

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

Redline Race Club members and I met with the St. Clair County Parks Commission on May 1st to gain approval from the Park Commission for the addition of the racetrack. The Commission unanimously voted in favor of the addition of the racetrack. We are required to furnish the Commission with a copy of the agreement between Redline and the Propbusters Clubs.

Ian is working on an agreement. What do you want the agreement to cover? We will discuss the agreement at our next meeting. This should be an exciting opportunity for both clubs.

Our lease is coming up to the end of the original term. I don't believe there will be any problem with the renewal. We should start thinking of what changes we would like (if any) in the lease agreement.

Hope everyone is ready to fly. The field has been rolled and the mower spring maintenance has been done. Our thanks go to Kirk, Jim and Gary for their hard work getting things ready. I know at least these three guys have been working on the equipment and field. I appreciate everyone who helps with the field.

We have not been able to get in contact with MADD for the Air Show concessions. We should consider doing the concessions for the Air Show ourselves. Charge nothing for admission and nothing to fly, but make our profit on concessions. What do you think?

Prize request went out last month. I have received packages from Tower Hobbies and Balsa USA so far. I don't know what is in them. I thought it best not to open them until the Air Show.

I am a thumb flyer and always have been. So I purchased a pair of thumb flyer transmitter stick ends. I am not totally satisfied with the stick ends. The cupped out end for the thumb is very smooth and deep. I am going to try placing a rubber pad in the center to make the depth less and for better grip. Maybe then I try them on something other than Real Flight.

Hope to see you at the meeting and out flying.

EVENTS CALENDAR

May

10th – Sanilac Model Aviation Club (SMAC)
----- 5th Annual Tailgate Swap Meet and --
-----Fun Fly – Arnold Airport in Croswell, -
-----MI – 10 AM
14th – 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.)

April Meeting

There were 8 Propbusters members and 7
Redline Racing members present at the last
meeting.

The Ford was reported to have a cracked
block. Since the last meeting, Kirk Churchill
has fixed the cracked block in the 'Duck with JB
weld.

The Redline Racing members introduced
themselves to us. Their club's insurance is called
ROAR and is similar to our AMA. ROAR covers the
grounds for \$1 million. It costs \$35 for the club and
\$30 per member and \$10 for additional family
members. More information on ROAR insurance can
be found at www.roarracing.com

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 to meet at the
field to discuss track location. Our old spectator area
is big enough to house the track. A motion was made
and passed to accept the Redline Racing R/C club to
join with the Propbusters.

A special meeting was scheduled for April 23rd to
discuss possible insurance merger and to see the
proposed track layout.

Todd's Tidbits

Hello all,

This year our members will be seeing some BIG changes at the field. Red Line Racing will be building an 1/8 scale off road R/C car track in our parking lot at the far west end. The members in attendance at the April 9 meeting saw the first bricks laid toward a great partnership between the Propbusters and Red Line Racing.

April 23 was our "emergency" meeting called to let any of our members ask questions or voice their concerns about Red Line building a track in our parking lot. There were a few concerns about frequencies, and any problems we may encounter. I had done some research about this topic and found that there are a lot of clubs that have R/C car tracks near their fields and have had no frequency problems at all. In fact, it has been very beneficial to both airplane and car clubs to join up at one site. Little Billy wants to come out and run his R/C car while dad comes out to fly his plane, or vice versa. As a father of two I can see a lot of enjoyable time for my family and me at our field. I hope to see you out there!!
Todd Litke



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

Propbusters Web Site

The website I started for fun is still growing. www.kgraham.com/Propbusters.htm is the location for Propbusters.

If you missed the special meeting a couple of weeks ago, you can see some pictures taken at the meeting on the site. On the pictures page, in the bottom right is a second and third groups of pictures. I believe the Third section to be from that meeting.

If anyone has photos, ideas, or articles for me to add, please send me an email to keith@kgraham.com. I've gotten feedback from Todd whose going to provide some graphics for the site.



AMA National Newsletter

The May 2003 National Newsletter is now available on the AMA Web site, www.modelaircraft.org. If you click on Publications, then National Newsletters, you can download the PDF version.

Special Meeting Report

A special meeting was held Wednesday April 23rd at the field. There were 8 Redline Racing members and 5 Propbusters members present.



The track will be just inside our fenced area closest to the airstrip and main parking area leaving our driving strip to the flight area.

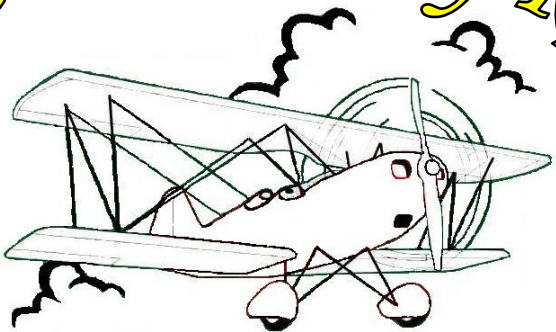


Concerns were discussed about having anything too close to the runway that would hinder the pilot's view of their plane while making the turn at the end of the field. Also parking usage was discussed.

After the meeting a couple of Redline Racing members gave us a demonstration in the parking lot. We saw a 1/6th scale car and an electric truck that could go 50 MPH!

There wasn't anyone flying that night, so I couldn't put any airplane pictures in this edition. Maybe next month...if the rain ever stops.

St. Clair County R/C



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