

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.

President's Perspective

I keep looking at the calendar, and then I look outside. Does the outside know what date the calendar has? Ten degrees below zero this morning and it's the first week of March. It's time for spring, enough winter.

My Chipmunk says its still winter. I haven't got it ready to cover yet. The structure is built and most of the control hinges are installed. I purchased a Super Tiger .75 engine at the Owasso Swap. I plan to mount it on the Chipmunk. I bought this airplane kit at an auction sale a couple years ago for \$10.00. There were only a few wood pieces missing in the kit. None of the die cut pieces were missing. The sheeting for the tail and the cap strips for the wing ribs I think were all that was missing. I purchased a cowl for it at Toledo last year. I don't care for the ABS plastic material the stock cowl is made of. The ABS plastic always seems to crack in a short time of use. The kit was missing one wing tip. The wing tips that come with the kit are ABS plastic. I made two balsa-block wing tips using the plastic one as a pattern. The kit also came with plastic belly pieces to attach to the underside of the wing. These pieces match up the wing and fuselage. I didn't use them either. I made the pieces out of balsa. Hopefully I get to fly the Chipmunk this year. How's your winter project coming along?

If you want to purchase fuel talk to Ed. Ed is taking orders to combine with the Eagles. Then one big order will be placed with Pastime Hobbies. There are several different fuel brands and percentages available.

Anyone interested in going to Toledo the first weekend in April? This is the largest R/C show in the Midwest. Most of the major manufacturers have displays and there is of course the swap. There are also very impressive models displayed for judging in various categories. This year will mark the 49th year of the Toledo Show.

Club members attended the St. Clair County Parks master plan up-date meeting. The County Parks Commission is up-dating the master plan for the park. Pam Bough is the landscape architect working for the County. Members were able to explain what our needs are to safely fly at the county park.

EVENTS CALENDAR

March

12th - Propbusters club meeting -
Goodells MI (Wed.)

JUNE

21st - Propbusters Annual Fun Fly

AUGUST

2nd - 4H exhibition / Club cookout

SEPTEMBER

6th - Charity Fun Fly - to be announced.

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.)

February Meeting

At the last meeting the success of the February swap meet was discussed. We're looking for ways to increase public awareness of the swap next year.

The park meeting was discussed. Ed, Sheila, Pat and Doug attended. Doug gave a report on the favorable reception of our club at the meeting. Rob had also met with Pam, the plan developer prior to the meeting.

Ed brought the Bulk fuel sale from the Eagles for the Propbusters, but that he would need the orders by the March meeting to get our orders included. The Eagles will be making the order the beginning of April. Ed will bring the fuel purchased to our April meeting.

Field conditions were also discussed including the missing windsock and mower readiness for spring. A member volunteered a sign for putting pictures of passed club events and mounting it at the field. We will need to take care of the failing fences and roll the field.

You might be addicted to model airplanes if:

1. You keep money hidden in your wallet and call it the airplane fund.
2. You consider flying your park flyer in your front yard "Taking the edge off".
3. You named one of your children "Cessna".
4. If your car is packed full of all your flying stuff all the time just in case of those times you have a few extra minutes to put a flight in
5. If you have installed runway lights on either side of your driveway....
6. If you use your empty fuel jugs as lamp fixtures in the house just because the colored water looks so nifty through the white plastic....
7. If you heat your home with the fire place by using all the broken props from the season before.....
8. If your UPS guy knows you by first name.....
8. You have to hide your planes in the office, so your wife doesn't know how many you have or bought.
9. Before you hit the on-ramp to the interstate you yell, "TAKIN' OFF!"
10. When you try to use monokote instead of wallpaper to decorate your bedroom.



Propbusters T-shirts

There are no Propbuster t-shirts or hats left through the club. However you can still get them from the same place that the club purchased them from. Here is the address:

Doodling Monograms (Terri Burns)

4185 Miller Rd.

P.O. Box 299

Capac, MI 48014

Winter Projects

If you came out to meeting last month, then you got to see Todd's newest airplane, a Pizza Box Flier. Here's what Todd has to say about it.

The Pizza Box Flier flies WELL! I was kinda surprised at the ability of this little ugly chunk of plastic. It will do every thing a conventional airplane can do, and more. I will be fitting a landing gear on it because I'm tired of buying props for it. Also it is VERY durable. It whacked the ground a few times pretty hard, and it survived. Not to bad for a ten dollar plane. It has a Thunder Tiger GP.42 and a Hitec/Futaba radio system. I want to try FULL CONTACT COMBAT!!! Now that sounds like fun.

Todd got the idea from this website:
<http://mypage.yhti.net/~dmcdnld/pizzabox.htm>
 Here are some pictures of Todd's plane.



Bulk Fuel Sale

Do you have your fuel for this summer yet? Our club has the opportunity to purchase fuel at a reduced rate.

River District R/C Eagles are placing a bulk fuel purchase the beginning of April. If you are interested in purchasing a CASE of fuel (find a friend-split a case), checks will need to be submitted to Ed Olszewski by the March 12, 2003 meeting. Please submit the completed form with your check or cash to Ed (<mailto:proptreas@comcast.net>).

PROPBUSTERS BULK CASE FUEL PURCHASE FORM
 Please be sure to make the check out to
 "St. Clair County Propbusters"

All orders are CASE prices based on bulk buy
 Prices already include 6% Michigan Tax

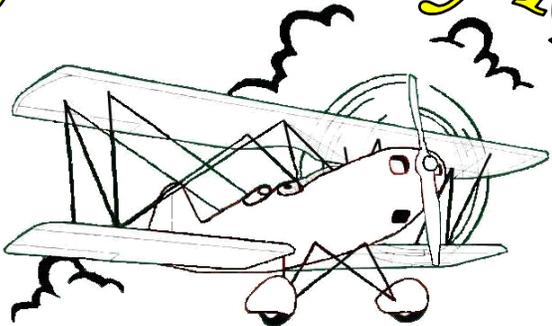
Quantity	Description	Price PER CASE	Total
----- COOL POWER -----			
__	10% Cool Power (\$10.28x4)	\$41.14	\$ _____
__	15% Cool Power (\$11.23x4)	\$44.91	\$ _____
__	4 Cyl Cool Power (\$11.89x4)	\$47.56	\$ _____
__	30%Heli Cool Power(\$18.37x4)	\$73.45	\$ _____
----- OMEGA -----			
__	15% Omega (\$11.23x4)	\$44.91	\$ _____
__	4 Cyl Omega (\$11.81x4)	\$47.24	\$ _____
----- BYRON -----			
__	15% Byron (\$12.57x4)	\$50.25	\$ _____
__	4 Cyl Byron (\$12.57x4)	\$50.25	\$ _____
----- POWER MASTER -----			
__	10% Power Master (\$10.31x6)	\$61.86	\$ _____
__	15% Power Master (\$11.57x6)	\$69.38	\$ _____
__	4 Cyl Power Master (\$12.19x6)	\$73.09	\$ _____
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