

# The Broken Prop



## St. Clair County R/C Propbusters

Model Aviation Club Goodells, Michigan - A.M.A. Charter Club #1762

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### 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 Propbusters 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*

Amidst all the rain we've been having, our Spring Fun Fly brought nice weather with a little breeze. A lot of the field / parking area still had a few puddles from the night before, but it looks like the french drains are working ok. Thanks to Jack with his masterful job of announcing, Keith for keeping the impound in order, Doug & John for running the raffle and anyone else that put some of their time in to help out, includ-



ing the 'lawn maintenance' team. Great job everyone! A thanks also to Pastime Hobby for their donations of a plane and accessories, and Don F. and Carl for donating the WACO ride! Great prizes!

Unfortunately, along with the fun, came a few incidences pertaining to safety issues. As acting Safety Officer, in the absence of Mike, I moved the flight line up to allow more room for pilots and their guests at the far end of the field. We also had Tom Pierce out to the field to do a safety inspection a few days later and, with a couple of small suggestions, he found no major safety issues.

In the wake of all of this I've heard rumblings of members and guests talking about not participating in our events anymore. To these people I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience or hard feelings this may have caused you or your guests. I assure you, this will be dealt with and steps will be taken to try and avoid any problems in the future.

The Propbusters not only value, but enjoy your company and support at our events, and throughout the year, and hope that you will continue to support and have fun with us.

What some people seem to forget, is that this is a hobby, not a work place, not a military camp, but a hobby. It should be fun, relaxing and enjoyable for everyone. Unfortunately, some people just don't get it.

Don't forget the 4H Demo/club picnic on July 26. Hope to see you there (with a plane and a dish).

*Hope to see you at the meeting!*

## Meeting Minutes

by Keith Graham- Secretary



The Propbusters meeting on June 11th was held at the field with 12 members present and started at 6:10 pm. Doug/Mike made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as read by Keith. Doug/Mike made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed O and pay bills. Both motions passed.

The Propbusters want to thank The Prop Shop for donating the balsa gliders for the fun fly and to Kirk Churchill for facilitating the donation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**FLIGHT STATIONS** - Ed O has one of the flight stations done and the barrier for the canopy done. The lawn maintenance crew reported the difficulty encountered moving the new barriers. Ed O said he will finish another of the flight stations before the Fun Fly. There were some problems with the Work Day because of the rain day cancellation. Some members came out and did some work at the field anyways. We want to thank John for making two trips to Emmett with the junk that was at the field.

It was decided to put the finishing mower deck in the newsletter for \$50 so we can get rid of it.

**MOWERS** - We haven't had any reported problems with the mowers except for one of the adjusters.

**FUN FLY** - Gary reported the donations are received. We are going to raffle off a 30-minute plane ride voucher. Sheila reported that the Fleming's Ice Cream and Pizza guy will be coming out to handle concessions. We discussed other final preparations for the fun fly. Ed O suggested doing the 50/50 after the raffle is done. Sheila made arrangements to bring the club frequency meter here.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ed London reported the difficulty he's encountering because of the number of work stations. It was decided to store some of the extra work tables behind the shed for non-event storage.

It was suggested to find a new venue for the Propbusters' breakfast. We discussed the other possible locations and it was decided to evaluate the service after July and make a final decision at the July meeting.

Ed London warns members to check for ticks when at the field, especially if you're wearing shorts. Three were reported seen today.

**Motion to close** the meeting was made by Doug/Sheila. Meeting ended at 6:45 pm.

## A Visit from Our Local AMA rep.

By Ed Olszewski

A call was received by Bill O of the AMA. A cording to Bill, a person who did not want to leave his name called him upset about several issues at the Propbusters field, including our flight line, assembly tables, and sitting down while flying. Bill did not indicate weather there was more than one communication. The call prompted Bill to send our local assistant VP: Tom Pierce to have a look at the field, take some photos, and have a talk with a member of our staff regarding the possible issues.

I met with Tom on June 19th at the field to show him around. He thought we had a very nice setup and beautiful field. He could find no obvious fault with our field or flight line. He has seen and likes both types of assembly and starting tables. He made a recommendation to install a few signs the AMA would like to see. He commented that he nor Bill know of any regulation for sitting down while flying. I have known Tom and I had some discussion about the complaints, and said he saw no problems and would give Bill a favorable report. Tom also commented he would contact some other Propbusters members he knows, to get some input from them.

Tom suggested we review our by-laws and rules and make sure they are clear in a few areas such as safety issues regarding to responsibilities and authority of the Safety Officer and Club Officers, and proper procedures regarding resolution of safety issues for club members. He made a few other recommendations for additions, clarifications, or slight changes to our by-laws that might help curtail future conflict. He commented that he has seen internal problems at other club with dissatisfied members due to bylaws that do not spell out authority, responsibilities and corrective actions adequately.

Tom commented that he and Bill would appreciate any caller to the AMA to be sure to always identify themselves, as it is hard to take anonymous phone calls seriously. If an issue is important enough to call for, it should be important enough to use your name also.

<i>St. Clair County Propbusters</i>	
<b><u>Financial Report Summary</u></b>	
<i>7/8 /2008</i>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1846.56</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Dues	\$ 70.00
Raffle	\$ 407.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 477.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Stamps	\$ 7.14
gas	\$ 60.20
Canopy /pipe	\$ 33.12
Canopy tie downs	\$ 23.89
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 124.35</b>
Ending balance:	\$ 1760.72
Equipment Fund:	\$ 438.49
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2199.21</b>

## The Inter Club Rally

By Jack DeLisle

What can be said about Saturday, June the 14th? For starters it was truly a Butterfly day which was almost a miracle because the weather the day before and the weather the day after wasn't fit for man or plane.



Practically all of the pilots and their planes, over 18 that I could count, and using all of my digits I can get all the way to 20, were in place and the food vendor and our raffle booth was set up and ready to go so President Gary got the show on the road and called a pilots meeting at 10 AM or so and after he outlined the safety rules and flight boundaries the Inner Club Rally / Fly in was good to go.

I was the first in the air with a very short flight of the Big Stick because the engine quit and I had a dead stick. It quit in a nice place because I had the whole field to choose from and brought it in right in front of the spectators. As it turned out, that was the only flight I got that day because Murphy reared his ugly head and I didn't get the engine running again. I tried a couple of times between times when I wasn't talking into the microphone and telling people about our raffle tickets and the great food being offered by the S.O.N.S but I had to wait till I got back to the hangar ( home ) to make it run.

Talking about the S.O.N.S ( Save Our Neighborhood and Streets ) food vendor. I went to their concession to get a menu and prices that I could talk about and they didn't have any and asked my opinion and the prices were set like that. They had Kielbasa, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Pop, Water, Coffee, Chips and some free donuts while they lasted all at reasonable prices. They said they did well I said I hope they can come back for the next event. The funny part about the food vendors because it went from 1

possible to two for sure because the Ice Cream man showed up. GREAT.

So lets talk about those 18 or more airplanes on the field.

Gary Wilkerson had a couple and flew both electric and his scale aerobatic planes. Archie Kammer flew his plane. Mark Lapinski had the floats off of his Piper Cub and flew that and his electric flying wing. Dave Waldecker got some flights in with his big Clipped wing Piper Cub did up like Hazel Sigafos's . Carl Jones got in a couple of flights with his chopper and Ed Olszewski even took some time off from getting Josh's graduation party ready and came in long enough to get a flight or two in before he had to get back to Smith Creek.

I didn't take the time to go up and down the flight line to get some pictures and names so I no doubt left some pilots out because as the meet got farther along the sky had enough planes in it to keep the spectators interested.

Gotta mention Bud Joachim and the Candy plane because he came through again and made two drops for the kids.

Someone else will have to tell you if the Inter Club Fly-in was a success financially as far as the raffle goes and whatever but, to my eyes, the event was a great success.



I feel there were more spectators and they stayed longer. The pilots put on a better show this year than in some past years too.

I did have one disappointment. After the spectators were just about all gone a couple of electrics at the far East end of the field had a two plane combat. That would have been nice for the spectators. Maybe next time??

So thanks to all the Propbusters who made the rally a success. And the pilots and the weather man too.

# Salad

By Jack DeLisle



So what has a Chicken Stick have to do with Salads? Not a thing but I figured I would start out with something aeronautical instead of going "off the beaten path" right away.

I watched most of the flyers at the Flying Eagles club in Florida taking some fearful chances around the prop like leaving the glow lighter on and using their bare hand to move the prop off of the compression stroke so the electric starter would spin the engine which many times was partially flooded. When I asked why they didn't use a Chicken Stick they sorta looked at me with that questioning look? What's a Chicken Stick? I showed them mine.. I had the Christen Eagle with the big twin cylinder Saito 300 and used that stick all of the time even though I had a heavy duty electric starter because I found that the Saito liked to be "wet" to start and I didn't want to bend a con rod or whatever if it flooded.

I went to a building supply and bought a four foot length of 5/8ths dowel and 24 inches of plastic plumbing tubing with a 5/8ths inside diameter and made six chicken sticks like the one in the picture and used them for prizes in a fun fly I CDed there. That was enough material to make six chicken sticks. The Red coloring is from a water proof Magic Marker. The prizes went over well and when I was asked to do the announcing and helping with a Fun Fly at the Wolverine's Fun Fly I made up a flyer about the fun fly and said there was some great prizes. Bill Welser, the Fun Fly CD got the flyer via e-mail and asked what the great prizes were because he hadn't planned on any great prizes? I showed him the chicken sticks I had made for that event.

I have more and I plan to give them to flyers who I see using their hand(s) and taking that chance of getting cut or even losing some body parts from one of those big propped engines. Now about that salad, Josh Olszewski graduated from high school and Ed and Sheila tossed ( not as in Tossed salad ) a party for him. They had erected a big canopy behind their house and set up the "kitchen" in the garage and it was a really fine setup. If you were-



n't invited it was because you weren't at the Propbusters Inter Club Rally.

The Salad? The best Spinach salad I can remember eating. I liked it so much I asked the woman / lady where she got the recipe and she said it was a family thing and not in a book and she wrote it out for me. Nan cut it down to size for two people but here it is in full:

Lrg. Bag of Baby Spinach, Bacon bits, 2 cans sliced Water Chestnuts, 1 and a half or two cups of Bean Sprouts, Four chopped hard boiled eggs.

The homemade Dressing:

1/2 cup Brown Sugar, 1/2 cup Veg. Oil, 1/3rd cup each of Vinegar and Ketchup, 1 Table-spoon of Worchester Sauce.

Mix all of the stuff for the dressing and shake well and toss with salad just before you serve the salad.

I never got the ladies name so I can't thank her personally so I'll let Sheila do that when she can. I'll just say THANKS here.

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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 & Events

### July

9th-Club meeting 6:00 PM  
 26th -4 H demo 9:00 AM  
 26th- Club Picnic About Noon

### Aug

2nd-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM  
 8/10 Flint Aero Big Bird 10:00 AM  
 13th-Club meeting 6:00 PM  
 23rd-SMAC TFT fly in 10:00AM

### Sept

6th-(McDonalds)Breakfast 8:30 AM  
 6th-Propbusters Charity fly in 10:00AM  
 7th- Whirly birds fly in 9:00AM  
 10th-Club meeting 6:00 PM  
 28th EAA static display 9:00AM

### Oct

4th-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM  
 8th-Club meeting 6:00 PM

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### 2008 Propbusters Special Events

June 14	Inter-Club Fly In
July 5	Bi-Plane Rally
July 26	4-H Fair R/C Demo
September 6	R/C For Charity Fly In
December 7	Propbusters Swap

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

Members are not required to pay Fair admission to access the R/C flying field (the Propbusters 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 is. Lets avoid any chance of an accident. **You must pay 4-H Fair admission if you plan to attend the fair.**

### 4-H R/C Flying Demo / Pot Luck Lunch

July 26, 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 & Friends welcome! Bring a dish to pass if you can, but there is always enough to go around either way. The club will supply Hotdogs and buns.

### 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.

### Float Fly.

The pond is open for flying. Even if you do not have a seaplane, come out and check out the flying at the pond. Contact any board member or Gary Wilkerson for directions.

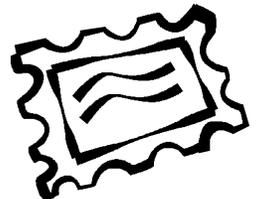
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