

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

By Gary Smedes

And so, once again, *another* month has flown by. I just can't believe how fast time is flying! But the good part is – that's one month closer to real flying weather.

Last weekend was the annual Propbusters Swap Meet and again – a great success. What a great way to start the year! The weather wasn't too bad and it looks like we had a very good turnout. This year's addition to the Swap was the pancake breakfast. Pancakes, eggs, sausage and coffee for \$3.00. How can you beat that? I heard one guy say, as I happened to be passing by, "Beats the hell out of McDonalds".

I'd like to say "thank you" to all that lent a hand in organizing, setting up and packing up this year. Great job everyone! Mike Grant for his generous donations and getting prizes donation, Mark Steenland for getting donations also. **Setup:** Sheila O, Josh O, Chris Richards, Carl Jones, Mike Grant, Maynard LaParl, Maynard for getting us more tables, Doug and Sal, Ed. **Signs:** Gary **Advertising:** Ed, Sheila **Kitchen and Shopping:** Doug M, Sal M, & (Brian M's wife). **Ticket sales:** Sarah Woolman, Kim Robb, (Kim also helped in the kitchen some), Sheila, Ed, Gary.

Helping vendors unload: Chris and Josh. Vendors really like that- I got several compliments that they always get help at the Propbusters swaps. **Gate:** Maynard, Keith G, Mike G

Cleanup: Josh, Chris, Carl, Sal, Mike, Maynard, Doug, Mark S, Ed, Gary S.

As we enter a slow period (still a bit cold and no events 'till June) you should be taking a look a your "hanger". Go through each one of your planes carefully, checking for any possible defects or safety issues that need to be repaired. This is the time to take care of them 'cause when the weather breaks, if you're like most of us, your going to want to be flying – not repairing.

And on an off-the-wall subject, I was talking with Ed O' about an ad we had seen in the AMA monthly magazine about converting your glow plug engine over to diesel fuel. Supposedly, you get better power, fuel economy and the engine runs cooler. You can read up on this at:

<http://www.daviddieseldevelopment.com>

If someone has actually had experience with is, I think it would make a great article for next months' newsletter.

EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 5th - Flying Aces (flint) swap 9 am
www.rcflyingaces.com
- 11th - Birchwood Sports Dome Electric Fly - 9pm to Midnight. Adults \$15 Kids \$5
www.bwsportsdome.com
- 13th - Mid Mich R/C Swap (Owasso) 9 am
 Call (810) 687-0001
- 23rd - Skymasters swap 6 pm (Troy)
www.skymasters.org

MARCH

- 5th - Great Lakes Nautical Society Model Boat Building. Seaway Terminal in Port Huron - 11 am to 3 pm. www.greatlakesmodeling.com

APRIL

- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd - The Weak Signals - Toledo Swap - 9 am to 5 pm - www.toledoshow.com

JUNE

- 18th - **Propbusters** Fun Fly - 9 am to 2 pm

JULY

- 18th - River District Eagles - Gathering of the Eagles at Goodells (Rain-day 19th)

AUGUST

- 6th - **Propbusters** Club Picnic/4H Flying Demonstration - 9 am to 2 pm

September

- 3rd - **Propbusters** Salvation Army Can Food Charity Fun Fly - 9 am to 2 pm

Financial Report

Beginning Balance **\$1,461.12**

Income

Dues	\$ 50.00
Raffle	\$ 258.00
Door	\$ 272.00
Food	\$ 260.00
50/50	\$ 44.00

Total Income **\$ 884.00**

Expenses

Keith - postage & ink	\$ 33.62
Pastime - Raffle price	\$ 150.00
Doug - food supplies	\$ 156.79
Kirk - Woods manual	\$ 15.00

Total Expenses **\$ 355.41**

Ending Balance

Checking \$ 1,989.71

Grand Total **\$1,989.71**

2005 Membership New Members

Junior	4	Ed London
Senior	16	Jeff McPhail
Lifetime	2	Gary Wilkerson
Regular	27	
Total	49	

January Meeting

Meeting started at 6:07 pm with 9 members present. Doug/Sheila made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Ed read the treasurer's report. Doug/Maynard made a motion to accept the report and pay bills.

Lease Status. We are still operating without a lease. Before a check can be written, the park has to present the lease to the club for acceptance. They are waiting on the Park's Commission now.

The Swap meet was discussed. There are 15/16 tables currently reserved. Mike Grant has a lot of door prizes gathered and the Sig 4 Star ARF from Pastime. Ed will be in charge of setup of the raffle. Doug has the raffle tickets. Mark Steenland has some extra tables if we need it. Maynard is donating a cash box to the club. Doors open at 7 am. Gary will get road signs up. Maynard and Mike Grant will start the door. Ed will provide startup money. Mike will bring a hand stamp. Workers getting here before 7:30 to help setup will be omitted from the \$3 door fee. Maynard is bringing a 27 inch TV/ Mike is bringing the DVD player. Maynard is bringing DVDs and a table for the DVD player.

The Woods tractor status was brought up. Kirk has the manual. He would sell it to us for \$20 (price he paid). Gary will talk to Kirk about getting the manual. The Woods is still sitting at Todd's Dad's shop. The Duck is still missing the carburetor. Doug is still trying to get one.

Gary will store the extra drain tile at his house for safekeeping until this spring. Doug will talk to Brian about bringing his backhoe down Thursday to finish the drain.

New Business. Events Schedule.

June 18th Fun Fly. August 6th is Fun Fly - Club Picnic
 Sept 3rd - Salvation Army Canned Food Charity Fun Fly.

Eagles will have their Gathering of the Eagles on July 9/10 at our field. Maynard and Mike made a motion to request \$200 donation for use of our field.

Doug/Gary voted to accept Jeff McPhail into the club.

Doug/Mike made a motion to provide membership to Gary Wilkerson for 2005 as payment for last year's lawn maintenance and next years. He will also make sure the tractors are maintained. Ed London volunteered to back him up. Gary's membership will begin when proof of AMA membership is provided to the club.

Dome flying. They are looking to change the night to Thursday. They had gas cars and electric planes at the same time and the fumes were a problem.

Sheila/Doug voted to end meeting at 7:49.

Did you hear the groundhog saw his shadow? Don't let 6 more weeks of winter get you down.

The **Birchwood Sports Dome** in Port Huron MI will be having **indoor flying** every **Friday nights** from **9:00 pm to midnight**.

Cost for the evening: \$15.00 per adult \$5.00 for kids.

This activity is hosted by the Birchwood Sports Dome and is not affiliated with any club. Everyone is welcome!



For more information call Steve at the Birchwood Sports Dome (810) 385-3663

e-mail ssportsdome@comcast.net

Web: <http://www.bwsportsdome.com>

Club Caps

Embroidered St. Clair County R/C Propbusters club caps will be available for order at the next club meeting. The caps are kaki top with a hunter green bill. Orders will be available for your pickup in about two weeks, or at the following months meeting. The price will be \$13.00. See Ed Olszewski for more details.

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 at (810) 329-6406

Flying at the Field February 4th



Propbusters January 2005
Swap Pictures

All had good deals. Thanks to Maynard, this year we had more tables than vendors.



The breakfast provided by Doug and his wife Sal was worth the wait.



You could grab your food and watch some R/C crash videos.



Thanks to Mike Grant and Mark Steenland, we had a table full of raffle and door prizes.



This one all most got away, but Maynard was able to snag it right back out of the van. I'm looking forward to seeing him fly his newest plane.

REDLINE Racing

January 30th 2005

After hitting the Propbusters Swap meet, I had a chance to watch the guys racing their cars.



They've got a new track layout and some new carpeting.



Indoor electrics racing dates:
Feb 13th, 27th
Mar 13th, 27th

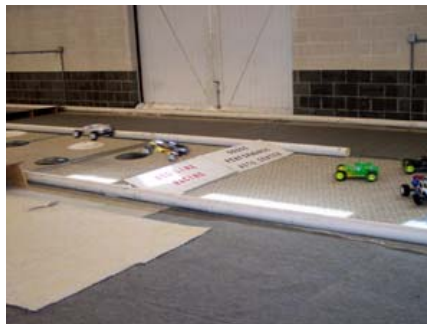
SUNDAY SIGN IN AT 11 A.M. RACE AT NOON SHARP!!!



Glen's in the lead!



Spotters help keep the cars going.



Engine temperatures after the race are checked. This one's 117 degrees. It's starting to cool off already.

You must be a ROAR (insurance) member to race, but anyone can come out and watch.



The computerized lap counting system makes racing a breeze. The voice even tells you who was the fastest or most improved.

FOR SALE



This RC10-GT is for sale for \$150. If your interested give Tony a call at (810)327-6530.