

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.

www.SCCPROPBUSTERS.com

President's Perspective

June 17th is our first fun fly event of the year. Please try to attend and help make this an enjoyable event for the spectators. This year we have pushed the start time back to 10:00 am to give those who like to sleep in a little more time and give us a little more time for set-up. Of course, I can't go on without asking for your help in-between flights. Please don't let the same people do the same job all day. Don't be afraid to volunteer for a half hour because you think that no one will relieve you. All you have to do is call me over and I will find someone to relieve you. Even if you don't fly, it's nice to be able to wander around and B.S. with your friends, check out the planes or just watch the show.

As we all tighten our belts, so too are the businesses from which we normally get donations. Because of this, I am asking everyone to try and donate something for the raffle portion of our event. It doesn't have to be airplane related and it doesn't have to be real expensive. Just something that you think will draw a few more dollars and help fill up the table.

Other than one plane trying to take a short cut to China, it sounds like the Eagle's Eddy Elementary Demo went well. I'd like to thank everyone who showed up and helped make this a successful event for them. These types of events are always good for any club. Good job guys!

Thanks also to Ed L, Bill L and Tom N for your help on the field cleanup day. Considering the rotten weather, we still managed to get a few things done. We'll either have to wait until fall or next spring to spread the dirt and plant grass seed.

*Hope to see **you** at the meeting!*

EVENTS CALENDAR

June

- 2nd week – **Propbusters** will host St. Clair County Rec students (tentative)
- 3rd – **RCCD Control Line Stunt Contest** – www.rccd.org – Flying starts at 10 am.
- 14th – **Propbusters** Club Meeting – 6 pm at Community Center Building at Goodells Park
- 17th – **Propbusters Interclub Invitational Fly-In** – 10 am to 2pm at Goodells County Park.
- 17th – **Holly Cloud Hoppers Fun Fly** – starts at 10 am. www.hollycloudhoppers.org
- 18th – **Aero R/C Club's Father's Day Air Show** 10 am to 4 pm – Buell Lake Air Field. www.aeroshaftclub.com

July

- 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**

May Meeting

The meeting on May 10th started at 6:05 pm with 12 members and 2 visitors present. Al/Mike made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. A motion by Keith/Sheila was made to accept the treasurer's report as read as by Ed and pay bill. Both motions passed.

Field Cleanup Day. We have the paint for the frequency board. Sheila will get the seed. We are planning on straightening the gate and fixing some low spots. It will be posted on the website the day before if there is a rain day.

Eddy Elementary School Flight Demo. Gary asked pilots to come out and help if they could. The dates are May 23rd & 24th.

June Fun Fly. We discussed contacting the farm museum about concessions. Mike Grant will try to do a candy drop with a helicopter. Keith will have the flyer ready by the next meeting. We are looking for volunteers to help with the raffle. Keith will handle the "impound". Ed L has the PA. Pilot raffle will include a Republic Sea Bee ARF kit. Ed & Doug made a motion to purchase a \$50 frequency scanner to be purchased by Ed O by the next meeting.

We had a vote for this year's charity:

- Farm Museum 0
- Pine River 3
- Earth Keepers 7
- Wales Township 0
- Wounded Soldiers 2

We are going to donate to Earth Keepers this year.

Gary W. From the Eagles proposed splitting the cost of a roll of road mat. Our next step would be contacting Mark with the Park. We are looking to do this by fall. Ed/Doug made a motion to send this proposal to the park. Motion passed.

We discussed the request from the Holiday Inn Select in Auburn Hills to be the preferred hotel for the Propbusters. There are closer hotels to the park that would be better suited to the club.

We discussed the AMA proposal soliciting electric only clubs. There was no interest currently.

We discussed the updated Membership applications that are downloadable from the website.

Sheila/Ed O made a motion, which passed, to close the meeting at 7:16 pm.

From the Central Coast Chapter of the Society of Antique Modelers, Santa Maria CA

Zen Sarcasm

Bob Angel, editor

- The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a flat tire.
- It's always the darkest before dawn. So if you're going to swipe your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
- Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
- Always remember, you're unique and so is everybody else.
- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

Financial Report

Beginning Balance **\$2,880.95**

Income

Dues \$ 55.00

Total Income \$ 55.00

Expenses

Keith - postage \$ 11.70

Ed L. - Tractor parts \$ 90.90

2-American flags \$ 18.00

Incorporation filing \$ 20.00

Total Expenses \$ 140.60

Ending Balance

Checking \$ 1,795.35

Equipment Fund \$ 1,000.00

Grand Total \$2,795.35

2006 Membership

Junior 6
Senior 17
Lifetime 2
Regular 39
Total 64

New Members

Jim Forton
Gary Lauzon
Christopher Orrell
Brandon Zwiernik
Michael Booth

Tower 40 trainer \$25

This has led a hard life, and the covering is not pretty, but it is sound, and flies straight. Includes a tank, and needs 40-46 engine and 4-channel radio.



Slot Machine with accessories \$10

Minnesota glove, as-new \$20

John Hickman, 987-5752 or
jdhickman@advnet.net

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 364-9258

Keller Lark OS 108 2 stroke, 537 servos

1100 mah Battery pack, switch harness \$400

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

JR Quatro 4 channel NIB \$125

Various transmitters Call

120 Stinger airframe \$75

Sky Vista low wing trainer airframe \$35

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Tower 40 2 stroke engine \$40

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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

Annual Eddy Elementary R/C Flight Demonstration *Ed & Sheila Olszewski*



The advertisement read: Flying starts at 10:00AM for the amusement of the 70 school children from Eddy Elementary School on Tuesday May 23rd, and 55 kids on Wednesday May 24th.

Bud Joachim was the instigator, organizing the annual event, which was held at the Propbuster field in Goodells. This year Grant Partridge also helped with arranging 2 more classes of students from Washington School in Marysville to join the fun.



Pilots from The Eagles and the Propbusters enjoyed great flying weather both days, in that regard this seems to be another lucky annual event. Tuesday was a little breezy-but manageable, Wednesday yielded perfect flying weather.



Pat Donoghue and Ed London shared the duties of announcing, and did a great job keeping the children abreast of the airborne spectacle. Dave Kilby spent time showing the kids the inner workings of the R/C aircrafts. Everyone shared the duties of corralling the kids for the candy drops, and helping keep order.

Mark Steenland brought his "ladybug Plane"- a real crowd pleaser. The candy drop plane- the undisputed champ of kid pleasers made 7 drops between the two days. Bud spent time showing the inner workings (the important candy compartment) of a drop plane to students who wanted to see where candy comes from.

Bud, and the teachers want to thank everyone that came out and helped put on a great show for the kids, from the flyers to the helpers. The kids had a great time, along with the pilots. Perhaps there are a few future pilots, maybe some from the students, maybe some from the parent helpers?



First Place Silver - CPHS-6

CPHS-6 has captured another prestigious award. Station Manager Edward Senyk says they have been honored with a "First Place" Silver Telly for the production of "**Propbusters**" - a show about remote controlled airplanes that was recorded at the St. Clair County Park in Goodells in 2004. The program featured interviews with "grounded" pilots and footage of airplanes and helicopters. Over 12,000 entries from all 50 states and many foreign countries were submitted for the Silver Telly. The award represents the highest honor for the finest video and film productions in the world. Senyk says the trophy is described as an Oscar and in fact is made by the same company that manufactures the Oscar and the Emmy Award trophies.

Some past Telly winners include HBO, Universal Studios, Walt Disney Studios, NBC, The Discovery Channel, The History Channel, Nickelodeon, PBS, and ESPN.

PHASD Executive Director for Programs and Services, Gordon Jamison, congratulated the CPHS-6 staff saying, "What a great honor for you, the staff at CPHS-6 and the District." He went on to thank the staff at CPHS-6 for their ongoing level of excellence in promoting and covering the District and for District activities including concerts, plays, sporting events, Board of Education programs and much more.

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SMAC Swap / Fly In

Ed Olszewski

The morning of May 20th looked to be a great day. The sun was shining, the sky blue. I packed the van with some planes and headed to Croswell for their annual Tailgate Swap-Fly In. I have learned in the past not to underestimate the ability of the members of SMAC to predict the weather, as they always seem to manage to get a day with reasonable weather for their events. Some clubs get all the luck.

Arriving at Arnold Airport, the sun was still shining, and the sky blue, but the wind was blowing-Hard. A few adventurous souls pulled out some foam electric models and fought the wind, the rest left their nitro-balsa models safely locked up in their vehicles. I was a proud member of both groups. Carl Jones and Mike Grant got their Helicopters out and put on a fine show.

SMAC Swap Continued

I can never figure out if helicopters are not affected by the wind, or the pilots just don't care about wind, or if heli pilots are just that good. Probably the latter.... There was a plane or two in the sky, but it was brutal.



There was a fine turn out at the swap department. The R/C estate sale of the late Bill Gass, or it seems, only some of the estate was on display. Remember the old adage about having the most at the end, well it seems I have a collection to aspire to. It was easy to see Bill liked his Pipers, there was at least a dozen, in various stages of completion, or completed ready to fly, and many in some stage of rebuilding. I heard Bob Samuelson say that this was not all of it, Bob is helping with the estate sale.



It was, as it always is, a very good time. A lot of guys left with some good deals. I would like to say I was able to resist the urge to.... Well lets just say I left with lots more than I came with.