

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.

www.SCCPROPBUSTERS.com

President's Perspective

Well, here we are in August already and although it's been hot we've had some good flying weather so far. I'm happy to say that I've been able to get out to the field more this year and it's nice to see a lot more than the usual few out there also. However, I was not able to attend the school kids outing on July 14th, but from what I've heard, there was a good turnout there too. With approximately 70 school kids and 12 adults looking on, I'd like to thank the following Propbusters and Eagles for taking the time to show up and put on a show for them: Todd L., Ron F., Carl J., Stan M., Jim K., Gary W., Paul F., Dave K., Chris B., Frank S. and Sheila O. I certainly appreciate you all for your continued support.



Then on July 30th, we had our first unofficial Bi-plane rally at the field. Again, an *outstanding* turnout. Although, marred by a couple of 'unexpected' landings, (mine being one of them) there were a lot of *very* nice looking aircraft out there and excellent weather. Looks like we may have to do this one again.

Next on the agenda is the 4H demo / **Club picnic** on **August 6th**. This is an open fly schedule that starts at 9:00 a.m. Once again, I cannot stress enough, to stay clear of the west fence line while flying during the fair. This is when they will be watching us the most. For the picnic part, the club will be providing hotdogs, buns and condiments and we are asking that if you show up, that you bring a dish to pass, although it's not required.

Stuffed in between the August and September meetings is our Charity Fun Fly on September 3rd. With most of the advertising done, no raffles or donations to deal with, this one is almost worked out. However, there are still a few things to be discussed and settled, so please try to attend the August 10th meeting to help out with the details.

EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 6th – **Propbusters** Club Picnic/**4H Fair** - Flying Demonstration - 9 am to 2 pm
 6th & 7th – **Aero RC Club of Flint** – Fun Fly at Baker Field 2039 M-13 in Lennon MI 48449 – www.aeroshaftclub.com
 10th – **Propbusters** Club Meeting – 6 pm - Goodells
 27th – SMAC Fly-In For Toys – Croswell – 10 am

September

- 3rd - **Propbusters** Charity Fun Fly for **The American Red Cross** - 9 am to 2 pm
 10th – **The Profile Brotherhood** – flying at Propbusters field in Goodells, MI
 14th - **Propbusters** Club Meeting – 6 pm – Goodells
 17th – 18th – 2005 Roar State Championships hosted by **Redline Racing** at Goodells Park R/C car track – 10 am - www.redlineracingrctrack.com
 17th – **Port Huron Hospital Foundation** – 2nd Annual Hobbyfest – Pine Grove Park (810) 984-9760
 17th – **East Wings** Fun Fly – starts @ 9 am
 18th – **Whirlybirds** Fun Fly – tentatively at Goodells
 18th – **Midland** RC Model Air Show – 10 am to 5 pm – Overnight camping available - www.MidlandRC.org

October

- 12th - **Propbusters** Club Meeting – 6 pm – Goodells

Financial Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$2,402.28
Income	
Dues	\$ 100.00
Redline - Lease	\$ 250.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
Expenses	
Keith G. – postage	\$ 9.99
County Park - Lease	\$ 500.00
Gas – Shed moved	\$ 37.07
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 547.06</u>
 <u>Ending Balance</u>	
Checking	\$ 2,205.22
Grand Total	<u>\$2,205.22</u>
 2005 Membership New Members	
Junior 7	Allan Jerome
Senior 17	Gregg Masters Jr.
Lifetime 2	
Regular 37	
Total 63	

July Meeting

The Meeting started at the field at 6:10 pm with 10 members present. Doug/Tom made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. Doug/Keith made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed and pay bills. Both motions passed.

We have finally received the lease for this year. The acreage has been rounded up to 6 acres, it's for 3 years and it includes Redline Racing. The rest hasn't changed. Doug/Bill made a motion to accept the lease. Motion passed.

Mower blades need to be replaced on one of the reel units. The Woods is running well.

St. Clair County Rec. demo preparations for tomorrow were discussed.

New Business.

The 4H Fair/ Picnic is August 6th starting at 9 am. The Club will provide hotdog/buns. Bring your own beverage and table settings. Bring a dish to pass. We have to remind pilots about staying away from the flight line by the pit. We discussed the emptying of the trash cans and maybe getting some more cans.

Ed London had said he would store the tractors at his house. We need to remember to move them before the fair which runs from Aug 1st to 6th. Ron volunteered to cut our grass as needed.

Port Huron Hobbyfest was discussed. You have to bring your own folding chair and someone needs to be there all day. We need to verify someone has contacted them.

When Mike gets the rest of the material, we need a work day to finish the shed.

Redline has installed 2 French drains. It cost them around \$52 and the park installed the pipes for them. They have offered some extra stones for us to use. Doug/Al H. made a motion to purchase 10 foot of 6 inch PVC pipe with covers to be installed by our concession stand.

George Allen Jerome and Gregg Masters Jr. are our new members and Bill Lawson has soloed.

Doug/Keith voted to end meeting at 6:46 pm.

Propbusters Kids Demo July 14th



On July 14th, the Propbusters had a chance to promote the hobby to kids from the St. Clair Recreation Department grades 1 to 7.



We also want to thank members of the River District Eagles who came out and helped us.



Grant's custom Aircraft

PBY 5-1 Catalina

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

Grumman G-44 Widgeon

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

Republic Seabee

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

Contact: Mike Grant at (810) 329-6406

For Sale ARF Multiplex Cargo



Items Included with plane:

- Castle Creation Griffin 55 ESC
- Four (4) Hitec HS 81 servos
- One (1) JR 531 servo (operates cargo door)
- One (1) 8cell 2400mah nicad battery

Sell Price \$210.00

Call Carl Jones at (810) 367-6759

Propbusters Lease

Our lease was signed and paid on July 20th. We want to thank Alice Grant for coming out to the field and notarizing it. This is a three year lease and our next payment is due January.

Propbusters Club Picnic

This Saturday – August 6th starting at 9 am. Bring your plane, drink, and dish to pass.

Propbusters Bi-Plane Rally

By Ed Olszewski



On July 30, 2005 the St. Clair County Propbusters hosted its first Biplane rally. This was not intended to be a big event, drawing the general public, but rather a rally attracting area R/C pilots and their multi wing aircraft.



As a casual get-together the rally was a great excuse for many of us to dust off one of our prized planes and show it off at the field. Some of our best planes often stand in danger of becoming hangar queens, and we need an excuse to get them out, dust them off and get them into the air.



About 25 pilots brought their Bipes, along with a tri-plane, an x-wing, several single winged aircraft, and a couple of helicopters for good measure. The final count on multi-winged aircraft was 15, a pretty darn good showing. The weather for the day was just about perfect, a couple clouds in the sky, and only a slight breeze from the north.



A local full-scale pilot showed up overhead with his Biplane and put on a small show over the field. He apparently heard of our rally when he visited our field, and asked a member if we minded if he brought out his bi-plane. Everyone seemed to enjoy the plane. And yes, a couple guys couldn't resist holding their transmitters as if flying the full-scale.

Everyone who showed up had a great time; hopefully we can do this again next year.