

# The Broken Prop



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A CHARTERED CLUB OF A.M.A. #1762

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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

*By Gary Smedes*

**Happy New Year everyone.** I hope you all had a great holiday season. But, now that it is over, it's time to get back to reality. Time to start thinking about this year's events and activities as we build our Christmas plane kits.

One of the challenges is to wrap up the Lease issue with the park. I admit, I have not been involved in the process, but as I am coming up to speed, I have to say that the people involved have been doing a great job. If you have any input in the matter, you may want to come to the meetings. The outcome of the lease may create some interesting challenges that will affect all members and their privileges as a pilot.

The next event coming up is our annual Swap Meet at the end of January. (See the Events Calendar for date and time). Mike Grant is the guy to call if you need a table. And I wouldn't wait too long as this event seems to have grown tremendously to the point where we may have to find a new venue next year.

Congratulations to the other three officers who held their respective positions for another year. You've all done a great job in the past and I'm looking forward to working with all of you to keep this club moving in a positive direction. I believe this is one of the best clubs in the area and hopefully with our members' help we can keep it going for years to come.

Last, I'd like to remind those of you that have not renewed your membership; this is the time to do it. The more members we have, the more fun we can have and always remember...**youth is our future.**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Detroit Aero modelers Swap – 9am.  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Propbusters Club meeting (New Officers)  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – Midland R/C Swap – Pulaski Hall – 9 to 11  
 6525 Weiss Road  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – RCCD Swap – East Pointe – 9 to 2  
 30<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Swap Meet** and Pancake  
 Breakfast 8 am to 1 pm – Sunday –  
 Community Center Building at Goodells Park.

### FEBRUARY

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Flying Aces (flint) swap 9 am  
[www.rcflyingaces.com](http://www.rcflyingaces.com)  
 13<sup>th</sup> – Mid Mich R/C Swap (Owasso) 9 am  
 Call (810) 687-0001  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – Skymasters swap 6 pm (Troy)  
[www.skymasters.org](http://www.skymasters.org)

## **December Meeting**

Meeting started at 6:08 pm. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

The progress being made with the Lease was discussed. The park wants a yearly lease renewal and \$500 yearly rent. We also have to move the shed back onto Propbusters land.

It was brought up that the club should become more involved in the meetings held by the park boards so we can have more say on what happens to our field. Sum members volunteered to attend various meetings.

Mike Grant has received reservations for half of the tables available for the swap. We have one more meeting before the swap.

We discussed the tractor repair. Todd is checking to see if his dad can repair it. A repair manual for the woods would be helpful if one can be located.

A motion was made to have one vote for all nominated club officers, as there was only one candidate for each office. Gary Smedes was elected President. Doug McLaren was re-elected as Vice-President. Ed Olszewski was re-elected as Treasurer. Keith Graham was re-elected as Secretary.

Mike Grant is remaining as the Safety Officer. The Safety Officer shall oversee AMA and Propbusters' safety rules and enforcement.

Ray Dart was appointed as Field Marshall. The Field Marshall shall oversee AMA rules and regulations and Propbusters' regulations for field layout and enforcement.

There was a mistake in the Dec. newsletter about the AMA Intro Pilots. Jack DeLisle, Greg Feyers and Todd Litke are the club's Intro Pilots.

New members William Lawson, Grant Partridge, and Robert Troy were voted into the membership. We had a number of members renew membership during the meeting. The website now reflects the 2005 membership. At the end of the meeting, 16 members haven't renewed (4 Junior, 1 Senior, and 11 Regular).

Stan brought up the need for the President to elect 3 directors to assist him as stated in the bylaws. The Directors shall monitor the club's fiscal activities to abide by the rules for a non-profit organization. Since Gary's term in office won't start until the Jan. meeting, this issue is tables.

A motion was made and passed to spend up to \$200 to install a second drain across the field. The drain will be installed the Friday after the meeting.

The club voted to begin looking for a new field.

Sheila/Doug voted to end the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Starting January 9th, the **Birchwood Sports Dome** in Port Huron MI will be having **indoor flying & R/C cars** on **Sunday nights** from **9:00 pm to midnight**. The timeslot is every week. They are combining cars and planes to help increase participation. They are not putting a minimum on participants.

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!

Fore more information call Steve at the Birchwood Sports Dome (810) 385-3663  
 e-mail [ssportsdome@comcast.net](mailto:ssportsdome@comcast.net)  
 Web: <http://www.bwsportsdome.com>

They hope to have a better timeslot in the future, but this is what they currently have available.

### **Financial Report**

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<b>\$1,064.78</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	\$ 495.00
Hats	\$ 13.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 508.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Keith – postage	\$ 8.51
Carters - Tile	\$ 103.15
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 111.66</b>
<u>Ending Balance</u>	
Checking	\$ 1,461.12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,461.12</u></b>
<b>2005 Membership</b>	<b>New Members</b>
Junior 4	William Lawson
Senior 16	Grant Partridge
Lifetime 2	
Regular 23	
<b>Total 45</b>	

## Propbusters Field Drain



We have a couple of guys out working in the rain, but the second drain is roughed in; even though the trenching machine blew up before it could finish the job.



## **First Flight of 2005 by Ed Olszewski**



The first day of the New Year was cold and a little windy but not enough to stop some members from going out to the field and getting in a flight or two.



Carl Jones, Jeff Mc Phail and Mike Grant were out there with their Helicopters.



Ed and Josh Olszewski had their electric planes out. There were a few that just came to watch and enjoy.

It was a nice way to start off the New Year, maybe next year we can get a few more members to come out and enjoy the cold with us.

## Thanks for the Help

The Propbusters want to thank the following people for helping install the new drain: Doug Porrett, Kirk Churchill, Kirk Churchill Jr., Ron Pennell, Stan McClure, and Gary Wilkerson.

These gentlemen also helped tie down the shed.

Because the trencher broke down, the club wasn't charged for its use helping to keep the cost down.

## **Propbusters Swap Meet**

Open to all R/C related sellers.

**January 30, 2005.** Community Center Building at Goodells County Park. Starts with a **Pancake, sausage, and eggs breakfast at 8 AM.** Swap runs from 8 am to 1 pm.

**Admission fee \$3**

**Free table** with reservations.

Call Mike Grant at **(810) 329-6406** to reserve your table today. Be sure to arrive ½ hours early for setup.

(Flyers available on the website)

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**REDLINE**  
*Racing*

Indoor electrics racing dates:

Jan 16th, 30th

Feb 13th, 27th

Mar 13th, 27th

We have a new track layout, and some new carpet, it should be even faster than ever. So dust off those trucks and buggies and lets GET IT ON !!

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

The Redline Racing website has the computer results from the indoor races so you can see for yourself what your competition will be.

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

## 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

**For more information, contact:**

**Mike at (810) 329-6406**

### **River District Eagles**

The Radio Control Flying club is looking for approx. 6 acres of suitable space for runway and parking adjacent to approx 40 acres of over-fly area, which could be wooded or suitable for agricultural use.

**Contact: Gary Wilkerson (810) 388-1066**