

# 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.

## **President's Perspective**

**Hi all!!**

Our annual fun fly is right around the corner, only 2 weeks away! If you have the time and are able to make our next meeting, please do. We have a lot of things to cover before our event takes place. We are going to need some volunteers to run the grill, concession stand, 50/50 and the raffle. And last but not least, need someone to run the frequency impound. The more people we have to help cover these areas of our event the less one person will have to do. This gives everybody a chance to have fun. Lets work together as a team and make this our best event yet.

Field clean up will be a key issue as we will plan a strategy to prep the field for the fun fly. The rain we have had the past few weeks has really wreaked havoc on the field. Roots of some sort plugged our drain causing a big flood on the field. A big thanks to **Kirk Churchill, Ron Pennell, Mike Grant** and **Brian McLaren** for all the hard work to get the drain cleared so the field can drain.



LOOK OUT! I got a helicopter now! It's a Rapter 30 version 1 with a Thunder Tiger .36 for power. I now have about a dozen flights on it and it flies VERY well. If you have been considering getting a chopper, the Rapter 30 is an excellent choice for the beginner. Don't think that it's lacking performance, it doesn't. This machine can go from mild to wild with some minor adjustments. Way Cool Machine!!

See you at the field!

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 5<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Combat - 9 am \*
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting – 6 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Fun Fly - 9 am \*
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Propbusters field workday – after Eagles Fun Fly.
- 19<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Fun Fly 10:00 am**
- 20<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Pylon - 9 am \*
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Port Huron Hobbyfest - 10 am at Pine Grove Park in Port Huron

### JULY

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – River District Eagles – Combat - 9 am \*
- 10<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Gathering of the Eagles - 9 am \*
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting – 6 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Fun Fly - 9 am \*
- 24<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Pylon - 9 am \*
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Propbusters demo for Algonac School District – 11 am to 3 pm our field (Fri)
- 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> – RCCD – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Precision Aerobatics Pattern Contest

### AUGUST

- 7<sup>th</sup> – **4H Fair Demo Fun Fly & Propbusters club Picnic 9:30 am**
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting – 6 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Pylon - 9 am \*
- 22<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Combat - 9 am \*
- 28<sup>th</sup> – SMAC - Toys for Tots – 10 am Croswell
- 28<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Pylon - 9 am \*

### SEPTEMBER

- 4<sup>th</sup> - **Propbusters - Toys for Tots 9:30 am**
- 5<sup>th</sup> – RCCD – Fun Fly and Club Picnic
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting – 6 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Pylon - 9 am \*
- 12<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Combat - 9 am \*
- 18<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Fun Fly - 9 am \*

### OCTOBER

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – River District Eagles – Combat - 9 am \*
- 9<sup>th</sup> – River District Eagles – Pylon - 9 am \*
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

#### **\* Tentatively at Propbusters field in Goodells**

All events are open to other clubs to participate and are more than welcome to come out and support the hobby of R/C flying.

(If anyone knows of any other clubs' events, let me know so I can get them in here.)

## May Meeting

Meeting started at 6:15 pm with 14 members present.

The field is flooded due to roots in the drainpipe. We have to make an access in the middle of the field because we can only snake 100 feet.

Jack/Mike made a motion to accept the Secretary and Treasurer's reports.

We talked about the new driveway. Greg will try to level out the driveway when the bulldozer is again available.

Todd has received letters back from 5 companies declining to provide any donations because of the tough times. He still hasn't heard back from Futaba and the other radio manufacturers, so there's still hope. He will talk to Gary at Pastime to see about some fuel donations. Jack will donate some 15% fuel. Maxine will get donations of hot dogs, buns and chips. We used 117 hotdogs last year. Maxine will also try to get some more donations for our raffles. Jack DeLisle volunteered to do our announcing and Bud Joachim has planned on doing the candy drop. Jack, Mike, and Maynard have volunteered to meet Todd at the field at 7:30 on June 19<sup>th</sup> to setup for the fun fly.

Todd still hasn't heard back from the Port Huron Hobbyfest people. We know it's going to be on Father's Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed when to schedule our fieldwork day prior to our Fun Fly. The Eagles are having their Fun Fly the week before ours, which is when we normally do our clean up. We will start work after they're done, which should be around 11 am Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

A proposal that's in the works to bring electricity to our field was brought to the membership. Todd has talked to Mark Brochu to see if we can tie in with the BMX track.

The location and size of the new Eagles' field on DTE property was brought up. They are still looking for a backup field if anyone has any leads.

If you opened the frequency box, you probably found a nest. There seems to be a war going between the birds and the Propbusters. On the field cleanup day, we will be painting the box and trying to straighten it. Todd volunteered a workbench to install in the new shed. We will also be adding another layer of paint to our workstations, tables and bleachers.

Bud Joachim talked to Todd about the St. Clair Elementary School 1<sup>st</sup> grade class trip on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> to the field. It costs \$125 to \$150 for busing.

We are planning on 130 kids coming June 30<sup>th</sup> from Algonac School district out to our field.

We discussed the lawn mower repair expenditure that occurred outside of the club meeting. According to the Bylaws, any expenditure more than \$20 must be approved by the elected officials and then brought to the membership.

There has been some vandalism done to our field recently. Someone with a little vehicle got onto the field by the pond area and did donuts on the runway. No lasting damage was done. We are looking into ways to prevent this from happening again.

Jack DeLisle/Greg made a motion to close the meeting at 7:15.

## Financial Report

Beginning Balance                    **\$1,584.38**

**Income**    Dues                                \$    25.00

                  Total Income                **\$    25.00**

### Expenses

Postage/Newsletter    \$    41.18

Greg/Driveway stone \$  100.00

Jim - Gas                                \$    11.55

Todd                                        \$    32.61

Doug P - Grass Seed \$    19.37

Checks                                    \$    18.00

Starter                                    \$  120.05

                  Total Expenses                **\$  342.76**

### Ending Balance

Checking                                \$ 1,226.62

Cash on Hand                        \$     0.00

**Grand Total**                        **\$1,226.62**

### Membership

Junior            5

Senior          13

Lifetime        3

Regular        27

**Total**         **48**

### New Members

Dennis Richey

Mark Steenland

Paul Fleckenstein

## Port Huron Treetoppers AMA #1237

The club is looking for new members. They fly out of Birchville on Norman Road. It's only \$10 to join. This covers the 1st year dues and initiation fee.

Contact: Glen Kolar  
810-385-3588 or WA8HEH@tir.com.

## Redline Racing

Come out and join them at the track on Sundays for some racing.

Registration starts at 11 am with races beginning at 12 pm EVERY Sunday.

Practices start at 4:30 pm Wednesday and are free. If you sign up for Redline Racing at the races, race fees are waived for that day.

There won't be any racing on Father's Day because it will be the day before; during the Propbusters Fun Fly. Come and join us!!

## May 12<sup>th</sup> - Cleaning up the field and track





### Flying at the field - May 29<sup>th</sup>

Ed brought a visitor to the field and here he is on a buddy box with Todd. I heard he was supposed to be working. This looks more like fun.



Carl gave a brief demonstration of his four-engine electric. I spent the entire day finishing my SPAD Debonair. Yes it is done. Todd got in the first flight around 9 PM. Thanks for the help Todd.

### SMAC Swap May 22<sup>nd</sup>

A threat of rain didn't stop everyone from venturing up to Croswell for the Tail Gate Swap.



Gary took his Telemaster twin-engine plane up (which was for sale too!). This gentle plane sounds great soaring up there.



Jack had a little trouble with the grass, but gave us a great show.

### Broken Prop Newsletter Distribution

To help save money for the club, it was decided to stop mailing out printed copies of the newsletter to non-members.

If you are a member and would like to get a printed newsletter, please call Keith (810) 841-0842 and let me know. If you are not a member and would like to continue getting the newsletter, an electronic form is always available and can be downloaded from our website every month.

Older versions are also available from the website as are pictures and videos that are not included in the monthly newsletter.



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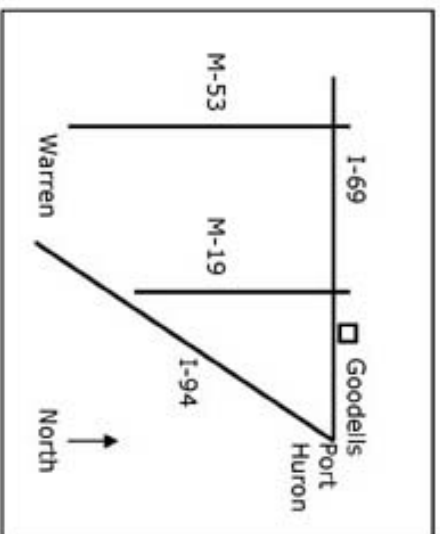
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