

St. Clair County R/C Propbusters

Model Aviation Club Goodells, Michigan - A.M.A. Charter Club #1762

The Broken Prop

FEBRUARY 2013



Club Meetings

Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm at the Community Center Building, Goodells County Park.

Club Breakfast

First Saturday of each month, 9:00 at Cavis Pioneer Restaurant on Lapeer rd. West of Wadhams rd. Flying afterwards

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.

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.*

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President's Perspective

From Sheila Olszewski

It has been a few month since I have hammered out a column on the keyboard, things have been hectic and are finally starting to calm down. Hopefully we can get back to a monthly routine, and have something for Doug to put in the newsletter.

It is that time of the year that I start pleading for some help for the field crew. If you think you might have time to help or just be available for a backup, drop me a line. The more members that help, the better it is for everyone. Remember it is your club, if you don't like the condition of the field, pitch in and make it better.

If you can think of any improvements that might be nice at the field, let me know. We should have some extra cash for a few things. If we have the time, resources and the help, we can always improve the flying area. We need to get the parks approval before we make any major changes, but they are normally very receptive to improvements.

The groundhog did not see his shadow so spring should be just around the corner, and so will be the spring thaw. If you go to the field, make sure you stay on the gravel. If you go off the drive and you are going to get stuck, the grass is always very soft in the spring. Also, if you do get stuck, it is your personal responsibility to fix your own rut. We are a club with volunteers that help keep everything nice, please help out by cleaning up after yourself. Sometimes in spring the gravel drive is even soft. If you get there and the gravel is rutting, please do not attempt to drive back. You may have to walk part of the way, but it help keep us from having a big mess.

The Weak Signals "Toledo Show" is coming up the first weekend of April (5th through 7th), a sure sign that spring has arrived. The heart of the show is a very impressive display of all types of models built by AMA members. There is always a great swap upstairs with some great deals. If you have never gone, you will be impressed. While there is still time, make arrangements with some friends to carpool, the drive is less than 2 hours.

See you around! Sheila



There was no February meeting

As Posted on Facebook:

By Ed Olszewski

Picked up a Spektrum AR635 receiver, with AS3X flight stabilization.

It is a full range receiver, but here are the things they tell you in the instructions that they don't tell you on the package : you must use compatible servos- that is digital servos. The receiver is for park flyers or up to 90 size electric planes only. No gas, no turbine, no V tail, and no flapper-on or dual servo ailerons unless you use a Y harness. Other than the digital servos, it did not affect me, and we will see how regular servos work out.

Installation was as easy as any receiver. I found the programming guide to be another story, very confusing, and frustrating. I am hoping someone post a video version on YouTube, and maybe a programming card. Once I figured out the instructions, programming (although done with transmitter sticks), is not horrible. One bad thing I encountered, several times while trying to program the receiver, I also accidentally entered the stick programming mode for my ESC, messing that up in the process.

It is installed and programmed, hopefully I will get a chance to try it out soon.



As Posted on Facebook (PT 2):

By Ed Olszewski`

Here is the follow-up on the Spektrum AR635 receiver, with AS3X flight stabilization.

It was a bit breezy and a lot gusty, but then again, I wanted to find out what the AR635 would do with the wind. I set the low rate for the gain at zero, so I could initially take the Ultra Stick up with the stabilization off. I took off and trimmed the plane and fought the gusts, it was a good day to see what the feature would do. With the flick of a switch, the buffeting and shaking stopped, the plane flew remarkably smooth. The difference was like night and day. After trimming it is evidently necessary to rebind the receiver. That cleared up a few minor issues when I switched the stabilization feature off in the air.

I did not get a lot of test done in the air, but a flat turn was hands off of the ailerons. An aileron turn was sluggish without a little rudder. Landing in the gusts was a breeze. I turned the feature off a few times just to compare with and without stabilization, and stabilization won every time, hands down.`

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Announcements & Events

MARCH

2nd **Club Breakfast** 9:00 AM
13th **Club meeting** 7:00 PM

APRIL

6th **Club Breakfast** 9:00 AM
10th **Club meeting** 7:00 PM

MAY

4th **Club Breakfast** 9:00 AM
8th **Club meeting** 7:00 PM

JUNE

1st **Club Breakfast** 9:00 AM
12th **Club meeting** 7:00 PM
15th **Interclub Fly-In** 10:00 AM

JULY

6th **Bi-plane Rally** 10:00 AM
10th **Club meeting** 7:00 PM
27th **4H Demo / Club Picnic** 10:00 AM

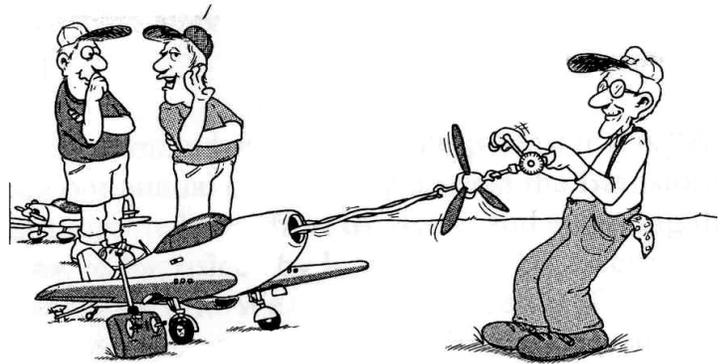
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2013 Propbusters Events

JUNE 15th INTERCLUB FLY-IN
JULY 6th BI-PLANE RALLY
JULY 27th 4H FAIR R/C DEMO
SEPTEMBER 7th CHARITY FUN-FLY
SEPTEMBER 8th WHIRLYBIRDS FLY-IN

Think spring!

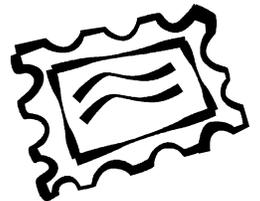
"Old Elmer is positive there's going to be a model fuel shortage, and he wants to be ready for it!"



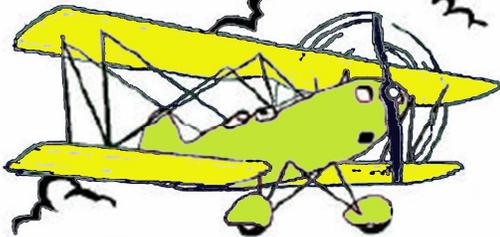
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