

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

First off, I'd like to wish everyone and their families a
Happy New Year!

I'd like to say thank you for the opportunity to serve the
club as President, this year. We have a number of issues
and events that need to be addressed throughout the
year.

Our first event, a Swap meet, is on January 18th. If you
can make it, please come out and support the club.
Because of the free tables, we'll have a lot of good stuff
there to buy.

Some of the issues that need to be discussed:

*Extension for 2004 member dues

*Lease Renewal

*4H fair: Moving the flight line or possibly closing the field
during the 4H fair due to complaints by the Park Director
about flying over the tractor pull pit area last year. I'd
personally like to keep the field open during this time
rather than close the gates because during the 4H fair we
have potential in gaining members and people's interest in
the hobby. I'm interested in hearing the suggestions from
other members in what action should be taken at this
event.

*Possibility of a storage area/small building to keep our
field maintenance equipment

*Gravel driveway: Greg Feyers has offered us a good deal
on gravel

The most important thing that should be done is this:
everyone should come out to the field and have fun!

See you on the field!

*People often remember the past as being better than it
really was and look to the future with more anticipation
than is deserved, while thinking the present is worse than
it really is.*

Quote from H.D. Smith Jr.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 14^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting
18th - **Propbusters** R/C Swap Meet –
Sunday 9 am – 1 pm
25th – 8th Annual **RCCD** Swap – 9-2
www.rccd.org
25th – **Midland R/C Modelers** Swap 9-1

FEBRUARY

- 7th – **Flying Aces Swap** (Flint) 9 am
www.rcflyingaces.com
11^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting
15th – **Mid Michigan R/C** Swap (Owasso)
call Dave Hamilton (989) 865-6649
25th – **Skymasters** RC Swap (Wed 6 pm)
www.skymasters.org

MARCH

- 10^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting

APRIL

- 14^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting

MAY

- 12^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting

JUNE

- 9^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting

- 19TH – **Propbusters** Fun Fly

JULY

- 14^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting

AUGUST

- 7th – 4H Fair Demo Fun Fly & Propbusters
club Pic-Nic 9:30 AM

- 11^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 4^h - **Propbusters** Toys For Tots Fun Fly
9:30 AM

- 8^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting

OCTOBER

- 13^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting

Combat Squad

Are you looking for a way to show off your flying abilities? Are you looking for a new challenge? Give Todd Litke a call. He's working on setting up a squad for this year. If you have an extra radio system and 40-size engine, the planes are easy to build and cost around \$20.

Take a look at www.spadtothebone.com for some easy to build planes.

December Meeting

Meeting started at 6:05 PM with 10 members present. Todd/Gary made a motion to accept secretary's report. Doug/Kirk made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Both motions passed.

Rob has contacted Lynda from Toys For Tots and will be delivering the toys at 5:30 on December 11th.

Our Lease is due in February. We will vote on the new lease at the January meeting. The current document can be viewed from the web site.

The remaining field winterizing jobs that need to be done were brought up. The canopy is still up and Kirk volunteered to cover the woods.

We discussed getting a covered shed to store the tractors. Rob suggested getting a quote from Wilkerson to see what's the ballpark cost.

Kirk has access to some 2-mil chloroplast (white only). It is \$8 per sheet. Todd brought up a source he found that sells for \$7.50 per sheet.

There will be a raffle at the swap meet. One will be a 50/50. The club selected to purchase the materials to build an "And Now" electric plane to be raffled. This will be a complete RTF plane, including radio system. Todd will talk to Gary at Pastime to see about getting the complete system. Todd/Keith made a motion to spend up to \$200 on this system to be built by Ed.

Todd/Gary made motion for unanimous ballot voting since there is only 1 candidate for each office. Motion passed.

We talked about the Leader Club qualifications again. The club secretary will send pictures of the frequency board with the field rules to Rob. We must also prove the AMA safety rules are posted at the field. We still need a magazine donated to the county library.

We brought up the missing decimal meter. If anyone knows its whereabouts, please contact a club officer.

We need an information flyer for potential members about what goes on in our club.

Todd suggested drawing up a signup list for getting information about our club and having these simple forms at the swap meet.

Greg Feyers is donating some limestone for our driveway but we would have to pay for gas for the trucks. This is still tabled until spring.

The missing key to the Woods has been located.

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Financial Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>		\$1,456.52
Income	Dues	\$ 65.00
	Total Income	\$ 65.00
Expenses	Tractor Repair	\$ 68.64
	Postage/Newsletter	\$ 9.25
	Total Expenses	\$ 281.19
Ending Balance	Checking	\$1,240.33
	Cash on Hand	\$ 0.00
	Grand Total	\$1,240.33

December Meeting Continued

Eagles are having a New Year's Day fun fly at noon. Sheila has the list of next year's activities she will send to us for discussion at the next meeting.

Doug volunteered to purchase the coffee and doughnuts for the swap meet.

Setup for the Swap Meet will start at 7:30 AM. Anyone getting there before 8:00 to help with setup will have his or her entrance fee of \$3.00 waived. Gary volunteered to take the first door monitoring.

Todd/Keith made a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 7:04.

Propbusters send their condolences to the family of **Scott Greenia**, 41, a very good friend and exceptional RC pilot who died at his home January 4th.

Doug Porrett picked up the **carburetor**, and carb kit for the **cold duck**, Total \$68.64.

He and Kirk decided to install it in the spring.

2004 Propbusters Officers



Propbusters Swap

We will raffle a complete RTF "And Now" electric plane system at the Propbusters Swap Meet on Sunday January 18th. The club purchased this for \$155 from www.foamfly.com. We also have the ability to get a club discount on anything ordered through Todd. The discount is 5% purchases over \$50 and 10% off for purchases over \$100. If you are interested, give Todd a call or send him an email. He'd like to send big orders instead of doing multiple small orders.

For Sale

Package Deal - Getting out of the hobby

- Tiger Trainer 40, flown about 5 or 6 times with Magnum 40 XLS engine in great shape
- JR XP 662 Radio
- Great Planes Master Caddy flight box with battery, electric starter, tachometer, glow drivers (3), 1 1/2 gallons fuel, electric & manual fuel pumps, spare parts for the plane & engine, tools, etc.
- Some building items included such as monokote iron, top flite prop balancer, dead center hole locator, etc.
- Extra NIB engine

\$350 for everything except the NIB engine.
\$400 for everything including NIB engine
Call David Nickel at (810) 385-1169

We are planning on having 30 tables setup at the swap meet. Half of the tables have already been reserved. See Todd Litke about reserving your table. We will have planes and R/C cars being sold so there's something for everyone.

Make sure you stop by Sunday. The Swap meet officially starts at 9 am and runs until 1 pm. There will be some airplane videos playing too. We're expecting to draw for the airplane between 12 and 12:30.

Come early for the swap meet, then catch the Redline Racers electric races starting at noon. There is limited space available for spectators, so come early.

Redline Racers have said they will provide Hot Dogs for purchase at the swap meet.

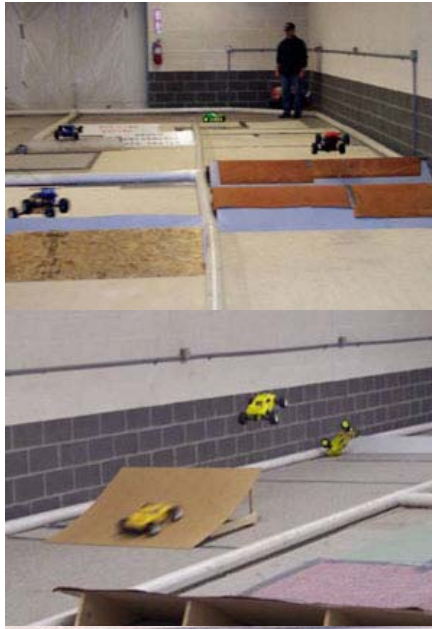
Redline Racing Team

It's getting chilly outside, so it's time to move the racing indoors. Races are held every other Sundays. Signup begins at 11 am with race time starting at noon. The next race will be January 18.

Races will be held in the Exhibition Hall located by the visitor's center. It is behind the big white barn (the Farm Museum) near our gravel parking lot. There is only enough room for 30 people, so come early.

There are four racing categories:

Novice, Kids, Stock electric, and Stock buggy (Emax) monster trucks (no nitro because of fumes).



Eagles New Year's Day Fun Fly

Congratulations on the group having the first Fun Fly of the year. Ed sent me some pictures of those lucky pilots. You couldn't have asked for a better day in January. Mother nature even turned up the heat in time to give them a clear runway.



Toys For Tots

Here is Rob dropping off the toys the Propbusters raised for distribution by the Marines to children in the St. Clair County area.



Birchwood Sports Dome Fun Fly

Don't forget to come out to the sports dome every other Friday night and check out the electrics and non-powered planes.

Last Friday Todd spent some time in a lawn chair flying. The activity starts at 8:00 PM and costs \$15 to fly. No charge to come and watch.

If you're interested in building a plane, give Todd or Ed a call. Todd brought some sheets precut and marked he is selling. You would have to supply the radio system and engine.

Or you could come to the swap meet and try to win the airplane.