

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



Best Wishes for the Holiday and New Year

Ed and I have been trying to make some kids Christmas very special. We have boxes of toys for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots Campaign. The problem has been to find out whom to take them to. I just about left a message on the Marine recruitment voice mail that I wanted to enlist. Maybe they will call me back then.

The December meeting is election time for the Club officers for next year. The nominations for the officer were made at the November meeting. We are fortunate that we have great people to become officers of the Club. Please congratulate them and extend your support to them.

Hope everyone has had more time than I had this fall to fly. Please remember not to drive on the field when the ground is saturated and wet. The tire tracks make for a bumpy time cutting the grass in the summer.

Swap time is fast approaching. This is a great opportunity to market your extra equipment or stock up on some. Contact Todd to reserve your table to sell. Maybe consider sharing a table with someone. Last year the Community Building was filled with tables and shoppers. Tables will be first come first serve at the same great price as last year. Tables are free; admission is \$3 bucks. We do need to decide what we will raffle at the swap. Maybe ask Josh what he wants. He has great luck winning the swap raffle.

Electric flying has begun at the Fort Gratiot Golf Dome. The Dome is north of Birchwood Mall. Electric R/C flying has been scheduled for Friday nights. Check the website for updates

The new Club President will take over with the January 2004 meeting. I have enjoyed serving as Club President and thank you for your support.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.



EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

10th - **Propbusters** Club meeting

JANUARY

14^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting

18th - **Propbusters** R/C Swap Meet –
Sunday 9 am – 1 pm

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.)

November Meeting

Meeting started at 6:00 PM. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Toys For Tots distribution was discussed. Rob is looking for the contact person.

We discussed the Lease. I will update the lease and put it on the website after the meeting. We discussed putting a drawing of the field into the lease.

Kirk brought up that the Woods won't disengage the starter and one of the keys is missing. He wants to cut the grass once more this season. Todd will contact one of the Redline Racers to see about borrowing their lawnmower. Fertilizing and rolling the field was brought up. Brian McLaren volunteered his John Deere to use for this.

I will contact Stan to find out about our Non-Profit number.

We talked over winterizing the Port-a-John. It was decided nothing needed to be done.

We reviewed the carburetor replacement for the cold duck. Kirk knows someone who could provide a used one for \$60 or a new one for \$120. If we buy the used one, we will have to pay for the rebuilding it. Kirk suggested using tamper-resistant torque screws when reinstalling the carburetor to make sure this doesn't happen again. Doug and Todd made a motion to purchase the carburetor, screws and rebuild kit up to \$100.00. The motion passed.

November Meeting (Continued)

We talked about graveling the rest of the driveway. This was tabled until spring.

Todd has had 12 people reserve tables for the swap meet. We're figuring on setting up 35 tables.

Nominations for 2004 officers were made.

President – Todd Litke

Vice-President – Doug McLaren

Treasurer – Ed Olszewski

Secretary – Keith Graham

Voting will occur during the December meeting.

We examined the Leader Club qualifications. We need a picture of the frequency board. We have a picture from the Toys For Tots that fulfills this qualification. Rob suggested getting a new magazine for the park's library.

The secretary will write up a report to send to someone about what goes on in the club.

The possibility of having electricity and/or water at the field was considered. Rob volunteered that it would cost \$10 every month, even during winter months of no use. Redline members could also benefit from the electricity.

We will check out the application on the AMA site for them paying 50% of the bill to improve the field. We could use an enclosed shed with a roll up door. Gary Wilkerson has a catalog.

Ed brought up the electric flying up at the Birchwood Golf Dome.

There is a group looking for pilots to fly the RC Blimp down at McMorran. The contact phone number is posted in Pastime Hobbies.

We talked about the people who violated our field by walking past the fence closer to the creek and cutting across our runway. Several options were considered.

The club, for his services as instructor this year, paid Todd Litke's dues for 2004. For his lawn services and repair work, the club will cover Kirk Churchill's dues for 2004. The 4 lifetime members' cards will be mailed out before the next meeting.

Ron Pennell has soloed. Everyone should congratulate him.

Meeting ended at 7:30 and Ed London's video of our field from his airplane was viewed.

St. Clair County Propbusters

Financial Report Summary
December 6, 2003

Beginning Balance \$ 1,293.53

Income

Dues \$ 210.00

Total Income \$ 210.00

Expenses

Postage/newsletter \$ 47.01

Total Expenses \$ 47.01

Ending Balance

Checking \$1,456.52

Cash on Hand \$ 0.00

Grand Total \$1,456.52 *

***Note: Total includes \$203.30 T.F.T. toy donation not purchased yet.**

2004 Membership

Junior Member 1

Senior 5

Lifetime 4

Regular Members 14

Total Members 24

For Sale

Tower 40 night flyer – complete system – ready-to-fly, \$150.00

Fokker 190 long nose – plane only \$25.00

SR Telemaster Twin, Airtronics 4 channel system, tower 40s motors. Ready To Fly. \$150.00

Stinger 10 w/ OS25 motor, servos, receiver, battery. Everything but the radio. \$100.00

Zilin 40 with ASP 91, servos, receiver and battery. Everything but the radio. \$250.00

C.G. Extra 300 with Webra 120, receiver, battery, servos. Everything but the radio. \$250.00

W.L. Special \$50.00

Armadillo stunt wing \$10.00

2 smoke systems, \$25.00 each

Sundancer electric boat, \$80.00

Call Gary Wilkerson at (810) 388-1066

For Sale

- Trainer 40 with Futaba 6 channel radio system and OS Max 35-40
- Hog Bipe with Mag. 80 4 stroke new
- US Air Force 40 with Irvin 40
- Sig clip wing club kit in box
- Slow Poke 95% built (stick)
- OS25 LA new
- CB motor mount for 91
- 4-5 roles of monokote
- New slot machine
- 21 cent. Iron
- Flight Box, complete with starter and extra props (10 x 6 and 12 x 6)
- Hobbico 60 trainer w/ skyport R.T.F.

**Asking \$800.00 OBO for everything. Call Dan
- Cell #: (586) 634-2800 - Port Huron Area**

Propbusters R/C Swap Meet

January 18th, 2004

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Free Table Space - \$3.00 Admission

If you have something to sell that's **R/C related**, call Todd Litke (810) 966-4546 to reserve a table today. Be sure to arrive a ½ hour early to set up your table.

There will be a **raffle** and 50/50 raffle.

Food and Snacks also available.

The swap meet is located at the **Community Center Building** at **Goodells County Park** on County Park Drive.

Come out and check out all the things for sale. Enjoy watching some **videos** of R/C activities.

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Birchwood Sports Dome Electric Fly

If you haven't checked out the guys flying at the golf dome, you don't know what you're missing.



These guys are getting hours of flying instead of sitting in the house watching TV all evening. Every other Friday night, for \$15.00 you too could be flying. Dates are Dec 19, Jan 2, Jan 16, Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 27, Mar 12, Mar 26, Apr 9, Apr 23 from 8 PM to 11 PM.

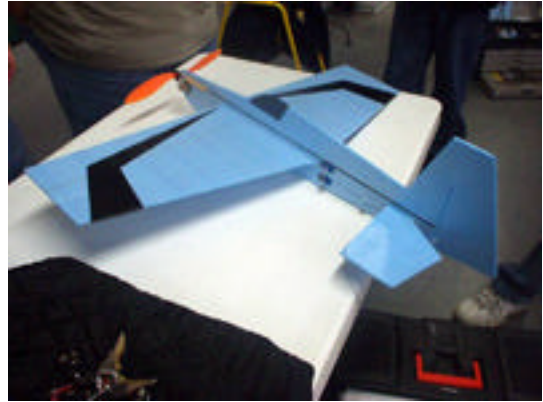
We've seen everything from planes made from insulation to helicopters to free-flight planes powered by rubber band.



Todd Litke got the plans for his Edge540 from RCGroups web site.



It's made from insulation sheets with a carbon rod added for fuselage support and held together by hot glue. It's got 3 Hitec micro HS55 servos using .35 music wire for control rods. He added half hinges for control rod support. His receiver, a \$54 DSP4SC, has a built in speed control and engine cut-out to power his GWS350C with D gearing engine and 12 x 6 slow fly prop.



To power this plane, Todd has a 12 mAH 3 cell Allerc battery. Even with no wind, Todd was still able to dazzle the crowd with his 3D flying skills.



Carl Jones was there flying his normal aircraft, a helicopter, only this ones a little smaller than the others. He was flying his MSComposite Hornet.



Birchwood Sports Dome Continued

Ed, Josh Olszewski, and Mike Roberge were all flying scratch built planes called "And Now?" Mike has planes he got from www.flyelectric.ukgateway.net.



If you ask Ed how much his servos cost, he says "20 bucks each". He gives the same for the cost of the battery and receiver. I asked him how long it would fly on a charge and of course the answer was "20 minutes".

