

### 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.*

**42° 59' 02" N - 82° 39' 02" W**

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**2011 Membership: 53**

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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

April 29, 2011

### President's Perspective

*From Sheila Olszewski*

The Sanilac miniature aircraft club (SMAC) are having their Tailgate Swap May 21. It is rather like the spring opener fly for the area's modelers. It is held at Crosswell's Arnold airport, a couple miles north of Crosswell on Crosswell rd. As the name implies, it is a tailgate swap, so the flight line is lined with goodies for sale. You can bring something to sell as well, it is free to all.

This years Weak Signals Toledo show seemed a little smaller than in past. The upstairs swap was substantially smaller- maybe half the number of vendors from several years ago. I suspect imports have taken a toll on the industry in general. Attendance seemed to be up, but that is judging by weaving through the crowded isles. I was surprised at the amount of friends we ran into. We were able to get to and see all the booths we wanted, but sometimes had to wait our turn to get up close. The midway model exhibition lived up to its normal aw inspiring excellence. The show made for a fun day and our van went home with a few good deals. Well worth the trip.

The new benches built by Tom Dickenson showed up at the field, they look great. Thanks Tom!

John Diver has stepped down as leader of the field committee. Dan Mackey stepped up after the meeting and volunteered to lead the field committee, and as long as I had his attention I wrangled him as Safety Officer. I know everyone will give Dan our full support. Dan and his brother Tim are currently going over and evaluating the Woods mower. Ed London stopped by the other day and told me he and Tom Nichols will help out and because of their extensive knowledge of the gang mowers, will manage the maintenance of that equipment. Currently we are looking into either replacing or repairing the woods zero turn mower. In the meantime provisions have been made for equipment to cut the infield if the woods does not run. Everyone has an opinion on weather the woods mower is worth repair. A list will be made with all the known problems. A decision will be based on actual estimates of repair cost, as compared to value after repair of that type mower. We will also look into the cost of an industrial quality mower that will mow the infield area and trim in a comparable amount of time. We have an equipment fund with cash already allocated and a budget for just such a reason. The final decision will be made based on the estimates and the recommendations of the field committee members working on it.

See you at the field -Sheila



# Meeting Minutes

April 13 2011

Submitted By: Doug Donner Jr. Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Sheila with (12) members and (1) guest present. A motion was made by Doug M / Gary S. to accept the secretary's report as read by Doug Jr. Motion passed. A motion was made by Doug M / Gary S. to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed O. Motion passed.

### Old business:

Signs:

- Corplast \$25.00 for 10 Pieces which measure 18" x 24" and include a wire stand
- Dan has (4) Realtor signs, but they need to be painted
- Gary s and Ed O have Corplast material and will see what can be to them

Field Clean-up:

- Per Sheila, not too much work needs to be done.
- Maybe schedule a workday during the summer to put down stone
- John D can't cut grass or attend to maintenance this summer
- Sheila will price stone for next meeting
- Dan M, Jack D, and Tom D volunteered to cut grass this summer

### New business:

Sheila talked to Bud Joachim about doing the candy drops at this summers events. He said he would do it. John D is not done with his plane yet.

Fun Fly:

- Started receiving donations.
- Event is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- BMX Club will cook for our events
- The Boy Scouts have asked for help in earning Aviation Merit Badges at Silver Trails Scout Ranch on April 16.
- Contact Sheila if interested in helping out.
- There will be about 45 boys.
- Currently, there are (8) people signed up to help.
- Please bring scissors if you have them.
- The event is being organized by Keith Graham
- Flight line tables:
- Tom D has volunteered his time to build a (2) more square tables if the club would purchase the wood
- discussion was held
- a motion was made to spend up to \$125.00 to build (2) square tables for the flight line. - Motion passed
- Ed L commented:
- The Woods mower may not make it thru another summer
- there was a brief discussion of whether to buy a new motor or replace the entire mower
- Dan M volunteered to look the Woods over and see what needs to be done to refurbish it

- NOTE: Both tractors take straight 30 WT oil (per Ed L.)
- Reel mowers need to be inspected and serviced

Motion to close was made by Doug M / Gary S Meeting adjourned @ 7:37 PM.

If you have a trainer plane you want to sell, especially if it is electric. call Ed O at 941-1497, or drop me a line at Proptreas@comcast.net . We have several prospective pilots looking for equipment.

## Support Your Local Hobby Shops

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### St. Clair County Propbusters

## Financial Report Summary

April 13, 2011

By Ed Olszewski

<b>Beginning balance:</b>	\$2052.21
Equipment Fund	\$2687.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4740.08</b>

<b>Income:</b>	
<b>Redline</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>250.00</b>

<b>Expenditures:</b>	
<b>AMA</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>90.00</b>

Ending Balance:	\$2212.21
Equipment Fund:	\$2687.87
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$4900.08</b>

# SCOUT BADGES

By Jack DeLisle



of the world and it was cold and rainy with the possibility of snow in the forecast. That didn't happen but it still stopped most of our flying outdoors.

But all was not lost because Sheila and Ed, along with John Neil brought a fleet of Micro Choppers shown in the previous photo and displayed their flying talents and the ability of those choppers to fly safely in crowded spaces.

Ed landed on my open hand a few times while I explained torque and how those little fellas counteracted torque by using counter rotating blades.

Saturday, April 16, 2011 saw these mostly smiling people at Silver Trails Scouting facility a few miles West of Jeddo, Michigan to help 40 plus scouts earn their aviation badge.

Starting at top left is our Propbusters President Sheila Olszewski, Gary Wilkerson, Al Fournier, Jack DeLisle, Ed Olszewski and John Neil. In the front are Ken Fountain from the Civil Air Patrol and Kelli Martin who works at Selfridge Air National Guard.



Photo at left is Ken going over the lessons with the scouts because they are going to answer to Kelli Martin and she will determine

who deserves the Aviation Badge.

The Scout must know the basic operation of a plane. What allows it to fly, what the primary controls do and what powers a plane be it piston or turbine.

We had hoped to fly our assortment of planes but the weather was standard spring for our part



Did I say all outdoors flying was cancelled? No I didn't because a bunch of scouts made planes from an 8 inch foam plate and a penny

like the one shown on the right. The penny is hiding under the flap at the front of the glider. I have my name on this glider because I built to show the scouts what the finished product looks like.



Gary Wilkerson had the scouts come out in small groups and they launched their gliders and the one who had the longest flight stayed on and competed against the next scout who had the longest flight and this continued on until there were two scouts left.





I was remiss, and cold, and didn't get the names of the two finalists but I do have their picture and Gary with the winner and the smile tells it all.



One table of scouts answering the written portion of the test for their Aviation badge.



John Neil giving scouts a lesson on flying at one of the two Flight Simulators. Sheila was at the other.

There was a line up of scouts at the simulators all the time I was there and probably the best instructor for demonstrating what the Elevator, Rudder, Ailerons and Throttle do when flying a plane.



How did all of this come about? Keith Graham, Web Master of our Saint Clair County Prop Buster web page, asked Sheila if the Propbusters would help

troops of boy scouts earn their aviation badge and Sheila got her favorite husband Ed Olszewski, Al Fournier, Gary Wilkerson, Jack DeLisle and John Neil to help Ken Fountain and Kelli Martin do that.

What would I change? Besides the weather? Put it in the calendar for a possible annual event with the hopes that the scouts will have enough candidates for a yearly class because it works both ways. The scouts earn another badge and the Propbusters get a chance to show their community spirit and that ain't all bad.

I haven't polled Sheila, Ed, Gary, Al or John but I'll bet all of them would say that they enjoyed their experience with the scouts. Especially Sheila and Ed because they guided their son Josh all the way through the program until Josh earned scouting's highest award. Eagle Scout.



So the Propbusters would like to thank Keith Graham and the Boy Scouts of America for giving the Propbusters a chance to help scouts earn their aviation badge and maybe even getting some of those scouts involved in the aircraft industry. Be it pilots, aircraft service or ground crew.

Welcoming them into this great hobby / sport of ours always lurks in the back of my mind too because we need young people to keep us growing. It usually takes them until after schooling and marriage, but we can wait.



## Announcements & Events

### May

7-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM  
 11-Club Meeting 7:00 PM  
 21- SMAC Tailgate Swap 10:00 AM

### June

3-Eddy School fly 9:00 AM  
 4-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM  
 8-Club Meeting 7:00 PM  
 18-Inter-Club Fly In 10:00 AM

### July

2-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM  
 9-Bi-Plane Rally 10:00AM  
 13-Club Meeting 7:00 PM  
 16-East wings fly in 10:00AM  
 30- 4-H Fair R/C Demo 10:00AM

### August

6-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM  
 10-Club Meeting 7:00 PM

*A full list of events are on our website*

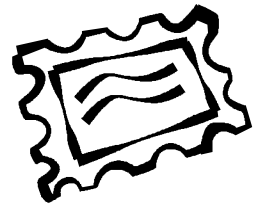


### 2011 Propbusters Special Events

June 18 Inter-Club Fly In  
 July 9 Bi-Plane Rally  
 July 30 4-H Fair R/C Demo  
 September 10 R/C For Charity Fly In  
 September 11 Whirlybirds Fly  
 December 4 Propbusters Swap

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