

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

Bring the popcorn; we will have a video at our meeting Wednesday, November 12th of the airfield. Ed London took the video at our June Air Show. Ed has a small video camera mounted behind the prop of his airplane. The camera is hooked to a transmitter that is received and recorded by the ground unit. Did you ever wonder what the airfield looks like from your plane? Come and see the movie.

Nomination time is here for the election to be held at our December meeting. I have enjoyed being President this past year. I will not be able to except a nomination for next year. Next year I will have at least four elections to conduct for Fort Gratiot Township. That's four weekends of election work and with family obligations, I am afraid I won't have much free time.

Flying is a hobby for me. I fly when I want to and I work on my aircraft at my leisure. That's what makes it a hobby. I enjoy the hobby this way. It's different from the demands of work or family. Keeping this in perspective makes the hobby and the club relaxing and enjoyable.

We have a couple projects to finish up before the end of the year. We need to renew our contract with the County Parks. We should also apply for our Leader Club Award. I would appreciate your assistance in finishing these projects.

This past year the goal for the club was to fly and have fun. I believe we have reached that goal. Congratulations to all of you.

EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

12th - **Propbusters** Club meeting

DECEMBER

10th - **Propbusters** Club meeting

JANUARY

14^h - **Propbusters** Club meeting

18th - **Propbusters** R/C Swap Meet –
Sunday 9 am – 1 pm

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.)

Combat Squad

Are you looking for a way to show off your flying abilities? Are you looking for a new challenge? Give Todd Litke a call. 966-4546 He's working on setting up a squad for next year. If you have an extra radio system and 40-size engine, the planes are easy to build and cost around \$20.

Take a look at www.spadtothebone.com for some easy to build planes.

Here's a combat Spad – The Saturday Night Special



October Meeting

The weather was beautiful. We had a high of 80 degreed today. The meeting was held at the field starting at 6:01 PM. There were 10 Propbusters and 2 Redline Racers present.

The Treasurer and Secretary's reports were read and accepted.

Ed volunteered to purchase toys with the proceeds from the Toys For Tots. The toys to be bought with the \$203.32 will be added to the 24 Rob is holding. Ed will wait until closer to Christmas.

Doug will buy donuts for the Swap Meet.

We discussed the lease. We need to detail the size of the acreage.

We have 2004 memberships received from a number of members. Welcome Carl Jones as a new member.

Doug has Chloroplast prices. We must order 10 sheets of a given color. The costs for 4 x 8 sheets are \$5.80 for 4 mil and \$5.27 for 2 mil. Email Doug if anyone is interested and to double-check the prices. He will make a trip to Novi to pick up the sheets.

Ed will email Kirk to see what will happen with the cold duck as it still is missing a carburetor.

Nominations for the 2004 club officer positions will be accepted at the November meeting. Voting will occur during the December meeting.

We discussed putting big letters reminding flyers about for the no-fly zone at the end of the runway. We could put "Head's Up" at the gravel parking lot view of the runway fence to discourage people parking right at the end of the runway. We will be putting the letters up in the spring. Someone will check with Brian Glombowski about using a stencil cutter.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM so we could get some flying in this great weather.

Financial Report

Beginning Balance **\$1,202.52**

Income Dues \$ 230.00
 Total Income **\$ 230.00**

Expenses
 Postage/Newsletter \$ 9.99
 Gas \$ 9.00
 Hall Rental \$ 120.00

 Total Expenses **\$ 138.99**

Ending Balance
 Checking \$1,293.53
 Cash on Hand \$ 0.00

Grand Total **\$1,293.53**

New Members:

Carl Jones
Bernie Kundrick
Ron Pennell

Welcome back:

Glen Kolar
Brian and Doug McLaren
Jack Drake

2004 Membership

2 Seniors
6 Regular

Total current membership: 8



October's meeting had time for some flying.



It's time to turn in your **dues for 2004**. Beat the holiday rush and turn in those applications to Keith before December 31st for next year.

You can download the applications from the web site or get them from the frequency board at the field.

If you've already paid your dues and haven't received your new membership card, please see Keith.

Redline Racing Team

It's getting chilly outside, so it's time to move the racing inside. Races are still held on Sundays. Signup begins at 11 am with race time starting at noon.

Races will be held in the Exhibition Hall located by the visitor's center. If you still don't know where that is, it is behind the big white barn (the Farm Museum) near our gravel parking lot. There is only enough room for 30 people, so come early.

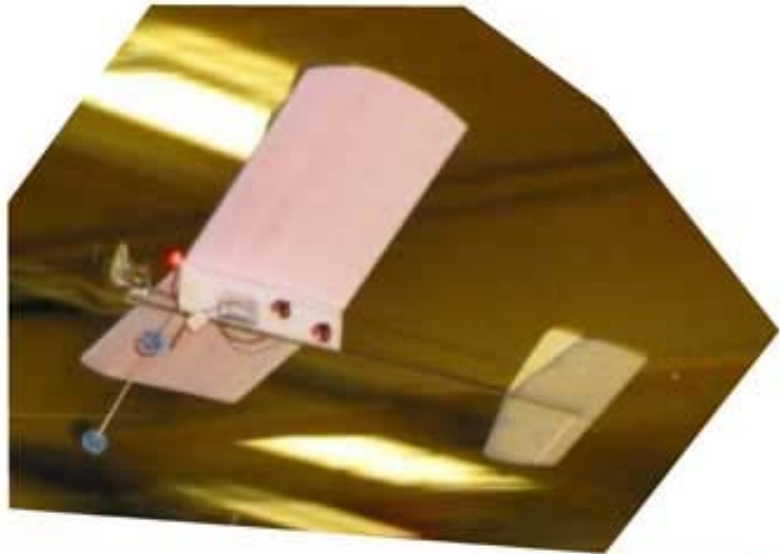
There are four racing categories: Novice, Kids, Stock electric, and Stock buggy (Emax) monster trucks (no nitro because of fumes).

The track size is 30 x 60 with 7-foot wide lanes in an "H" pattern. The Pit area is 20 by 30.

There won't be any practices on Wednesdays. The club has to pay \$40 to rent this building. It wouldn't be cost effective to pay for just a few people to come out for practice.

October 5, 2003 Redline Races





Indoor Flying

Electric RC pilots that fly micro, small park flyers, and micro electric helicopters are needed to form an indoor club for the winter months.

AMA Indoor Flying guidelines will be followed.

Three possible sites are to be considered for bimonthly flying by the group.

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