

The Broken Prop



MAY 2005 EDITION

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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

Once again Mother Nature fooled us. As most of you know, on April 30th we were pushed into canceling our field cleanup day due to the forecast of rain for the whole weekend, and of course, it didn't. This always creates a problem for those of us that need to inform everyone that it has been cancelled. How do you reach everyone? On this particular day, a few members didn't get the message and showed up eager and ready to do some work. Usually, mass e-mailing and a lot of phone calls are made in an attempt to reach as many people as possible. This method will catch most members, but not all.

In the future, the decision to cancel will always be made on the day before and posted on the Propbusters' website. So if you have doubts as to whether we're 'on' or not, you can check the website the morning of the workday for your answer. If for some reason you don't have access to the Internet, you can call one of the officers for clarification.

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I believe this is the best way to reach the most members without having a lot of people having to make, or receive, phone calls first thing in the morning.

That being said, I would like to say 'Thanks' to the members that did show up on the 30th and did some clean up work in the bull pen. Good job guys, and sorry for the confusion.

The President of the Eagles called to verify the dates for there 1st grader outing at our field. They are May 31st with June 1st as a rain day. Any Propbusters members that can make it are encouraged to support and fly with the Eagles.

I hope to see you at the field!

EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY

- 7th – **Propbusters** – Field Work Day – 9 am
 11th – **Propbusters** – Club Meeting – 6 pm
 21st – SMAC Swap in Croswell, MI
 21st & 22nd – Selfridge Air National Guard Air Show
 featuring [The Blue Angles](http://www.selfridgeairshow.org/home.htm)
<http://www.selfridgeairshow.org/home.htm>
 31st – **River District Eagles** – 1st Grader Outing
 demonstration at Propbusters' field at Goodells.
 (Rain-day is June 1st)

JUNE

- 4th – Holly Cloud Hoppers – 3rd Annual Crossroads
 Village Static Show and Demo Flights – 10am to
 5pm at the Crossroads Village historic park in Flint
 4th – The Radio Control Club of Detroit (RCCD) –
 Control Line Stunt Contest – Detroit –
www.RCCD.org - 10 am
 18th - **Propbusters** Fun Fly - 9 am to 2 pm

JULY

- 30th & 31st – **2005 Nationals** Fun Fly – Muncie, IN -
<http://www.ncffafunfly.org>

AUGUST

- 4th & 5th – 2nd Annual Scale RC Indoor Classic & Fun
 Fly – Ball State University Muncie, IN – Worthen
 Basketball Arena – 9am to 9 pm. \$10 admission
 6th – **Propbusters** Club Picnic/4H Flying
 Demonstration - 9 am to 2 pm
 27th – SMAC Fly-In For Toys – Croswell

September

- 3rd - **Propbusters** Salvation Army Can Food Charity
 Fun Fly - 9 am to 2 pm
 10th – The Profile Brotherhood will be having a flying
 event at the Propbusters field in Goodells.
<http://theprofilebrotherhood.com>
 17th – Port Huron Hospital Foundation – 2nd Annual
 Hobbyfest – Pine Grove Park (810) 984-9760
 18th – Whirlybirds Fun Fly – tentatively at Goodells

Proposed Bylaw Change

Currently.

Article II. Section III. New Members shall be voted upon to receive membership into the club. All applicants must receive 2/3 majority vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting to be accepted.

New.

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Meet a new member to the Propbusters. This is Steve Wollen. He's been working with Ed London and last week soloed with Todd.

NOTICE OF RETRACTION:

Stan McClure will not be training or helping anyone fly this year as last month's meeting minutes might have gave that impression.

Propbusters Fun Fly

Don't forget our first Fun Fly is coming up next month. June 18th starting at 9 am. Make sure you come to the meeting May 11th to help get setup to make this a success.

Financial Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$2,035.21
Income	
Dues	\$ 145.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 145.00</u>
Expenses	
Keith – postage	\$ 9.99
Doug P – lawn gas	\$ 10.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 19.99</u>
Ending Balance	
Checking	\$ 2,160.23
Grand Total	<u>\$2,160.23</u>

2005 Membership	New Members
Junior 7	Tom Nichols
Senior 16	Edward Papineau
Lifetime 2	Steve Wollen
Regular 34	
Total 59	

Safety First

By Ed Olszewski



I have worked around heavy metal cutting equipment my whole career. I am proud to say that I have not had even a minor injury that has required a stitch. That is not due to luck, but more so to paying attention to my surroundings, and never for any reason putting myself or any part of my body in a compromising position. I learned there is nothing, and I mean nothing is worth the risk of an injury, not even for one second. As they say;

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT.

Avoiding bad practices and habits, with a little planning can go along way in preventing accidents. Following AMA and field rules is the place to start; they are intended to help keep you and others around you safe. Here are a few other suggestions to help keep flying safe.

Keep your fingers out of the prop. Use an electric starter, or a "chicken stick", when starting your engine, the finger you save will be your own. The thing most likely, by a long shot, to injure you is the propeller. Keep your fingers the heck out of there and attached to your hand! Start safety, by starting safely.



Walk behind the plane to make engine adjustments. Nothing good will come about by reaching around the propeller. Sooner or later you will underestimate the diameter of the propeller- with disastrous results.

Here is one that always surprises me. Do not stand, sit or kneel in front of the plane while you rev the engine up. If it were to backfire, the propeller may let loose and you will be the prop-stop. Probably more importantly, if the tether line should break, the plane **is** going to move forward. If you are crouching in front of the plane - well you can do that math on what will stop the prop.

Always tether or anchor your airplane when starting. It is rule at most fields anyways. The days of starting with your right hand and only hanging on to the plane with your left hand are long gone, and it was never a good idea anyways.

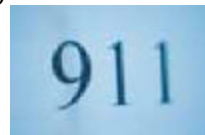
Do not stand in line with the swing of the propeller. Although not likely to break, or have debris sucked in, if it does, it will throw along the propeller line. Be careful not to put yourself or anyone else into harms way.

Along the same line, tethered or not, never start a plane in the direction of any person. Bring your plane up from the pits, near the flight line with no one in front of it, **before** you start your engine. Nothing is more un-nerving than hearing a plane start behind you when flying. This is not only discourteous, but dangerous.

Avoid walking on the field while there are planes in the air. If it is necessary, make sure you always announce your intentions to other pilots, and also announce when you are off the field as well. If you are flying, and someone announces they are going on the field, do not fly over their head; fly as far as possible from the person.

Never fly over the other pilots, the pits, or spectators. Fly only in front of the flight line. Do not fly while field maintenance is being preformed. There is never an excuse to fly over anyone's head.

Try not to fly alone whenever possible. Call a friend, invite a neighbor or take a family member – anyone who can dial a phone. This is a great chance to share your hobby with someone. If you must fly alone make sure you have a cell phone, with a phone number handy of a friend or relative that can be called of at a moments notice. Be sure you know how to tell someone how to get where you are in an emergency.



You would be surprised how much more complicated remembering and explaining directions in an emergency is. Make sure a family member or friend knows where you are going and what time to expect your return.



April Meeting

The meeting started at 6:05 pm with 17 Propbusters, 1 Redline Racing member and 1 visitor present. Ron/Mike made a motion to accept the Secretary's report after removing notice of the directors' appointments from the minutes. Doug/Todd made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay bills. Both motions passed.

Gary announced his selection of Todd Litke, Sheila Olszewski, and Brian McLaren as his directors.

Our Lease is being held at the park commission while they try to condense it.

We gave the Eagles use of our field for two days in the 1st week in June for the 1st graders' demonstration. Eagles will take care of 1 port-a-john cleaning (before or after) and the cost of the AMA extra insurance. They are expecting around 120 kids this time. It's during the week around 9:30 am to 11 am. The Eagles' Gather of the Eagles has been cancelled.

Doug is still trying to pickup the carburetor for the "Duck". Todd's dad has started working on the "woods".

Gary thanked the guys for smoothing down the field. Ed has some extra rye seed he will put down. The drainage end still hasn't been taken care of yet.

Fuel order. 3 to 4 weeks until the order is in. It was placed on the April 6th.

Tax Exempt. Ed talked to Mark from the East Wings about their tax-exempt number. They have a non-profit number. We could get it for \$20 but it's not the same thing. We could find no benefit for it, so this is dropped.

A motion was made and passed to add the following bylaw amendments.

Article III

Section IX: AMA member guest pilots are welcome up to three times per year per guest (excluding contest or special events). Guest must be accompanied by a host Propbusters member, agree to follow all club rules and Bylaws, host members are responsible for the actions of their guest. Guests using the field more than three visits are expected to join the club. Host members allowing the guest to use the field more than three times may themselves be held responsible for guest dues and fees. This may be waved in advance by a 3/4 vote of the executive board on a case-by-case-basis.

Article II

Section 5. Any pilot flying solo at the Propbusters' field must be certified "Pilot" status by the club President or his designee.

Article II

Section 4. Club membership must be applied for, and proof of valid AMA membership is required before a student can begin training; excluding intro-pilot program. Training of non-members at the Propbusters' field is not permitted. The instructor is responsible for verification of the student's AMA document and club status. Student pilots may fly only on a "buddy box" until granted pilot status by the club president or his designee

We've had reports of people flying Park Flyers at the park. Ed says Mark from the Park told us that there would be no flying other than at our field. Mike tried to talk the one person he saw into joining our club.

Gary Wilkerson brought up the intro-pilot rules. He talked to Lois from AMA who told him that a club with 100 or less pilots would only be allowed 3 intro-pilots.

A copy of the **Field Information Letter** will be included in the next newsletter. Mark from the park thought it was a great idea and wants a copy so they can require it of other groups at the park.

New Business. May 21-22 is Selfridge Air Show. The North American Model exhibitors are having their 16th annual show in Southgate on April 23rd and 24th.

Donation Drive. Gary has already sent out letters to hobby stores for Fun Fly prizes. He has asked that if anyone is out, feel free to stop by a store and ask for a donation to help the club.

Field Maintenance - Doug P. has the battery for the duck. He says he will get it back out this week. He has been rolling the field using the big roller.

Ed mentioned we have to get rid of the old port-a-john and the old junk in the enclosure. Ed L. volunteered to take the junk at the field to the dump in his trailer. Todd will talk to Greg Feyers about getting some more gravel for the pilots parking area.

April 23rd will be a **workday** at 9 am with a rain day of Sunday the 24th with coffee and doughnuts provided. The Windssock and flag are up at the field. A motion passed to move the canopy where it can be used. Gary will bring the new rope and Doug P. will bring the canopy to the workday.

AMA cards are required at the field. Ed made a copy of his and put board and pin on the back. He keeps it in his box to put up when he gets there.

Redline isn't going with the drain tile. They are talking about putting in a French drain (deep hole filled with stones). They are going to contact the park to see what can be done.

Todd belongs to The Profile Brotherhood. They're looking for a field to fly at once this year. It was voted to allow Todd to continue with this pursuit to use the Propbusters' field and to find a date.

Glen brought up their ROAR show will be here on Sept 17th and 18th. This is the same tentative dates the Whirlybirds will be here. This should cause no problems.

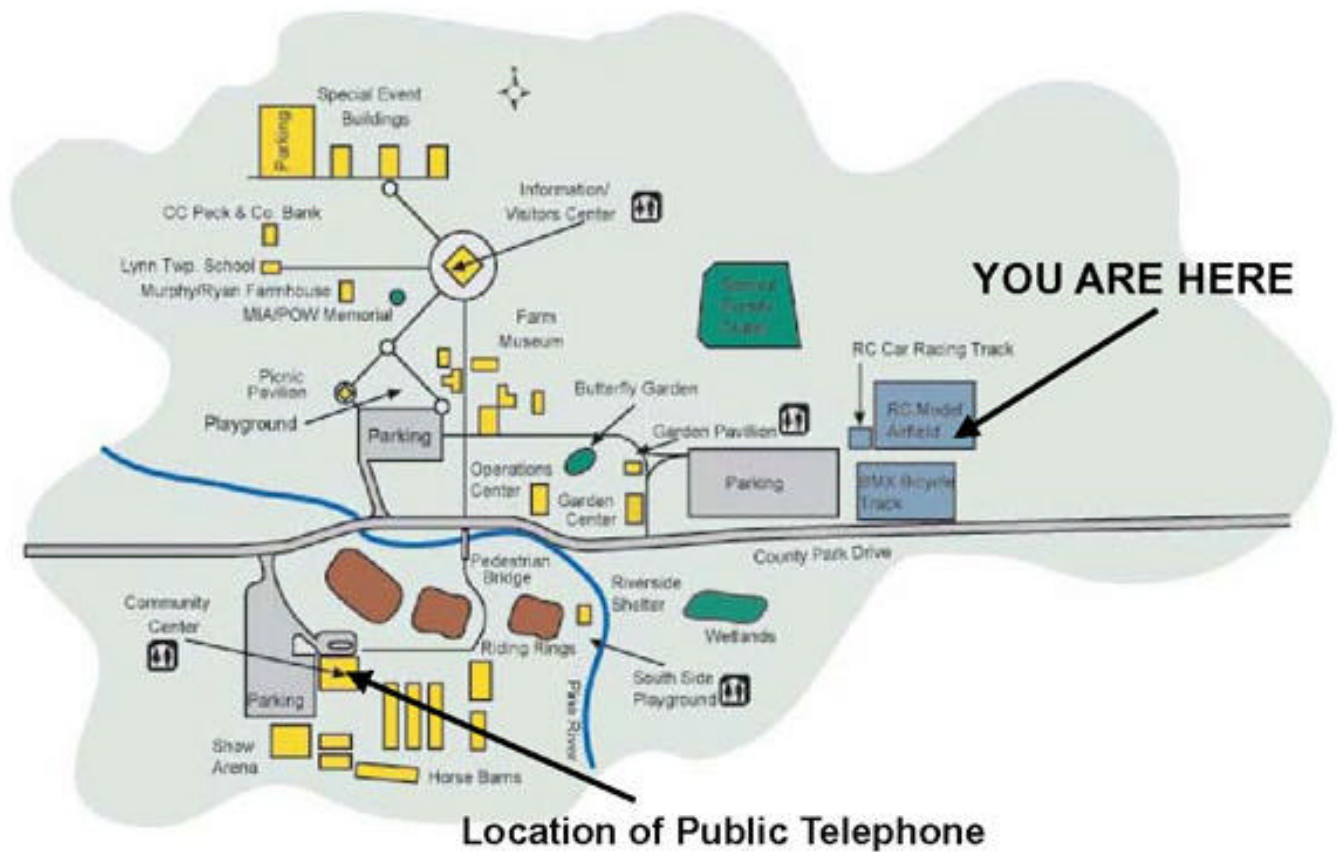
Ed would like to have a bi-plane rally. It was voted to allow Ed to pursue setting this up.

A motion was made to change the Bylaws to say accept new members instead of voting them in. The proposed Bylaw change will be published in next month's newsletter for voting at the next meeting.

Bill Lawson, Mike Papinaw, and Steve Wollen were accepted as new members. Ed London will be added back to the instructors list.

A motion was made to abolish lifetime and senior memberships grand-fathering everyone for this year. This would take effect at the end of this year for next year. Motion was tabled until later this year.

Gary/Sheila voted to end meeting at 7:30 pm.



**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
A PAY PHONE IS LOCATED IN
LOBBY OF COMMUNITY CENTER
DIAL 9-1-1
YOUR LOCATION IS
GOODELLS COUNTY PARK-R/C AIRFIELD
(Off the East parking lot - North of BMX bike track)**

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers:
Fire: (810)982-9461 EMS: (586)727-2184 Sheriff: (810)987-1700
Goodells County Park Operations Center (810)325-1732

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Since this is the month I'm going to be asking the club for the yearly web site renewal fee of \$35, I thought I'd put in some statistics from the past month.

The April Broken Prop newsletter was downloaded 281 times. Considering there's only 59 members, that's amazing.

Here's are monthly site averages:

Month	Hits	Visits	Pages	Files	Kbytes
May	7531	390	802	5500	46033
Apr	55560	3025	7969	35654	381381
Mar	41850	2767	6825	26713	276544
Feb	44185	2438	17563	33933	541339
Jan	40004	2633	6569	26116	364182

We have visitors from all over the world. From the US to the Military to foreign countries like Portugal, Australia, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. There are pilots all over the world looking to see what others are doing.

Are Forum section has 560 articles from 33 registered users. Redline Racing have been using this as a means of keeping their members up-to-date on weekly events. How about you?

See you on the web.

Club Caps

Embroidered St. Clair County R/C Propbusters club caps will be available for order at the next club meeting. The caps are kaki top with a hunter green bill. Orders will be available for your pickup in about two weeks, or at the following months meeting. The price will be \$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

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

Contact Carl at 810 367-6759



FOR SALE

This RC10-GT is for sale for \$150. If you're interested give Tony a call at (810) 327-6530.

Classified Space Available

House getting a little crowded with airplanes you've outgrown? Have Something To Sell? The Broken Prop can be your venue to make you some cash and free up some space. There's no charge to list here. Send emails to Keith@sccpropbusters.com, mail them to the editor or call me at (810) 841-0842 to get the info.



2005 ROAR MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2005

Sanction Number: 05-05-05

Hosted By:



Send check or money order to
Payable to: Redline Racing R/C Club

Glenn Lee
4050 Tarabrook Ln.
Port Huron, MI 48060



8345 County Park Drive
Goodells, MI 48027

For further information Contact

Glenn Lee 810-985-5539
Ron Pennell 810-367-2147
Nathan Wilcox 810-388-0781

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 16: Open Practice – all classes (Nitro and Electric), Hours: 10 AM-Midnight

Saturday, September 17: ROAR Michigan Electric State Championships, Practice 7-9 AM,
Racing starts at 10 AM.

Open practice after races until Midnight.

Sunday, September 18: ROAR Michigan Nitro State Championships, Practice 7-9 AM, Racing
starts at 10 AM.

- Trophies will be awarded 1-10 in A Mains and 1-3 in B-Z Mains.
- All Classes Available (3 makes a class)
- No Handout Motors (ROAR Approved Motors ONLY)
- No Personal Transponders
- Cost \$25 Pre-Registration, \$30 Day of Event
- For more Information visit www.sccpropbusters.com/Redline.html

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Classes

Frequencies (List 3)

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