved. Jack did some fine acrobatics with his Bravo. Dennis Bigger had is twin engine "Black Widow", twins sound great in the air! All eyes were on Tim Toutant's Christian Eagle as he preformed his aerial exhibition. It was great to see Todd back in the air doing magic with a "You Can Do".

John Diver manned the goodies table, dolling out tickets like a pro. We had a lot of good prizes and did very well adding support for our club.

A couple of members from RCCD finally found their way to the field after discovering a small error in the directions to the field. The directions downloaded from an internet map source misdirected them through Richmond. They managed to find their way— be it a little late and got a few flights in. It is always great to see some new faces.

I tried my thumbs at Budget R/C's Hornet, a 3-D electric foamie with a symmetrical airfoil. The plane handled like a dream. After watching me enjoy it, my wife secretly found my fathers day gift, and hid one in the back of the van to surprise me the next day.

Myself, I hung around until about five, Watching, flying, and talking to guys I had not seen in awhile, or finally met for the first time. Tired and sun burned to a crisp, finally I headed home, all planes intact. Just another great day of R/C flying.



# Ramblings

By Jack DeLisle

Hi Gang,

I got an E-mail from Mr. Ed ( No, not the talking horse ) and he said that the next Prop-buster newsletter is taking shape and wondered if I had something to contribute?

Well, I almost always have something to say so here goes.

I know it was windy on Sunday, June the 24th when the Float Fly was scheduled for 2:00 PM to give possible church goers a chance to do some float flying. On the chance that someone would be at Golden Pond I went out there and when on turned off of Flinchbaugh road I saw some headlights up the lane so I swung the gate open, drove in, swung the gate closed and drove up to the car and it was Jack Drake and he was waiting to see if anyone was coming to the float fly? He had gotten there a little early and tried unlocking the retrieval boat with no luck.

We drove back to the Golden Pond and I tried a combination on the lock and it yielded to the numbers so we had a retrieval boat at the ready so we both set up our planes and got a flight each in.



I had my reliable Ace Seamaster ARF in the air first and the wind was no problem. Mainly because it was out of the South and the trees blocked the wind for a good 100 feet out from shore. The pond water was almost

glass smooth so , for all practical purposes my takeoff was NOT crosswind although I did takeoff 90 degrees to the wind. Landing was about the same story except we did start our approaches from the North, Northeast and swung along the shoreline for final touch-down.



The picture lies because both of us had really fine flights and left happy campers.

I don't have a picture of Jack's seaplane but it is the newest rendition of Bubba Phillips ( Lanier) effort and it is a winner. Lanier's first one was a dog under anyone's description because it lacked any hint of spray rails and the fuselage sides were straight up and down so when you tried taxiing out with a wooden prop the spray made very short work of the prop and nylon / fiberglass props didn't fare much better.

Jack's plane has really nice wide spray rails molded right in and a large rudder on what looks like a short fuselage so Jack thinks it doesn't taxi well but I think it's a matter of finding the right speed to taxi. On the Seamaster the plane taxis fine at a slow idle or a very fast, almost flying speed for the air rudder to take over. It don't like Mr. In between. The wing floats are similar to those shown on the plane above and Jack says he has to get the nose up on one so it doesn't dig in when crosswind. He didn't have a problem this day. His plane is done up in the Coast Guard scheme and is one choice of two and looks great. I think Jack would recommend it if you are thinking flying off of the water.

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**Club Caps** are available for purchase from the club at \$13.00 each. Each is custom embroidered for our club, and have a green brim.  
 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

<b>July</b>	
<b>7th-Club Breakfast</b>	9:00 AM
7-8th Midwest R/C electric fly (Northville)	
8th- RCCD great lakes fly in	10:00AM
<b>11th-Club meeting</b>	6:00 PM
<b>21st-Bi-Plane Rally</b>	10:00AM
<b>28th- Propbusters 4H demo</b>	9:00AM
29th- RCCD 4 stroke rally	10:00AM
<b>August</b>	
<b>4th-Club Breakfast</b>	9:00 AM
<b>8th-Club meeting</b>	6:00 PM
18th-Float Fly	9:00 PM
25th-SMAC TFT	
<b>September</b>	
<b>1st-Club Breakfast</b>	9:00 AM
8th- PropBusters Charity fly	10:00AM
9th- Whirlybirds fly in	
<b>12th-Club meeting</b>	6:00 PM
15th-East Wings Fly	

### 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

### The Propbuster flying field is open for R/C flying through the 4-H fair.

It is not required to pay Fair admission to access the R/C flying field (the Propbuster flying field is not part of the fair). Notify the attendant you are going to the R/C flying field, if there is an issue, ask to talk to a supervisor. During the week of the fair, fly only the East end of the field . Do not fly toward the West ("Crater") end of the field for safety reasons. Remember, your plane could be closer to them than you think, And it may look closer to them than it probably is. You must pay 4-H Fair admission if you attend the fair.

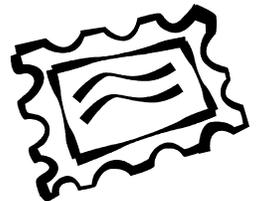
**SCC Propbusters Bi-Plane Rally** June 21, at 10:00 am. There will be no raffle, No concessions, No prizes, and probably no spectators. But we may spark up the grill for a few hot dogs if the weather is nice! Dust off your favorite hangar queen and show it off- maybe even get it some air-time! Bring out your biplane if you have one, but the air is open to any of your favorite planes. This is a good chance to show off you warbird or scale classics! All clubs welcome! <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.

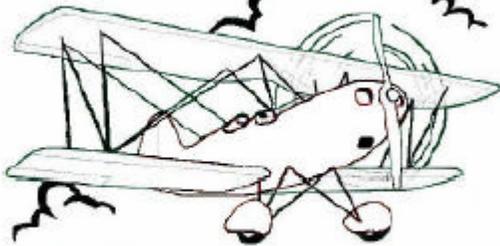
**4-H R/C Flying Demo / Pot Luck Lunch** July 28, starts at 9:00 AM. All clubs welcome, Come and help show off our R/C Hobby. This is a listed event in the 4-H program. If the 4-H gate is manned, just let them know you are going to the R/C field. Pot luck lunch starts about Noon- Family welcome! Bring a dish to pass if you can, but join us either way. The club will supply Hotdogs and buns.

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