

# 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.*

**42° 59' 02" N - 82° 39' 02" W**

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## 2008 Membership 77

Welcome new member

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## President's Perspective

*By Gary Smedes*

Probably by the time this newsletter comes out the Charity Fun Fly and the Whirly Birds Event will have come and gone with great success. I say that because of the timing of the newsletter but also because , once again, I have other commitments and won't be able to attend either one. Between the new job change last October and the fifth year of building up my private business it seems I don't have time for anything.



November and December will bring nominations and elections for the Club Officers in 2009. Because of the overwhelming hours required at work and the attention and advertising efforts required next year for the business I will not be running for Club President. It's been a great four year run but I feel I will not be able to commit the time needed to fulfill the presidency, as I have noticed this year already. I will, however, remain as a full member and try to get out and fly and support the club as much as my schedule allows.

I bring this up now so that the membership has some time to think about who they want to nominate in November. The nominee should be chosen wisely as they will most likely have a great impact on the direction of the club. In my opinion, they should be an avid flyer and committed to improving the club. Who ever gets elected will, of course, get my full support whenever possible along with all of my club paperwork and files for reference or use.

If Keith doesn't have the new membership cards read yet, I'm sure he will shortly. It's that time of year again. Be sure to renew your membership early to avoid late fees and help the secretary with paperwork.

*Hope to see you at the meeting!*

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## Meeting Minutes

by Keith Graham- Secretary

Propbusters meeting on August 13th 2008 was held at the field with 15 members and started at 6:07 pm.

The minutes were read by Gary S. motion to accept minutes made by Doug D. and seconded by Doug D. Jr. motion accepted.

Treasurers report was read by Ed O motion to accept and pay bills made by Doug M seconded by Doug D. motion accepted.

The shed repairs were discussed and a thank you to all that helped put the shed back in order after the attempted break in.

The 4-H fair was discussed everything went good we had a nice turn out.

Gary W. is working on getting the new owner out to the pond to show him the airplanes and get approval to continue to fly at the pond, as soon as we have the approval we will pass it on to all club members.

Gary S. is checking on getting the food vendor for the charity fly. Jack D. will do the announcing.

Dave Novelly's bi-plane was chosen as the new membership card for next year.

Congratulations to John Diver on his solo flight.

It was brought to the clubs attention about the recent break ins and destruction of property at the park and our field please pay attention when at the field and if anyone has information on the break ins or the theft of the club mower deck let the sheriffs office or a board member know.

Motion to close made by Doug M. seconded by Sheila meeting closed at 6:28p.m.

## Membership Dues are due

No need to fill out a membership form if nothing has changed (phone number, address, e-mail address-etc). If anything has changed- you can get a form on line or by calling any club officer. All Junior (free) members must fill out a membership form, otherwise it would be impossible to keep track of you.

**15.00 -Senior members (born on or before 6/1/47)**

**25.00 - Regular members (born on or before 6/1/90)**

**No fee - Junior members (born after 6/1/90)**

**Late Fee- Add 10.00 (to all renewal dues paid after Dec. 31)**

Avoid paying the late fee after December 31, take a few minutes and make check payable to: **SCC Propbusters**

**Mail to: 1806 Chestnut St. Port Huron, MI 48060**

You should receive your 2009 membership card in about 2 weeks



## The Scoop on the Pond

As many already know, the flying pond property off Flinchbaugh Rd has been sold. Although we had an agreement to fly with the previous owner, we must first have permission from the new owner to use the property for flying. Unfortunately, shortly after the sale of the property vandals left the property with refuse and garbage. It was evident that the vandalism was probably done by local kids, and a pilot from East Wings even helped the new owner clean up the mess. The new owner has agreed in principal that he would allow flying if the insurance was changed to his name, but would first like a meeting with a member to discuss the ground rules for use of the area.

Gary Wilkerson reported that as of 9/8/08 he has the insurance changed over to the new owners name. At this time he is still waiting to meet with the owner at the pond to show him the airplanes and to get final approval to use the pond. The new owner lives in Saint Clair Shores and he has not been able to get up there as of yet. As soon as we have his approval we will let the club members know so that we can get back to flying as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Newsletter Editor Needed:

Due to increased demand of my time at my workplace, I will no longer be able to edit and produce the Broken Prop newsletter- in short, life is starting to cut heavily into my fly time. Effective 12/10/08 (the last '08 club meeting), I will resign as newsletter Editor.

I will be happy to work with the new Editor, and continue to participate with its publication.

If you are interested, or know someone who can be coerced into service, please drop me a line.

Thanks, Ed Olszewski

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## Financial Report Summary

9/8/2008

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2206.15</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Septic	\$ 25.00
Stamps	\$ 7.14
Gas/oil	\$ 64.92
Tractor parts	\$ 60.41
Flag	\$ 7.99
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 165.46</b>
Ending balance:	\$ 1718.01
Equipment Fund:	\$ 322.68
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2040.69</b>

## Summer's End Events

By Ed Olszewski

**Sanilac Model Aviation Club had their annual Lynn Quick annual Toys for Tots Fly event** August 23rd at Arnold Airport in Croswell. This event is unique in that it is held at a full scale airport, and sometimes flying has to stop to let a full scale plane land. It was some good flying with a bunch of really great guys and for a good cause. SMAC literally collected a trailer load of toys that will be handed out to children who would otherwise have none at Christmas.



**The SCC Propbusters hosted our annual charity fly** in September 6th for the benefit of the Earth Keepers. The organization works with local schools and church organizations showing children how they are part the environment. All proceeds from the fly in went to the Earth keepers, right here at the Goodells County Park, keeping it local! All together \$133.00 was collected and donated to the organization.

As far as days go, it would be hard to ask for better. Sunshine, a very light breeze and moderate temperatures made for a pleasurable morning. With weather like that, there was seldom empty air.



Thanks for support from members of the River District R/C Eagles, East Wings, Sanilac Model Airplane Club, Whirlybirds, and the Propbusters. A special thanks to Bud Joachim for donating the candy and with the help of his navigator / bombardier John Joachim sprinkled the ground with sweet happiness for several eager children.

**On September 7th, the Propbusters field went under the Michigan Whirlybirds control**, and was closed to fixed wing model aircraft for the day. The Whirlybirds hosted their annual Helicopter flying event that normally runs all day— well into the evening. This year mother nature dished out some rain in the morning, but let the sun out for the rest of the day. If you have not been to a helicopter event, you need to go to one, it is very interesting what they can do. It often seems to defy gravity, and you find yourself asking “ did I really see what I just saw?”. There is no doubt— choppers are not just for hovering anymore.

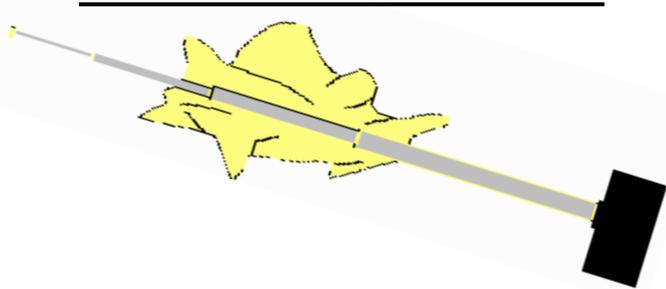
So ends the summer flying season. On to the fall and winter flying!



## Tips and Tricks

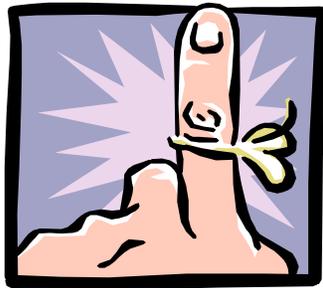
By Ed Olszewski

As the summer flying season ends it soon will be time to either put on skis, or lay your planes up for the winter. Alcohol absorbs moisture and can wreak havoc on the bearings in your engine. Take time before it gets to cold and run out the remaining fuel. Add a few drops of after run oil to the carb, and spin the prop to distribute the oil.



**Don't take your transmitter antenna for granted,** it is the first and most important link to your aircraft. Oils from your hand, engine oils, and small amounts of dirt that collect on the surface can cause a less than perfect connection at each joint. Don't let your antenna give you static! Clean it occasionally with a rag dampened with rubbing alcohol.

Tape a "**Pilots Checklist**" to the hatch / door / tailgate of your vehicle— or starter box if your spouse won't let you do it to the family car. Then get into the habit of looking over the list before you leave for the field.



**AMA Card/ Club card**

**Plane / Helicopter**

**Wing Bolts/ Rubber bands/ wing supports**

**Transmitter**

**Now, make sure it is the correct transmitter**

**Starter box-glow plug igniter**

**Fuel / Batteries**

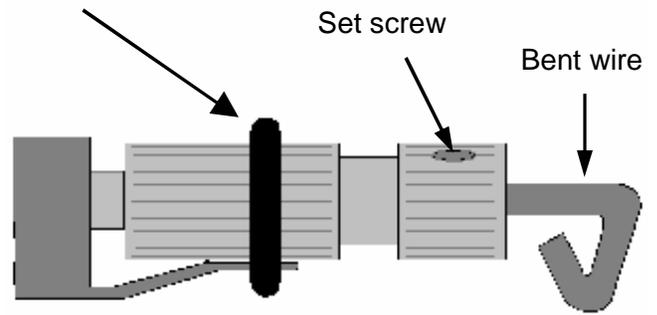
**Charger**

**Tool box**

**Wait,,, Did you forget the wings?**

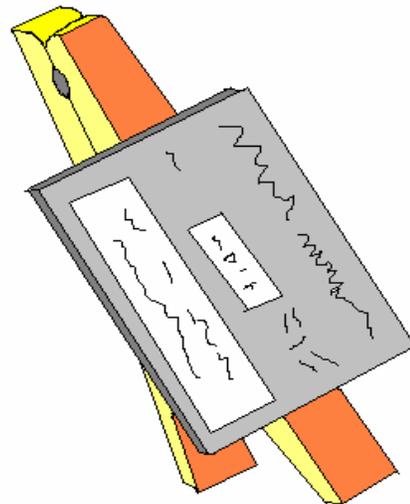
It all sounds so simple until you show up at the field without something—something important. I have known pilots that had to make 3 trips back home for something they forgot, and don't say it has never happened to you!

Rubber "O" Ring



**Keep your engine high speed needle valve in adjustment.** A small rubber "O" ring around the barrel and detent spring will help keep the needle valve from turning from engine vibration.

**Adding a bent piece of wire in the extension hole works well as a visual aid to indicate the needle valve adjustment position.** After you have a proper needle valve setting, loosen the set screw, and point the wire towards the rear of the plane, then you will always know if the needle has rotated.



**Frequency tag / Card holder**

Glue a clothespin to a piece of light-ply the same size as your membership card. Double side tape a copy of your membership card to the light-ply and cover both with a piece of clear wide packaging tape. Keep it clipped to your transmitter antenna when it is not hanging on the frequency board. If you should forget to hang your tag, you will always remember when you raise your antenna.

**Make a couple clips—** lets face it, you know you will forget one at the field sooner or later.

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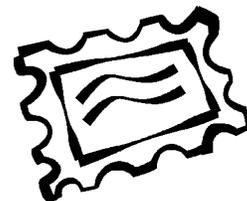


## Announcements & Events

<p><b>Sept</b> 10th-Club meeting 6:00 PM 28th EAA static display 9:00AM</p> <p><b>Oct</b> 4th-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM 8th-Club meeting 6:00 PM</p> <p><b>Nov</b> 1st-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM 12th-Club meeting 6:00 PM</p> <p><b>Dec</b> 6th-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM 7th-Propbuster SWAP 9:00 AM 10th-Club meeting 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Club Breakfast</b> 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.</p>
<p>Get the latest updates on club and local R/C events <b>www.SCCPROPBOOSTERS.com</b></p> <p><b>2008 Propbusters Special Events</b> December 7 Propbusters Swap</p> <p><b>2009 Propbusters Special Events</b> June 13 Inter-Club Fly In July 11 Bi-Plane Rally August 1 4-H Fair R/C Demo September 5 R/C For Charity Fly In</p>	<p>Sun September 28th <b>Wings, Wheels &amp; Watercraft</b> - EAA at the St. Clair County Airport with the River District Eagles. 9 am to 3 pm. You can participate and bring a R/C aircraft for static display. Static Displays of full-size antique, experimental, and interesting aircraft, cars, hovercraft, motorcycles, trucks, more than you can imagine! 250 N. Airport Rd, Kimball, MI 48074. free plane rides to children 8-17 9am to 2pm w/Parental permission. Pancake Breakfast 7 am to 12 pm - Adults \$5, Kids under 10 - \$3.</p>
	<p><b>Propbusters Swap</b> December 7th. It will still be in the County Park Community Center. The new date will brought us better weather, an turnout. It's early, but time to put some stuff aside to sell, or money to buy something new. Please post some flyers available on the website. Remember, the better the turnout, the better the deals.</p>
	<p><b>Pond Flying On Hold.</b> The property has been sold and has a new owner, and some details still need to be worked out. The pond is insured but not open for flying yet. Gary Wilkerson will talk to the new owner to get the latest lowdown and new pond etiquette. Contact Gary Wilkerson for the latest details and information on the status of the pond.</p>
	<p><b>Computer-transmitter cables / Free FMS Flight Simulator</b> We have computer to transmitter cables available for club member for a \$16.00 deposit, or purchase for same price. Available from the club treasurer. Download FMS at: <a href="http://n-old.ethz.ch/student/mmoeller/fms/index_e.html">http://n-old.ethz.ch/student/mmoeller/fms/index_e.html</a></p>

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