

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

And Mother Nature smiled on us once again. Our first Fun Fly of the year has been recorded in the logbooks as another successful event. Great weather, great friends and great fun. What more could you ask for? All participating members should be proud of this club. Without your efforts and contributions, we would not be where we are today. I'm not going to list everyone that helped out, but I would like to say 'Thank You' to all of you. (I know and you know who you are). But I would like to give a *special* 'Thanks' to those that put in a little extra effort for our event. First has to be Don, who flew his full size helicopter in to pick up Sheila so she could get some aerial photos and also give the crowd a little extra excitement. John D. for running the raffle stand with help from Mike G., Keith G. and Al F. for keeping the impound under control, Bud J. for the candy drop and last, but not least, Jack for his exceptional announcing. Great job everyone!

Outside of the Fun Fly, I would like to say 'Thanks' to Stan, Tom N. and Ed L. for their ongoing efforts in keeping the tractor and mowers running in peak condition. Keep up the good work fellas, it sounds like your almost there. Also, 'Thanks' to Kirk C. for the material he donated for road matting that will go under the gravel. That should save us a few dollars on this project.

Next up is the Bi-Plane rally on July 22nd, an unofficial club event for the bi-plane enthusiast. In addition to our club members, all local club members in good flying status are also invited. No schedule, no concessions and no stress, just good ol' flying. However, there will be an impound in use for the obvious reason. If you don't have a bi-plane, bring what you got! This is not restricted to bi-planes.

After that is the 4H fair demo/club picnic on August 5th. This *is* an official event but it is 100% open flying all day long. Please bring a dish to pass around for the lunch break and enjoy some relaxing time with your fellow members. And although this is a *club* picnic, outside club members are more than welcome to join us. (As long as you bring food...Ha Ha).

Great job everyone. With helpful members like yourselves, I am more than proud to be your President!
*Hope to see **you** at the meeting!*

EVENTS CALENDAR

July

12th – **Propbusters Club Meeting** – 6 pm at Goodells County Park. Meeting will be at the Community Center Building – unless the weather is nice, in which case, it will be at the field.

13th to the 16th – **Michigan Jets annual R/C Jet Show** – Grosse Ile Municipal Airport (formerly Grosse Ile Naval Air Station). THU, FRI, SAT 9:30 to 5. SUN 9:30 to 2. Cost is \$10 per car. They are raising money for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Naval Air Station Grosse Ile Memorial Fund should contact Eisenberg at 1-248-626-8838

22nd – **Propbusters Bi-Plane Rally** – 10 am to 2 pm at the Goodells County Park

29th & 30th – **AMA District VII Fly-IN** – hosted by the Radio Control Club of Detroit (RCCD) – Open flying 10 am to 5 pm each day. www.rccd.org

August

5th – **Propbusters Club Picnic & 4H Fair Flight Demo** – starts at 10 am at Goodells County Park.

September

9th – **Propbusters Earth Keepers Charity Event** – 10 am to 2 pm– more info to come.

9th & 10th – **Midwest Regional Float Fly** – Island Lake State Park in Brighton. Starts at 9:30 am both days.

17th – **Whirlybirds** gathering at the Propbusters' field in Goodells County Park.

Jan 2007

1st – **Propbusters New Year's Day Fun Fly**
28th – **Propbusters Swap Meet & Breakfast**

Propbusters Club Breakfast July 1st

Members got together at the Cavis Pioneer Bar and Restaurant on Lapeer out in Kimball for breakfast before a number of members headed out to the field to enjoy the perfect weather. Join us next month on August 5th.



June Meeting

The meeting was held on June 14th started at 6:10 pm at the field with 11 members present. Doug/Ed L made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. Doug/Mike made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay bills. Both motions passed.

We discussed concessions at our fun fly. We've got a group coming out to handle our concessions. They get 100% of the profits. The farm museum said they could do the concessions for the charity fun fly provided we give them enough advance notice.

Bud will do an airplane fun fly and Mike Grant will do a helicopter candy drop. Mike and John Diver will handle the raffle. We also discussed pilot parking.

It was requested that a link to Pastime Hobbies be added to the Propbusters website.

A member announced a reminder about the Michigan Jets annual R/C Jet Show. It will be added to our calendar.

We've gotten official word from Mark at the Park about putting in gravel driveway. Kirk Churchill donated the road mat material for under the gravel.

Newsletters from the Eagles, the East Wings, and SMAC were passed out at the meeting for review.

We looked at letters from the Eddie Elementary students that were presented to the Eagles for their demo.

Members suggested sending a copy of the Channel 6 award to Lois and the AMA.

Doug/Al made a motion to end the meeting at 6:53.

Propbusters Bi-Plane Rally



On Saturday July 22nd, 9 am, the St. Clair County Propbusters will host a Bi-Plane Rally. There will be no raffle or concessions, probably not even a lot of spectators. It is just a flight line full of Bipe's, Tripe's, (well, you get the idea) showing off and open flying. The day is not just limited to showing off your bipes; bring your other special planes too! Should be a great time for all. There will be a Transmitter Impound, and frequency control.

Financial Report

Beginning Balance **\$2,795.35**

Income

Dues	\$ 45.00
Raffle	\$ 372.00
Donations	\$ 24.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 441.00</u>

Expenses

Keith - postage/ink	\$ 42.47
Keith - Website renew	\$ 35.00
Ed L. - Tractor parts	\$ 74.42
Tom Nichols	\$ 35.23
Frequency meter	\$ 60.97
Mail freq. Return for replacement	\$ 3.63
Por-t-potty cleaning	\$ 25.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 276.72</u>

Ending Balance

Checking	\$ 1,959.63
Equipment Fund	\$ 1,000.00

Grand Total **\$2,959.63**

2006 Membership

Junior	7
Senior	17
Lifetime	2
Regular	40
Total	66

New Members

Adam Ahlquist
Steven Ahlquist
Herb Dornfeld

Great Planes Skybolt Bi-plane, OS 91, Bison muffler, ready to fly. \$250 negotiable call Pete Charchio (313) 886-8485

Avistar trainer some dings and patches but still looks and flies great \$75

Thunder Tiger Piper Cub ARF 81" wing. Flown 3 times. A hard landing took out the landing gear but has been repaired. Just add your equipment and you're ready to fly. \$140

Viper U2 combat planes 2 complete planes, \$30 each.

Tim Sonnenfeld (810) 765-3608

R/C Estate Sale - Kits, ARFs, Ready to fly, Partial builds, RE-builds, Engines-gas and glo, Mounts, Wheels, Gear, Props, Electronics, Transmitters, Receivers, Servos, way to much to list! Bob Samuelson 810-679-3962

Wanted: .19 and/or .23 Torpedo (Green Head) and .29 McCoy (Red Head) for "old Timers" events. Don Pearson (810) 364-9258

Cap 232 Yellow aircraft 60/90 NIB ARF \$150

Edge 540 - Phase 3

w/Brushless motor NIB \$45

Edge 540 - Hangar 9 ARF 1/4 scale new \$200

JR Quatro 4 channel NIB \$125

Various transmitters

Call \$75

120 Stinger airframe

\$75

Sky Vista low wing trainer airframe \$35

Futaba, HiTec, JR wall chargers - each \$5

Tower 40 2 stroke engine \$40

Enya 46 4 stroke engine \$65

Pylon Props D1 and D2 APC

Lucky Stick 40 Tail dragger - ready to fly \$150

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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 Grant at (810) 329-6406

Wanted

1967 - 70 **Volkswagen motor** Type I Beetle - Running or not I am mostly interested in the upper half (alternator, carb, shroud)

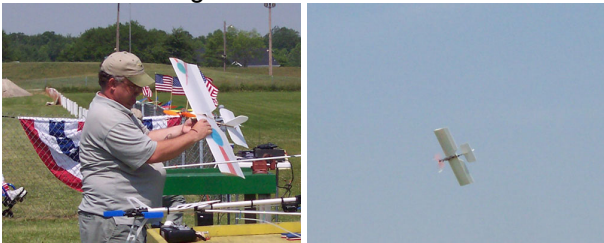
Used chain link fence posts or misc piping you need to get rid of.

Call **Gary Smedes** @ 586-727-4507

SCC Propbusters Inter-Club Invitational Fly-In *by Jack DeLisle*



So did we have a perfect day for our annual rally? Possibly the answer would be NO to an Eskimo but for us folk and flyers the answer is a resounding YES. Would it have been smart to stay in the shade and out of the sun that was out in force all day? YES. Did the wind blow away the flying? NO. Enough about how great the weather gods treated us.



Some of my thoughts on the whole affair: I thought that **Ed Olszewski** was trying to kill his electric foamy or at least tear the wings and tail feathers off? He failed miserably 'cuz the plane was still flying at the end of the festivities.



Club Representation. Mark Lapinski and his nephew showed up from the East Wings out Memphis way. Bob Samuelson and Dennis Bigger came all the way from Croswell for the S.M.A.C (Sanilac Model Airplane Club) and there was a bunch of River District R/C Eagles here too. But then again a bunch of the Eagles are also Propbusters so both the Propbusters as the host club and the Eagles were



The flying? Since it was that perfect day enough planes were in the air most of the time to keep the spectators from being bored. Ed London started the flying for the day out by showing the spectators how to save a beautiful Ultimate 40 Bi-plane from almost certain death. As the announcer, when Ed went into a spin, I said that I hope the plane came out of that before it hit the ground? Well it so happen that, according to Ed, the engine “burped” and he almost “bought the farm” as the saying goes but managed to pull out at the very last second. That is Ed’s claim and he is sticking to it but I think he did it on purpose to give me and the spectators enough of a thrill to last all day. I’m pretty sure that our club president got in the second flight of the day and after that it is pretty much of a blur as to who was flying what.



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Fly-In Continued



I thought that **Carl Jones** did his usual great demo of what a model chopper is capable of even though his first flight was cut short by the arrival of **Don Forton's** full-scale Robinson 22 – two-seated chopper at 11:00 AM to get Sheila Olszewski up in the air so she could take some pictures. Don had pre-arranged landing clearance for the event with park officials. Great stuff the spectators had to love as much as I did.



Bud and John Joachim fired up "Old Faithful", the candy drop plane and did their thing for the bunch of children who were safely contained at the West end of the field until given the go signal to run out and get the candy. I thought one of the kids should be entered in the Olympics because he had to set some kind of record getting out to the candy.



My thinking on the Combat segment of the rally? We have to give the combaters more time to get their frequencies and planes ready so all of them can get into the air at the same time and put on a really good show.



The food concession? I thought that what they offered was on the high side money wise but I guess that was what it took to get them out and serving the Elephant Ears (Don't Ask?) and Corn Dogs and soda pop.



The day was pretty much concluded with the raffle and, believe it or not, some really nice prizes were there for the taking thanks to **Pastime Hobbies** for one and **Mike Grant** for another.

Gotta thank **Ed London** and **Gene Lane** for all of their efforts in setting up and taking down the PA system too.

The rally overall? Thought you would never ask? It was a winner from start to finish and probably **Gary Smedes** fault.



Article by Jack DeLisle

Pictures: Keith, Ed, Sheila, & Maynard.

The Propbusters want to thank everyone from all the local clubs who came out to help make the day a success.