

# The Broken Prop



A.M.A. Charter Club #1762

December 2006

## Officers for 2006

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### Meeting Schedule

Second Wednesday each  
month at the Community  
Center Building,  
Goodells County Park  
6 pm to 8 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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## Presidents Perspective

by Gary Smedes

The November meeting hosted nominations for next year's officers and, as with last year, all current officers will hold their positions for next year. That means no voting required at the December meeting. I would like to say "**Thank You**" to everyone that has helped out the club, throughout the past year, in any way. Some of you have gone 'above and beyond' and some of you may have helped out only one time. No matter what you've put in, it's always welcome and very much appreciated. It's definitely been a pleasure working, and flying, with all of you.

Those of you that don't mind flying during the winter, don't forget the New Years

Day fun fly. Last year we had approximately twenty people show up. Some flew, some didn't. The temperature was around 40 degrees, no wind and even the sun poked through a time or two. Even if you don't plan on flying, come out and enjoy a couple of hours with some good friends. Don't forget your skis - just in case.

The next 'big' event is the Swap meet on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Check the calendar/flier in your newsletter for new times and a phone number if you want to reserve a table. We also need your help with passing out the fliers. Advertising is the key to success. Please help **your** club have a successful swap meet by passing out or hanging up a flier. If you need more, you can print them off of the Propbusters' website or pick them up at the meeting. Also last year, there were a few

complaints of not having good directions to the swap. If anyone has a good copy of a map that we can use, bring it to the meeting or forward it to the secretary for review.

Don't forget to renew your dues this month. The deadline is coming up quickly. You can pay them at the meeting or you can send them to Keith Graham to avoid the late fee.

And for those of you that I don't see at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>, have a great and happy holiday season and a happy New Year. Be safe and keep the landing gear on!

*Hope to see you  
at the meeting!*

# November Meeting

The meeting on Nov 8th was held at the community center building; started at 6:04 pm with 11 members and 1 guest present. Doug/Brian made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. Doug/Mike made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed and pay bill of Postage and renting both rooms at the conference rooms for the swap. All motions passed.

We were informed the Park's auger can go 4 foot with the extension and that the Park says the field must be dry for them to drill. We will review this again in the spring.

Ed L provided that he still hasn't located a vent made for the shed. Mike Grant suggested a ridge vent. This issue will be tabled until the next meeting.

We discussed the status of the field winterization. The Port-a-john will be taken care of after it's cleaned. The Duck has new antifreeze and the battery is out, but the Woods battery is still in. Ed L, Pat Donoghue, & Mike Grant took down the canopy, which is currently locked in the shed. Ed O says the shelves still haven't been put in the shed due to the wetness.

New Business. Nominations - Sheila/Brian nominated current members to continue. Nominated are: Gary Smedes - President : Doug McLaren - Vice President : Ed Olaszewski - Treasurer : Keith Graham - Secretary.

Seeing no further nominations, Doug/Mike voted to close the nominations. Motion passed.

A proposal for a joint Eagles, East Wings and Propbusters usage of the 40 acre Taylor Road pond for "float flying" was presented to the club. It was decided to post something in the newsletter to poll member interest and a decision will be made at the December meeting. The cost would be \$50 to \$80 to the club. Ed O was also contacted by Mark Lapensee about the Memphis pond for Pond Fly's.

Doug/Brian made a motion to accept the following 2007 Events: June 16

Fun Fly : July 21 Bi-Plane Rally : Aug 4th - 4H R/C Demo : Sept 8 - Charity Fun Fly.

We discussed the Detroit Aero Modelers Swap on Jan 7th and Flint RC Swap meeting on Feb 18th.

Mike Grant made a motion for the club to provide 2007 dues renewal for Tom Nichols and Ed London for lawn mowing services. Motion passed.

Sheila asked that the club consider providing a service project for her son Josh and 10 to 15 other boy scouts who are working to earn their Eagle merit badge. One suggestion was redoing the roped fence.

We discussed reducing the number of printed newsletter sent out to reduce the cost to the club. We are currently sending printed newsletters to 35 individuals; some are non-members. Keith will provide a number of paid members who receive the newsletter.

It was brought up that the membership can access the membership listing from the Propbusters' main website page using the large green Propbusters logo at the bottom of the main website page. The user name is the lock combination and the password is "propbusters".

Doug/Sheila made a motion to close the meeting at 6:58 pm.

## Events Calendar

### December

- **13th—Propbusters Meeting**—6pm at Goodells County Park.
- **31st—Propbusters Membership Deadline for renewal**

### January 2007

- **1st—Propbusters New Year's Day Fun Fly**
- **7th—Detroit Aero Modelers—Swap & Shop**—9 am to 3 pm (Dealers 8:15). Admission \$4. Kids under 12 free. Tables \$15 (adv) / \$18 (at door). Call Charlie Thomas as (313) 565-2973 to reserve a table. Monaghan K of C Hall 19801 Farmington Rd Livonia MI
- **10th—Propbusters' Meeting**—6 pm at Goodells County Park Community Center Bldg.
- **28th—Propbusters Swap Meet & Pancake Breakfast—8:30 am to 12:00 pm**—Dealer Setup at 8am. Admission \$3 (kids 12 and under free). Tables FREE—Call Sheila O (810) 367-6367 for reservation. Limit 1.

### February

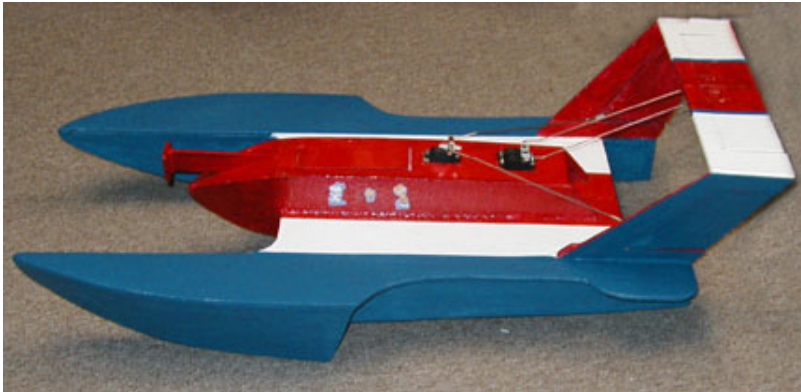
- **18th—The Flying Aces R/C Club—Flint's R/C Swap Meet**—Lake Fenton HS 4070 Lahring Rd Linden MI 48451. Tables \$15 + \$5 admission. <http://www.rcflyingaces.com>
- **April 13th, 14th, & 15th—Weak Signals 53rd Toledo Expo "The Toledo Show"** - 401 Jefferson Ave Toledo OH 43604. Fri/Sat 9 to 5; Sun 9 to 3. Admiss. \$7. Kids 12 and under FREE.
- **June 16th—Propbusters Interclub Fly In—10 am to 2 pm at Goodells County Park.**
- **July 21st—Propbusters Annual Bi-Plane Rally**—10 am to 2 pm at Goodells County Park.
- **August 4th—Propbusters Club Picnic & 4H Fair Flight Demo**—starts at 10 am at Goodells County Park.
- **September 8th—Propbusters Charity Fun Fly 10am to 2pm 15th—East Wings Fly-in Rally.**

*Dues are Due!*

*Renew now for 2007*

*Avoid the \$10 late fee!*

## The Thing—Part 2 *by Jack DeLisle*



A follow up on the "Thing" because it's ready for a motor, controller, battery and receiver.

I didn't want to bother Mike Grant yet another time even though I know he wouldn't mind, but I still wasn't clear about the CG?

Knowing that Carl Jones had also built the "thing" I emailed him and asked if he knew where the CG was on the plane/boat? The very next day he wrote back and said the CG was exactly 1/2 inch from the spar? Well, since I didn't have a spar I was still in the dark as it were. I thought that the "deck" on the Thing was a little flimsy so I had stiffened it with some fiberglass on the bottom.

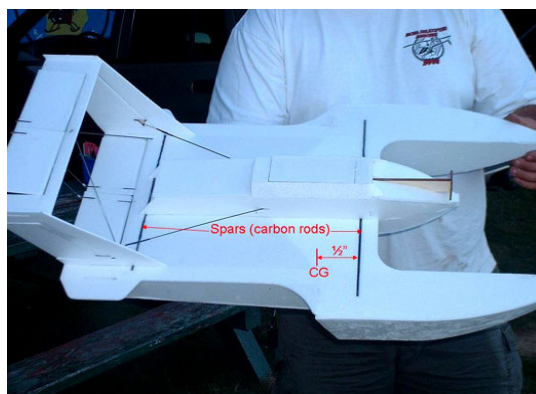
I wrote back and said "What spar?" and the next day I get this pic and it explained everything.

I chose to mount the servos externally, basically because I'm lazy and didn't want to cut into the "cabin" for exit holes for the elevons and rudder actuating wires. Servos are pretty water tight so no

harm should come to them but I hope they never have to prove they are..

If you look at Carl's picture you'll note that the CG is just ahead of the step of the Sponson (where the outside curve starts) and that is about where the step is on seaplanes like the Sea Master. Actually even with the step or a little behind but in any event I'll set the CG on the Thing so it's a little nose down for the first flight.

Carl also sent me the instructions for the Miss Hanger which didn't prove helpful to me because I had already built / assembled the Thing but it was helpful as you shoulda coulda type deal. I told Carl that I should have gone to him



a whole lot earlier.

And when is the Thing going to fly? Probably next spring. I built a flying lawnmower a few years ago and got two flights out of it. It was a miserable contraption to keep in the air and my second flight with it proved I wasn't up to the task. Why do I have the feeling that the Thing will be a hand full? A been there, done that feeling for sure. Only time will tell? If I was smart I would wait and see how Carl's flies and pick is brain again then.

I also know that Carl feels his first Thing was heavy and did another with lighter materials but I'm a strong believer that power overcomes weight so I have even that to contend with when the inevitable time comes. I don't have any hanger queens. If it won't fly it won't come home.

So I want to thank Carl Jones and Mike Grant again for filling in my time this fall because the weather sure wasn't prime for flying was it.

- Jack DeLisle



## Editorial Farewell *by Keith Graham*

After three years of writing The Broken Prop for the Propbusters, it's going to be sad seeing someone else write it, but being the Scoutmaster for my oldest son's Boy Scout troop is becoming a priority now in my life.

During the years the newsletter has seen many major and minor changes. The first one I remember doing was removing all the green from the first page. This was done because my green ink kept running out so fast.



I've worked hard to keep printing costs to a minimum by buying the paper myself and printing in draft mode when possible without losing print quality.

If you would like to review any of the past issues, you can find them on the Propbusters' website using the "Newsletter" icon on the left bar. Also there are current and past copies of AMA's National newsletter. When AMA first stated sending out the newsletter by email notification, regular members weren't able to receive these. Putting them on our website seemed a great way to pro-

vide this informative literature to club members.

My words and ideas will still be around as I continue my job as webmaster for the Propbusters until someone else steps up to the challenge.

Ed O has said he would take over the newsletter as of January so I know the newsletter will continue and Ed will be bringing lots of experience to the job. I've been reading the Eagles newsletters and many of my articles and "Want Ads" come from them anyways.

*See you on the web  
and in the skies*

## Winter in Goodells

You know how everyone rushes the Christmas season? As soon as Halloween is over, you start to seeing advertisement of Christmas gifts on the TV and in the stores.

With two more weeks of fall still to go, mother nature is getting an early start on the season too.

Over the last week we've had quite a few snow storms. The good

thing is the ground's still too warm for it to stick.

Are you ready for winter? Did you ask Santa for some airplane skis for Christmas?

Now that you've been given a hint to what's coming, inspiration will flow and winter preparations will abound.



And don't forget the New Year's Day fun fly at noon. Will we need wheels or skis this year?

## Breakfast at the Bar

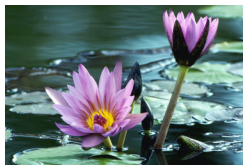
Earlier this year we started meeting for breakfast the first Saturday of the month to socialize at the Cavis Pioneer Bar and Restaurant. No the only thing we were drinking was coffee and there was plenty of it. At times we've even had other customers waiting on us. Club President Gary Smedes was heard

praising our breakfast gatherings and sighting them as the reason for his consecutive months of flying. After our gathering he heads to the field to get in a flight. Don't worry about making a reservation. We'll save you a seat at the next breakfast.



# Pond Flying

by Keith Graham



The **River District Eagles** have approached the **Propbusters** about a joint venture with them and the **East Wings**. For a mere \$54 per club, we would have access to the large 40 acre pond at Taylor Road for RC float flying.

Currently the Eagles pay \$160 which they would like to see split with 1 or 2 other clubs.

If anyone is interested, please call **Sheila O** at **(810 367-6367)** and let her know. We will be taking a vote on this issue at our next meeting coming up in December.

# Swap Meet Reservations

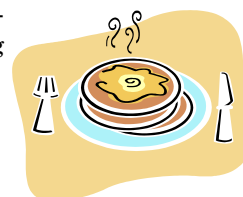
The 8th annual SCC Propbusters R/C Swap- January 28, 2006 at the Goodells County Park (West of Port Huron). Get your table reservations in early-They are **FREE** to everyone who has R/C stuff to sell. A great swap, and the it is getting bigger every year! Please pass it on to friends or other club members.

Tables are **FREE** for everyone- Call Sheila O (810) 367-6367 for reservations or e-mail to [proptreas@comcast.net](mailto:proptreas@comcast.net) . Reservation limit 1 table per vendor, additional tables may be

available the day of swap- depending on reservations. If you don't have enough stuff for a whole table, let Sheila know, and she can set you up to share table.

Doors open to public 8:30 am to noon Jan 28th. Dealer setup 8 am. Admission - \$3 (12 and under free).

Don't forget the Pancake and Sausage breakfast starting at 8:30 am!



# Memphis Pond

Ed O. was contacted by Mark Lapensee about using the Memphis pond for "Pond Flies".



Come to the next meeting and let your voice be heard.

# Financial Report

<b><u>Beginning Balance</u></b>	<b>\$2,675.99</b>	<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	
<b>Income</b>		Checking	\$1,378.12
Dues	<u>\$ 380.00</u>	Equipment Fund	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 380.00</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,878.12</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Total 2006 membership: 76</b>	
Keith/postage	\$ 12.87	<b>2007 Membership</b>	
St Clair County Parks		Junior	3
- Swap rooms rental	\$ 140.00	Senior	19
Septic cleaning	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	Lifetime	2
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 177.87</b>	Regular	<u>23</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

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