

# The Broken Prop



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### Meeting Schedule:

Second Wednesday each  
month at the Community  
Center Building, Goodells Park,  
6:00 pm.

Please try to attend the  
meetings if you can. It's a  
great way to stay in touch with  
what is going on in your club.

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### President's Perspective

Summer is almost here! I stepped out for lunch today and it was 55 degrees and the sun was out. I don't know about you, but I'm getting cabin fever.

A lot will be happening over the next few months for the club. We have purchased a shed for our field equipment storage. We will be having gravel brought in for our driveway so we will not have to lock the field in the spring months.

The City of Port Huron Recreation Department is putting on the first annual Hobby Fest held at Pine Grove Park from 10 Am to 4 PM on June 20<sup>th</sup>. If we decide to participate in this event I have all the sign-up paperwork needed to register us for the event.

Also, the down river recreation department is planning a student recreation trip to Goodells Park on July 30<sup>th</sup>. I was contacted by them to see if the Propbusters will be there to put on some demonstrations for the kids in attendance. I think this is a great opportunity to show off our hobby and spark interest for the kids. I am aware that the 30<sup>th</sup> falls on a Friday and they will be there during work hours. I am looking for available pilots to fly at this event. If you are interested please give me a call.

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Theodor (Ted) P. Werner, 79, of Yale, died Saturday afternoon, April 3, 2004 at Port Huron Hospital.

Ted was a lifetime Avoca Farmer and member of the Propbusters. He was also a member of various other R/C clubs and enjoyed spending his winters in Sebring, Florida.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider the American Diabetes Association or the St. Clair County Cancer Society.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### APRIL

14<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

### MAY

12<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

### JUNE

9<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

19<sup>th</sup> - **Propbusters Fun Fly** 10:00 am

### JULY

14<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

### AUGUST

7<sup>th</sup> - **4H Fair Demo Fun Fly** & Propbusters club Picnic 9:30 am

11<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

### SEPTEMBER

4<sup>th</sup> - **Propbusters Toys for Tots** Fun Fly 9:30 am

8<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

### OCTOBER

13<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

All events are open to other clubs to participate and are more than welcome to come out and support the hobby of R/C flying.

(If anyone knows of any other clubs' events, let me know so I can get them in here.)

## **River District Eagles R/C Flying Club**

The club is looking for a new field.

They are looking for approx 6 acres of suitable space for runway and parking adjacent to approx 40 acres of over-fly area, which could be wooded or suitable for agricultural use. If you can help, please contact Gary Wilkerson (810) 388-1066.

## **Port Huron Treetoppers AMA #1237**

The club is looking for new members. They fly out of Birchville on Norman Road.

It's only \$10 to join. This covers the 1st year dues and initiation fee.

Contact  
Glen Kolar  
810-385-3588 or WA8HEH@tir.com.

## March Meeting

Meeting started at 6:05 PM with 12 members present and one more coming later. Kirk/Ken made a motion to accept the secretary's report read by Keith. Keith/Gary made motion to accept the treasurer's report presented by Ed.

Field Lease. We currently have a one-year extension to bring our lease in-line with other park groups. There could be a wetland proposal being built north of our field. The park might sell this off in the future. Interested members should attend park meetings.

A tentative workday is scheduled for April 17.

Kirk has the batteries for the tractors at his house fully charged. He also has the windsock. Keith has the canopy.

Fun Fly: June 19. Redline Racing has said they will be borrowing a hot dog roller for concessions. They also would be interested in splitting the cost of electricity at the field. Kirk will look into pricing and what is needed to get the power to the field.

Todd is going to put a padlock on the field until the ground dries. He reminded flyers to stay in our flying area. 4H Fair week flight line suggestions were heard.

The Club Charter Renewal will be mailed out after the meeting.

Todd is working to get a date scheduled with Greg for the driveway graveling.

The loss of the Eagles' field was brought to the membership. They are looking for a new field and have asked for the Propbusters to place an ad in the newsletter and on our website. They must be off their field by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Doug/Kirk made a motion to allow the Eagles use of our field on our terms until their new field is setup. Todd will meet with the Eagle's president to discuss sharing the field and field maintenance costs. Ed made a motion to create a committee to make guidelines for shared use of the field.

Our radio impound box might be too small for additional radios. If we purchase the shed, we need to allocate part of this for a bigger radio impound box. Kirk/Doug made a motion to buy the shed for \$600.

The bulk fuel purchases was brought up.

The Port Huron Tree Toppers are looking for new members. They are charging \$10 (dues and initiation fee total).

Sheila/Gary made the motion to close the meeting at 7:22 PM.

## Financial Report

Beginning Balance **\$1,734.53**

**Income** Dues \$ 245.00  
(Includes \$100.00 brought by Sec.)

Total Income **\$ 245.00**

### Expenses

Postage/Newsletter \$ 9.99  
AMA charter Renewal \$ 90.00  
American Steel \$ 530.00  
Total Expenses **\$ 629.99**

### Ending Balance

Checking \$ 1,349.54  
Cash on Hand \$ 0.00  
**Grand Total \$1,349.54**

### Membership

Junior 5  
Senior 9  
Lifetime 3  
**Total 40**

### New Members

Jack DeLisle  
Al Fournier  
John Hickman  
Mike Grant  
Harold Bronson  
Dennis Chuba

## Propbusters Forum

If you haven't had a chance to go to our website, now you've got another reason.

We've added a **Forum** for use by the Propbusters and members of Redline Racing.

Come on out and spread some of your knowledge with other members. Or just post some information on your latest project. We currently have 9 registered users and 24 articles.

If you are having problems getting your account activated, send an email to the club secretary for help. [Keith@sccpropbusters.com](mailto:Keith@sccpropbusters.com)



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## Grants Custom Aircraft

Mike Grant has some R/C Airplane kits for sale:

### Wing

**Span Scale Wing Area Wt Len Engines Control Surfaces**

#### PBY 5-1 Catalina

106" 1/12 1270 Sq In 23 lbs 64" .60 2-Cycle 3 surfaces & Motor Servo, Motor Trim  
.90 4-Cycle Servo, Landing Gear Valve Servo,  
Float Valve Servo

#### Grumman G-44 Widgeon

80" 1/5 15 Sq Ft 24 lbs 60" .60 2-Cycle 3 Control Surfaces & Motor Servo, Motor  
.90 4-Cycle Servo, Landing Gear Valve Servo, Float Valve  
Servo

#### Republic Seabee

70" 60 630 Sq In 8 lbs 48" .40 2-Cycle 4 Control Surfaces

Kit construction will entail some grinding and filing of some of the joints and finish assembly

**For more information, contact Mike at (810) 329-6406**

More kits becoming available next month.



## Toledo Expo

This was my first time going to the Toledo show. This was more than a swap.

The directions we used made for a relaxing scenic drive. In two quick hours we went from Port Huron to the parking garage. The hardest part about the trip was finding a parking space.



There were many vendors selling chloroplast airplanes kits, including a racecar.



Ron helped a potential new member purchase a 60-size airplane, including motor for \$250.00.

I found a 6-channel radio system and 46 OS FX engine for the Spad Todd and I are building.

We spent most of the morning walking the second floor swap. Later we got to go into the main floor to see the exhibits.



There were many static displays too.



I took over 140 pictures of the planes. Check them out on our website.

Todd got a kick out of the flight simulator coming out soon. The wide screen TVs were great too.



There were many manufacturers represented there. Here was a display by Hitec.

