The Broken Prop

St. Clair County R/C Propbusters
Model Aviation Club
Goodells, Michigan
A.M.A. Charter Club #1762

April 2009

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- Ed O brings us some more **Hints and Tips**
- Jack DeLisle's story of building a new "old" kit to keep him out of trouble. Or does it?
- Check out **"What's Happening"** thru-out 2009….

About the Propbusters:

- **Club Meetings** are held on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm at the Community Center Building, Goodells County Park. During the Summer months, weather permitting, meetings are held at the field.
- **Club Breakfast** is the first Saturday of each month, 9:00 at Cavis Pioneer Restaurant on Lapeer Rd. West of Wadhams Rd. Flying afterwards.
- 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. Our map coordinates are **42° 59' 02" N - 82° 39' 02" W**
- **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.

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2009 Membership: 60

Welcome new member:
Jeremy Baier

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March Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Carl with (12) members and (1) guest present. Al F/Doug Sr. made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Doug Jr. Motion passed. A motion was made by Doug Sr/Gary S. to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed O. Motion passed.

Old business:

- Food vendor – Flemings is not able to cater the Fun-fly. He is selling the business.
    - Any New ideas of who to contact?
    - June 13th and Sept 5th are the dates food vendors are needed
    - Ed L. is going to contact another vendor.
- AMA Grant – Too late to apply for this year. Due date was March 1st.

New business:

- No New members this month
- The Whirlybirds would like to reserve the field on September 13th, 2009 for their Fun-Fly. A motion was made by Doug Sr/Ed L to let the Whirlybirds reserve the field. Motion passed
- Field clean-up – Scheduled for May 16th. Rain Day is May 24th. Activities to begin at 9:00 AM. Submit work ideas at April meeting.
- Canopy – A proposal was made to replace the top and bungee cords. Sheila will get prices for replacements and bring back to the April meeting.
- Gary S brought up revisiting the event rule about entering the field to retrieve downed aircraft when other pilots are still in the air. After discussion, it was decided to leave the rule as written and enforce the rule better.
- Bulk fuel purchase – Sheila will contact Gary Wilkerson about this and report at April meeting.

Motion to close was made by Sheila/Gary S. Meeting adjourned @ 7:34 PM.

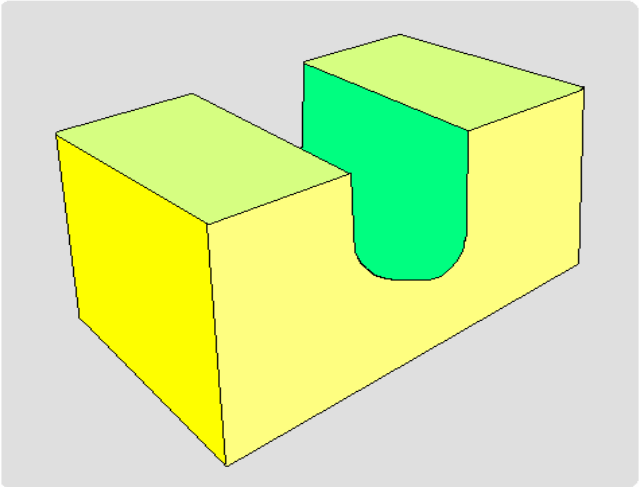
Submitted By:
Doug Donner Jr.
Secretary

St. Clair County Propbusters Financial Report Summary
April 8, 2009

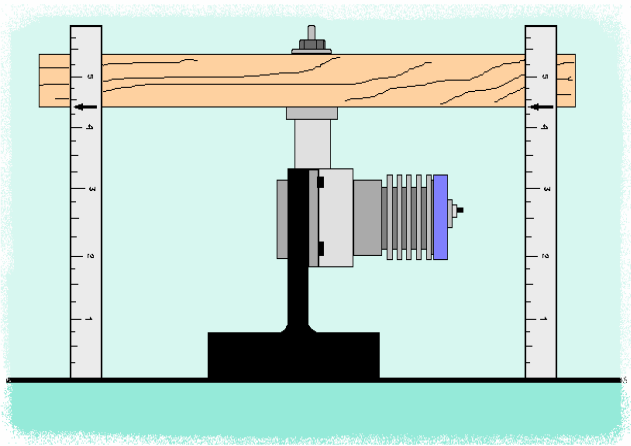
Beginning balance:		**$3052.14**
Income:		$25.00
Total:		$25.00
Expenditures:		
	AMA charter	$113.00
	Stamps	$5.46
Total:		$118.46
Ending Balance:		$1048.66
Equipment Fund:		$1910.02
Grand Total:		**$2958.68**

Hints and Tips

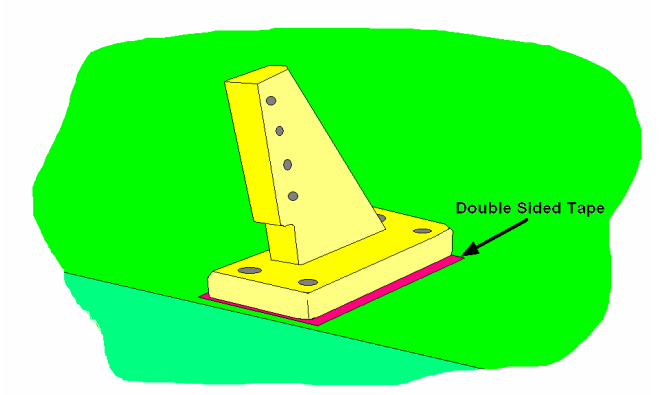
By Ed Olszewski



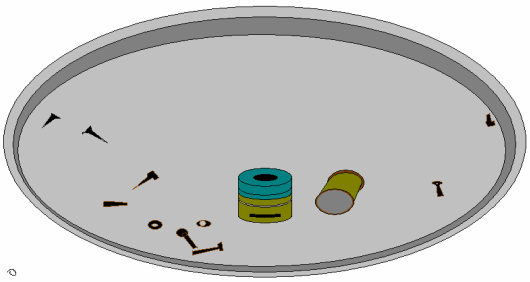
The blocks of packing foam that come with most electronic items can easily be carved with an electric knife to make great building or work stands. Then you can hold your plane while it is on the bench without adding a lot of hangar rash.



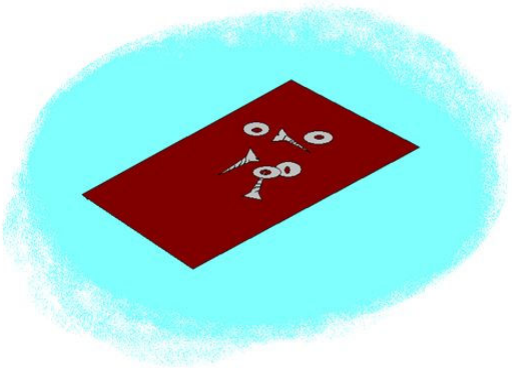
Don't just automatically assume that a brand new engine mount is square and true– it is probably not. Mount a piece of straight scrap wood to the prop mount of the engine and check the distance from the back of the wood to a flat surface. The measurement should be exactly the same all the way around the rotation of the engine. If not use a file or sandpaper and adjust the bottom of the engine mount.



Use a piece of double sided tape to position and hold your control horns in place while you drill and screw the holes to permanently affix the horn.



Work on your engines or other things with small screws on a pizza pan. The screws will not roll onto the floor when dropped, fumbled, or otherwise become



As long as you are using the pizza tin, place a refrigerator magnet on the bottom, small screws and washers will stay put on the magnet.

Stuff…

By Jack DeLisle

This is a Pica kit of the Jungmeister and I took possession of it a couple of weeks ago. I also took a page out of Grant Partridge's book because he planted an idea in my head. I asked two guys at the field down here if they had any ARFs I could build. I thought one, Mel Tubo, would have one for sure because he had a bunch of them at his house when I was there two years ago, but he didn't . I asked a former Michigan man, Walt Dixon, and he said, "I don't have an ARF, but I do have a Pica kit of a Jungmeister that I started before I had my detached retina re-attached and it's just setting there!"

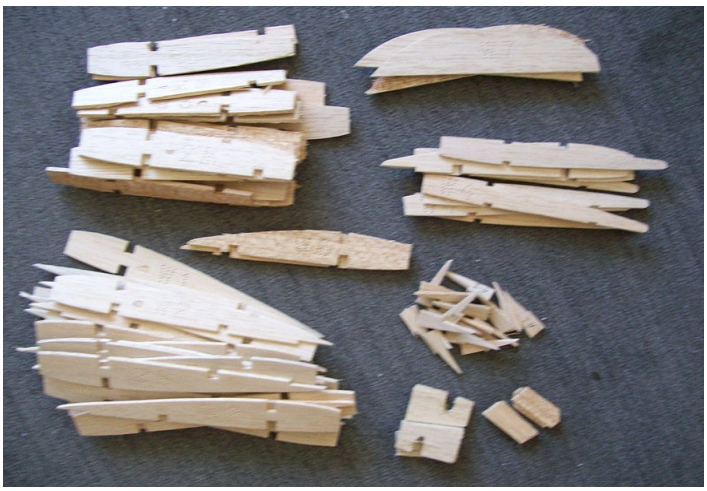
A kit wasn't what I had in mind but it would keep me happy building. So, we went over to his house and got the plane down off of the shelf, along with some glues, and transferred it to the van and home I went.

I'm showing part of the box cover that had all of the info about Pica because I didn't find the instructions in the box. I asked Walt to look around his shop for the instructions and the 1/8th music wire that was missing too. Walt basically said, "What you see is what you get."

Walt bought the kit off of E-Bay and those items weren't in the package but he said would look for the missing cabane music wires. I didn't find a web site for Pica and the phone number wasn't current so the info on the box was useless.

There was a full set of plans and Walt had built the tail feathers and had a start on the fuselage so I said to myself, "I've built a few planes over the years and the worst I could do is glue part B before part A and have to do some back tracking!"

So far, I have spent one evening cutting and breaking the wing ribs out of balsa sheets. I say cutting and breaking because the wood chosen for the ribs was hard and stringy and the steel rule die cutting left a lot to be desired. You don't know how good you have it with Laser cut pieces until you run into the old die cutting!



As normal, the plans call for a servo in the center of each wing to drive the ailerons. I'm going to move two servos out to the barn door ailerons on the bottom wing and drive the top ailerons with "tie rods". That means that I'll cut bigger holes in the ribs to take the servo wires and their plugs and add the servo mounts to the bottom wing. The wing isn't all that thick so I'll probably mount the servos on their sides with just the servo arms sticking out. I don't think they had that "system" when the Pica Jungmeister was drawn up??

Till next time.

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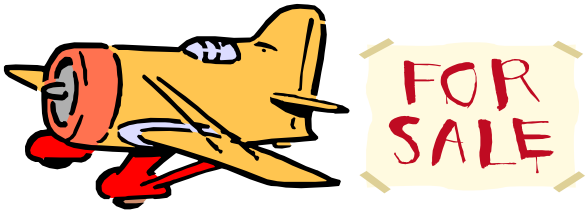

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I have been out of the RC sport for quite a few years. I keep thinking I am going to get back into it, but there are too many other new things going on. I would like to sell the RC stuff I have and will make someone a very good deal to take the total package. (Make an offer):

Engines:

- K&B 40 ....Brand new never used
- K&B 40 .....hit the ground....for parts
- Enya-46 II 4 cyl. Brand new, never used.

Planes:

- Airtronics Jetfire plane 40 kit. Sport Trainer. Brand new kit in box.
- Coverite Gee Bee Model E Racer: New, All framed up ready to be covered. Includes: all hardware, gas tank, wheels, engine mount, Coverite covering, cowling, etc.
- Low Wing 40 Trainer Plane: Built up ready to fly (Used).

Car stuff:

- Hornet Electric Car.
- Electric Charger: Leisure Electronics Auto Charger

Radios:

- Futaba FP-T4NL Radio (old frequency) with receiver and servos.
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- Airtronics: XL Radio (old frequency) with receiver and servos
- Kraft Sport Series Radio (old frequency) with receiver and servos (A classic!)

Misc:

- Mark X electric fuel pump
- Hot Shot Glo Starter...brand new in box
- Sullivan Hi-Tork Starter
- Flight tote box
- MonoKote Heat Sealing tools Teflon coating (Have two)
- Props, glow plugs, small tools, hardware, etc.

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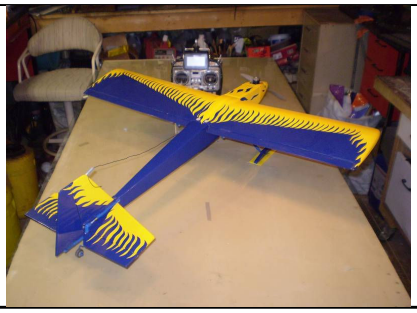
What's Happening

Announcements & Events in 2009

Propbusters Special Events

June 13	Inter-Club Fly In
July 11	Bi-Plane Rally
August 1	4-H Fair R/C Demo and Picnic
September 5	R/C For Charity Fly In
December 6	Propbusters Swap and Breakfast



April Events

3rd-5th	Toledo Swap	9:00 AM	Weak signals R/C Club, Toledo OH
4th	**Club Breakfast**	9:00 AM	Cavis Pioneer Restaurant – Lapeer Rd., Wadams
8th	**Monthly Club Meeting**	7:00 PM	Community Center Building, Goodells County Park
12th	Happy Easter		

May Events

2nd	**Club Breakfast**	9:00 AM	Cavis Pioneer Restaurant – Lapeer Rd., Wadams
3rd	RCCD Electric Fly-In	9:30 AM	Wetzel State Park www.rccd.org
13th	**Monthly Club Meeting**	7:00 PM	Propbuster's Field, Goodells County Park
16th	**Field Clean-up Day**	9:00AM	Propbuster's Field, Goodells County Park
16th-17th	Great Lakes Combat Championship	8:30 AM-4:00 PM	Wetzel State Park www.rccd.org
24th	Eddy Grade School Kid's Day	10:00 AM	Propbuster's Field, Goodells County Park
29th	**Field Clean-up Day—Rain day**	9:00 AM	Propbuster's Field, Goodells County Park
30th	SMAC Swap	9:00 AM	Arnold Field—Croswell

June Events

6th	**Club Breakfast**	9:00 AM	Cavis Pioneer Restaurant – Lapeer Rd., Wadams
10th	**Monthly Club meeting**	7:00 PM	Propbuster's Field, Goodells County Park
13th	**Inter-Club Fly-in**	10:00 AM	Propbuster's Field, Goodells County Park
20th	Wolverines Fun-Fly	10:00 AM	
27th	PMAC Warbird Fly-in	10:00 AM	