

### Club Meetings

Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm at the Community Center Building, Goodells County Park.

### 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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**2011 Membership: 62**

**Welcome new member  
Vince Galante**

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## St. Clair County R/C Propbusters

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

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Editor: Ed Olszewski

October 31, 2011

### President's Perspective

*From Sheila Olszewski*

Fall is formally here and the summer flying season is formally over. There is still plenty of good flying days left before the snow flies, at least for those of you who remain here in the north. The field is still in good condition, get out and use it.

The SCC Propbusters December 4th swap is only about a month away. There is no better place to get a good deal on some used R/C equipment, often for half or even less of new cost. There is a good deal on something you want just waiting to be had. If you have something you don't use anymore, move it out of the storage hangar to make room for something else, reserve a table and sell it- the table space is free. Admission has not changed and the kitchen will be open serving a breakfast that can't be beat! If you don't have enough stuff to reserve a table just bring it along, normally by 11 am there are a few tables sold out and empty, or just ask and we can probably get you to share with someone with a half empty table. We already have quite a few Table reservations, and it looks like we will be busting at the seams again this year. If you want a table get with me soon to reserve one, they are going fast. We are strictly limiting tables to one per vendor to make as room for as many as possible, but as tables sell out or leave, there is always room for expansion. Unless other arrangements are made, tables not claimed by 9:30 AM may be given to someone who will use it.

A thanks goes out to Ed L., Tom N. and the farm Museum for their help fixing the rear axle seal on the Cold Duck. Also, Ed O got the cement in the hole that Dave Mudge drilled and Gary Smedes put a lot of work to open bigger, to put the flag pole base that Tim Mackey welded. When we find a way to straighten the pole, it is just a matter of putting it up.

Lastly, the outhouse is a little further from the drive, and people are forgetting to lock it up when the last person leaves. Please try to remember. Needless to say, vandalism to that particular piece of equipment would be a messy thing to have to clean up.

*See you at the field! -Sheila*



# Meeting Minutes

October 12 2011

Submitted By: Doug Donner Jr. Secretary

**The meeting was called to order** at 7:06 PM by Sheila with (11) members and (0) guests present. A motion was made by Doug M/John D to accept the secretary's report as read. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Doug M/Jack D. to accept the treasurer's report as read and pay bills. Motion passed.

**Old business:**

Club Hats

- Have in stock
- (3) vented hats were purchased and sold already

Flag Pole:

- Hole was enlarged
- Pole is in the hole and awaiting cement
- pole has a bend in it towards the bottom. A discussion was held if it should be straightened or left alone

**New business:**

Swap Meet

- Maynard got permission to use tables from the Knights of Columbus
- Volunteers: Gary, Ed L, Ed O, John D (the Egg man)
- Still more volunteers needed
- Need coffee makers, griddles
- A motion was made by Doug Jr/Gary S to allot up to \$150.00 to buy an airplane as a swap prize – motion passed

Tractors:

- The Duck is leaking something from the rear differential, possibly a bad seal

Dave Kilby will bring utensils and a coffee pot for use at the swap

Jack DeLisle mentioned the possibility of flying electrics at the park in Kimbal, possibly on 32nd Street pond

**Motion to close** was made by Doug M / Gary S Meeting adjourned @ 7:31 PM.

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**Financial Report Summary**

Reported October 11, 2011

By Ed Olszewski

<b>Beginning balance:</b>	\$2139.70
Equipment Fund	<u>\$2370.68</u>
Total	\$4510.38

<b>Income:</b>	
<b>Dues</b>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
Total	\$ 15.00

<b>Expenditures</b>	
<b>Hall rental</b>	<u>\$ 155.00</u>
Gas	\$ 40.02
Septic	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$ 220.02

Ending Balance:	\$1934.68
Equipment Fund:	<u>\$2370.68</u>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$4305.36</b>

# Season Over ?

By Jack DeLisle



This time of year it's hard to come up with a topic for our Broken Prop but since the season for all but the hardy is over that's what I'll talk about. Actually I'll talk about the whole season.

As far as I'm concerned the season was a winner from early spring until the fall came in with strong winds, rain and the big chill.

Because I'm retired and , since the advent of ARF airplanes, don't build anymore I volunteered again this year to help with the mowing and ended up with Dan Mackey as my partner.

What I enjoyed most about working with Dan was watching him fly after we got done with the mowing. If the club had an awards banquet I would award him the most improved pilot of the year.



April saw this gang at Silver Trails Scout Camp West of Jeddo helping the Boy scouts earn their aviation badge. I had notes last spring so I could name the two people on the bottom left but they are long gone. I will say they were responsible making sure the scouts knew the subjects about aircraft and earned their badge. Not handed to them because they showed up.

On May 24 a few Propbusters showed up at

## Tailgate Swap

Arnolds field in Croswell for the S.M.A.C annual Tailgate swap. It's probably a good thing because the free donuts and coffee wouldn't have let me have my fill.

Kidding aside, there was some nice trading going on and I managed to move a bunch of stuff I had left over from my "wet" flying days.

The flight line was as full as usual and the weather was fine with the wind coming right down the runway from the West.

The S.M.A.C. also had a rally at their field a few miles West of Croswell on Harrington road. This time it was a potluck if you wanted to bring something and Bob and Nancy Samuelson did the hot dog cooking. The Dogs ? Supplied by the Sanilac Model Airplane Club.

I plan on attending both of these events next year. God willing and the creek don't rise.



The above photo was taken at the Eddy Elementary school kids annual event on June 3.

Barbara Joachim Carrell has taught at Eddy for a number of years and ,along with her dad Bud Joachim , first started entertaining / instructing the children when The River District R/C Eagles flew at Davis road south of Marysville.

When that field was lost the Propbusters were nice enough to co-host and we have been doing just that for at least five years.

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I'm probably wrong on the years so I'll just say it's been awhile.

The hosting of the Eddy Elementary kids has grown over the years and their day now includes visiting the farm museum and the water park so I'm thinking that as long as Barbara and the other teachers and parents continue having that outing it should continue happening at our field.

I am saying that because the River District Eagles will have a great flying field but it won't have the Farm museum so I hope the Propbusters will continue to co-host with the Eagles?



Ed London and a reporter from the Port Huron Times Herald during our Interclub Rally of June 18, 2011.

We had a fine turnout for the rally and would be labeled a success by any and all. If you take your eyes off of Ed and check the back ground You'll see that we had many spectators. The most for any event this year.

On July 9 the biplane rally proved to be another fine gathering of pilots and their planes.



The pic ? How about my little electric driven Ultimate on Dave Lovelly's big Ultimate gasser biplanes.

Our Broken Prop newsletter had the Eastwings annual money maker on the schedule and It had spectators watching the flying throughout the day and the only thing missing were Propbusters.



So the only "downer" for the year was our not supporting this club so I would hope that coming years will be better.



As you can see from the photo on the left. The 4H show and tell on the 30th of July was bright and sunny. So sunny that Ed Olszewski tried to keep his planes in

the shade. The earth kept turning and the shade kept moving though. How was the day? A winner again.



Our Charity event on September 10 had the biggest pilot turnout of the year and the photo shows only the West half of the flight line.

This year we held the event with the monies going to the Saint Clair County Farm Museum and all of the pilots helped make that a success.



I know we had a scheduled Potluck with the Propbusters supplying the hot dogs and sausage and I don't find the date anywhere? On paper or in my head, so I'll just say that it was so good Sheila and Ed Olszewski had another

"impromptu" hotdog and sausage eating contest and that was a winner too.

I have a hunch our President and Treasurer didn't take the money for the impromptu's out of the treasury.

Personally, I want to thank the whole club for a great year. THANKS Jack DeLisle

## Ed-itor's Corner

*Ed Olszewski*

Memories of childhood, sitting down with family, to watch the evening news on our new television. My father and brothers waited for the sports, but the weather was always my favorite. Every day the weatherman would give me the forecast, then impart a brief geography lesson of some town somewhere in the Upper peninsula, which he would then pull down from the map and squeak with his chalk, boy that joke never got old for me.



The events of the world seemed of little importance compared to the weather, all that was important in my little world was contained in that five minutes. A nice warm calm day meant unfurling my control lines and spinning in circles until my .049 ran out of gas.

I walked to the baseball diamond where I would string my control lines from the pitchers mound to home plate. If a friend were there, he would hold my plane, other wise a large stick would do until a tug on the line would release the plane to a circular taxi and then head skyward.

One day as I prepared to set up my lines, a group of neighborhood kids showed up to play ball. When asked what position I play, I blankly pointed to the mound where I usually stood to fly. In hindsight they probably thought I meant that I played that position in baseball. With a borrowed glove and a ball, I was set to pitch.



Carefully, I lofted the ball over the plate, which turned out to be the stick I use to hold my planes. Incredibly I struck out the first two batters. This is not to bad, maybe I could be good at this, I thought quietly. The third player stepped up to the plate. I wound up and tossed the ball toward the center of the plate. The ball never made it, with a smack the ball rocketed straight back at me. At that moment, I learned a maneuver that would serve me the rest of my life. I dove, landing spread eagle on the ground, as the ball barreled over my head. Holy cow, what was with that. Then, as I was picking myself off the ground, my head turned as I heard my name being called out. Evi-

dently in sandlot baseball, there is a tradition that the pitcher is "out for first base". Unfortunately I was not aware of this minor nuance of the game, and was unprepared for the remainder of the play. Apparently throwing the ball, hitting the pitcher square in the left eye and knocking him unconscious, does not count as a baseball "out".



After "the incident" as it was to become known in the neighborhood, I no longer pitched as the kids played ball, I built airplanes in my basement. When the field cleared, I would fly my ringmaster. We shared the field well, often the gang would stay and watch me fly, some even got planes of their own, and none ever got hurt doing that.

Life has changed little. Now the weatherman does an occasional carpet commercial, and I get my weather on the internet. The planes are a little more expensive, and the field is not shared with a baseball team. Inclement days are still reserved for building aircraft. I have made an effort to better understand sports, but from a safe distance.

With the lousy weather we have had this summer, I finally finished the biplane. I started the kit some 3 years ago. At first it was going gangbusters, and I had it framed in in a couple of weeks. Decisions, options, and uncertainty slowed my progress. Soon other projects took precedence, and progress ground to a halt. Anyways, a friend put the maiden flight on her, she flew like a champ. Nervously, I took the sticks and flew her around awhile. It is always traumatic for me to see a new plane go up for the first time. It felt good to see it fly so well.

Triumphantly arriving home, I passed through the living room with my plane while my son was watching a sporting event. What inning is it? I asked. It is the third quarter, he replied, and It's football dad. Good, I remarked, it is probably better those guys charging each other do not have bats and balls, someone could get hurt.

I hung my new toy in the study, just over my computer where I could admire it. I pulled out the plans for my next project, and dream of light wind and clear skies. Life is good.





## Announcements & Events

### November

5-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM  
9-Club Meeting 7:00 PM

### December

3-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM  
4- Propbusters swap 9:00 AM  
14-Club Meeting 7:00 PM

### January

1-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM  
11-Club Meeting 7:00 PM

A full list of events is on our website  
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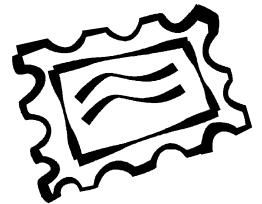
### 2011/2012 Propbusters Special Events

December 4 2011	Propbusters Swap
June 16	Inter-Club Fly In
July 7	Bi-Plane Rally
July	4-H Fair R/C Demo
September 8	R/C For Charity Fly In
September 9	Whirlybirds Fly

For those who may have noticed an increase of “non fixed wing aircraft” at the field, you are right. We have well over a dozen Helicopter, or aspiring helicopter pilots currently in our club and the number is rising. You may remember just a couple of years ago the number was only three.

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