

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

This month I am just going to hit on a few different things instead of focusing on one item. The first is our first Fun Fly of the year on June 18th. The plan was to have the Salvation Army handle the concessions stand so we could focus on flying. As it turns out, they can't do it because they only *give* food away, not sell it. So I turned my efforts to M.A.D.D., who did it for us in the past. However, shortly after, they sold the trailer and no longer do it either. Eileen Ostrander, who is no longer with M.A.D.D., was my contact. So I called her for some help and she is making a few calls for me to find someone to help us out. In the mean time, we need to be prepared to do the concessions ourselves. This means volunteers to cook in half hour shifts. This is your club that counts on your help and support to help make these events a success. Please be prepared to donate a half hour of your time for a good cause.

Also, for maximum advertising, please pick up a flyer at the meeting or print some up off the website and hang them up in your local stores or restaurants, but don't forget to ask first. Right now we have ads going to channel 6, the Times Herald and check out the nice ads in the Blue Water Summer that came with your newspaper on May 29th. Your help equals success.

Second, is the demonstration for school kids on July 14th. This was mentioned at the last meeting and is now a definite go. The only thing needed here are pilots. The fourteenth is a Thursday and the time is 1:00 to 2:30. There will be 60-70 kids from 1st to 7th grade. If you can make it out during that time, please do. These types of events make for good P.R. for the club and are really what the club is about; getting kids interested in something other than hanging out in the streets looking for something to do.

And the last thing I'd like to hit on is the tremendous amount of effort that has been put into getting the mowers back together. I can't say 'thanks' enough to those of you that have donated your time and expertise, both past and present, in keeping these machines going. The Cold Duck is up and running, the 'new to us' gang reel mower is up and running and the Woods is close to being finished. It looks like we're off to a good start for the year. Great job everyone! See you at the next meeting.

Youth Is Our Future

EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE

8th – **Propbusters** club meeting – 6 pm
18th - Propbusters Fun Fly - 9 am to 2 pm

JULY

14th – **St. Clair Rec Dept** – School grades 1-7th –
 Flight Demo by the **Propbusters** – 1 to 2:30 pm

AUGUST

6th – **Propbusters** Club Picnic/**4H Fair** - Flying
 Demonstration - 9 am to 2 pm
 27th – **SMAC Fly-In** For Toys – Crowell

September

3rd - **Propbusters** Charity Canned Food Fun Fly for
The Salvation Army - 9 am to 2 pm
 17th – **The Profile Brotherhood** – flying at
 Propbusters field in Goodells, MI
 17th – **Port Huron Hospital Foundation** –
 2nd Annual Hobbyfest – Pine Grove Park
 (810) 984-9760
 17th – **East Wings** Fun Fly – starts @ 9 am
 18th – **Whirlybirds** Fun Fly – tentatively at Goodells

Saturday Work Day Thank-You

Thanks to Gary Smedes, Todd Litke, Ed and Sheila Olszewski, Paul Fleckenstein, Jack DeLisle, Ed London, Tom Nichols, Grant Partridge, Bob Troy, Carl Jones, Doug Porett, Al Fornier, and Stan McClure for helping at our Work Day.

A special thanks to Ed London for bringing his trailer and making a dump run, and his mower that he cut the whole field with; this took a lot of time. (It was a 42inch deck). Thanks to Sheila for picking up and donating the Coffee, donuts, and refreshments. Thanks to Tom Nichols for doing the rebuild on the carburetor for the tractor too.

Your support helps us grow.

Financial Report

Beginning Balance **\$2,160.23**

Income

Hat	\$ 13.00
Donation	\$ 2.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 15.00</u>

Expenses

Keith G. – postage	\$ 9.62
Keith – website renewal	\$ 35.00
Ed L. – gas/parts	\$ 72.32
Doug M. – carb	\$ 53.00
TSC – woods parts	\$ 92.16
Beltline – woods parts	\$ 52.63
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 314.73</u>

Ending Balance

Checking \$ 1,860.50

Grand Total **\$1,860.50**

2005 Membership New Members

Junior	7
Senior	16
Lifetime	2
Regular	34
Total	59

MAY Meeting

Meeting started at 6:02 PM with 15 members present. A motion was made to accept secretary's report as read by Keith. Doug/Gary made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed. Doug/Keith made a motion to pay bills. All motions passed.

The club has a new Roseman 7 Gang Reel mower that was donated by Bruce McKenzie of North Street.

Doug/Mike made motion to reimburse Ed for the parts for the new mower. Gary/Mike made motion to reimburse Ed \$25 for gas. Both motions passed.

Lease - We still haven't heard or received the lease yet.

Eagles are having their 1st grader's demonstration May 31st or June 1st.

Woods mower will be moved to Ed's. Todd's dad did some electrical work but has no time to finish it.

Workday Results - The canopy has been moved, and the drainage ditch has been finished. Ed is looking for a crock with a filter for the end. Gary said thanks to everyone who came out to the workday.

Someone broke into the frequency board and took everything. It was decided that nothing will be kept in the board. We're going to have members clip their AMA card to the frequency number they are using. If anything is missing at the field from now on, a police report must be filed. The location of the frequency board was discussed. It was suggested to install a removable frequency board closer to the flight line to be used during events for convenience.

It was mentioned to move the tractors to during the 4H fair for safe keeping. Both times the cold duck's carburetors were taken during the 4H fair.

We haven't moved the shed yet. Ed or Gary is going to contact the park to see where they want the shed moved to.

A motion passed with a vote of 9 for 3 against to change Article II Section 3 of the Bylaws to acknowledging new members instead of voting them in.

Someone from the St. Clair Recreation department talked to Gary about having a flight demo on July 14th (Thursday) during the school kids outing. We will get the port-a-john cleaned before the 1st graders demo.

We talked about The Profile Brotherhood link on our website in our events list. Their site has a disclaimer about being an adult website. It was decided the link to their website be removed from our site. Keith will remove it after the meeting.

Ron's wife will contact the Salvation Army about doing concessions for us at the fun fly. Doug volunteered to run the raffle. Gary discussed the raffle prizes received so far. Ron will contact Ian about using his sound system. Keith will contact channel 6 and Times Herald advertisement.

Gary discussed the blue water summer booklet article that he submitted.

The motion that was made and tabled last meeting about abolishing lifetime & senior membership was rescinded.

Sheila/Ron made a motion to close the meeting at 7:37 pm.

SMAC Swap/Fly

Ed Olszewski

The members of the Sanilac Model Aviation Club seem to have an "In" with the weather man. Sunshine, relatively mild winds and a couple clouds graced the sky on May 21, for the clubs annual swap-fly in.



Arnold airport in Croswell was the location for the annual event. There were about a dozen trucks, vans, and cars pulled up to the flight line with planes and parts spread out between the vehicles and the flight line. When I showed up several guys were already in action checking out the tailgated goods. I pulled out the single airplane I brought to sell, and placed it with Jack DeLisle's spread. I figured his pile was pretty small, and an airplane would round out the motif. I saw a few things exchange hands, but it is really more of an excuse for everyone to enjoy a day out, with some great company. What more could you ask for; friends, flying and R/C stuff for sale. Admittedly, this event ranks high on my yearly to-do list.

Being an outdoor event, the SMAC swap brings the opportunity to get a few flights in between rummaging through for bargains. Carl Jones got the maiden flight behind him on his new electric Funtana. To many spectators' surprise, Carl proved that runways aren't just for gas anymore; the plane easily taxied to position and lifted off from the grass. Lithium batteries and brushless motor technology has come along way in the last couple of years. The power from electric airplanes surprises most of the uninitiated. The Funtana flew like a champ, it was designed for 3D, and looks like she will do it well.



Before I knew it, it was afternoon. Most of the swappers dwindled away for a sauerkraut-burger at Bees, or an ice cream at Lick's. I did not sell the plane I had brought along, but then again I wisely did not go home with more than I arrived with. But I must admit there were some very good bargains. SMAC has a Fly-In for Toys charity event on August 27th. Hope you can make it.

Propbusters new Mower & Duck Carb



Propbusters Work Day



For Sale ARF Multiplex Cargo



Items Included with plane:

- Castle Creation Griffin 55 ESC
- Four (4) Hitec HS 81 servos
- One (1) JR 531 servo (operates cargo door)
- One (1) 8cell 2400mah nicad battery

Sell Price \$210.00

Call Carl at (810) 367-6759

Club Caps

We still have a few embroidered St. Clair County R/C Propbusters club caps available. The caps are kaki top with a hunter green bill. They will be available at the meeting. The price is \$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

Contact: Mike Grant at (810) 329-6406