

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

by Gary Smedes

Well, it had to happen sooner or later, a Fun Fly that got rained out. Actually, it wasn't a total wash. The few pilots that did show up got in a few flights when it wasn't raining. Plus we were able to collect \$207.00 in donations for the Earthkeepers group. Thanks to everyone who came out - despite the weather - and helped make the best of what we had. I know the young ladies from the Earthkeepers were very appreciative.

The workday scheduled for the 23rd of September created quite an interesting predicament. Those of you that were planning to come out and help were smart enough to check the website and see that it had been cancelled due to a rainy weather forecast. However, the gravel company had their own agenda. Disregarding a phone call telling them to wait until the following weekend to deliver the gravel, they dumped the load anyway **and** dumped it outside of the gate in the parking lot. Needless to say, we couldn't leave it there all week so some frantic phone calls were made to muster up some bodies and a couple of tractors to get the gravel moved at least inside our gate. As it turned out, the weather held out long enough for us to get the road mat down and the gravel on top of it. A day or two later the second load was delivered and a minimal crew finished the job. "Good job" to those that helped and thanks for jumping in on such short notice. (And thanks to Sheila for the pizza and drinks.) The French drains have yet to be installed; however, the gravel alone should help dramatically. If you're having a hard time getting out to the field to see what it looks like, check out the pictures on the website. (Compliments of the O's)

Last, just a few things to remember / consider: Officer Nominations for next month; membership renewal, due before December 31st. If you're joining as a new member, your dues will carry you to the end of 2007; Dome flying for those of you that have picked up an electric plane this summer. Flying in the Birchwood Dome is always tentative for different reasons, mostly the number of participants, so watch the Events Calendar for dates and times; and you might want to start thinking about what you want to do for the Swap Meet in January.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

EVENTS CALENDAR

October

- 7th – **Propbusters Breakfast** at 9 am – Cavis Pioneer Bar & Restaurant – 5600 Lapeer Rd
- 11th – **Propbusters Club Meeting** – 6 pm at the Community Center Building at Goodells Park
- 21st – **Monroe Area Cloudbusters** sponsored Michigan R/C Swap Shop & Exposition – 9 am to 2 pm. 13333 Telegraph Rd Taylor, MI 48180 – Adult \$5/Children 12< free – Free parking.
- 22nd – **PMAC Swap Meet** – Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club – Waterford Oaks County Park Activity Center 2800 Watkins Lake Rd, Waterford 9 am to 1 pm. \$4 admission, Tables \$10 in advance - \$15 at door. Call Al Johnson (248) 455-0803

November

- 5th – **Midwest R/C Society Swap Meet** – 9am to 1 pm – 303 Main St Northville, MI. Admission \$4 (women & kids 12< free) – Venter table \$18-\$25 per table. Contact Rudi Reinhard (248) 643-4509
- 13th – **Propbusters Club Meeting** – 6 pm (Nominations for 2007 officers)

December

- 31st – **Propbusters Dues for 2007 Deadline** (Voting for 2007 officers)

Jan 2007

- 1st – **Propbusters New Year's Day Fun Fly**
- 28th – **Propbusters Swap Meet & Breakfast**

Financial Report

Beginning Balance **\$3,016.81**

Income

Dues \$ 155.00

Whirly Birds donation \$ 200.00

Total Income **\$ 355.00**

Expenses

Keith – postage \$ 9.75

Ed L. – gas/parts \$ 92.25

S.A. Torelle/70ton stone \$ 581.00

Don to move stone \$ 70.00

Total Expenses **\$ 753.00**

Ending Balance

Checking \$ 1,118.81

Equipment Fund \$ 1,500.00

Grand Total **\$2,618.81**

NOTE: \$207.00 was donated to Earthkeepers program on Saturday, September 9th.

Total 2006 membership: 76

2007 Membership **New Members**

Junior 0 Ron Frantz

Senior 3 Richard Kliemann

Lifetime 2 John Medvec

Regular 3 Charles Yelencich

Total **8**

September Meeting

The meeting was held at the community center building on September 13th. It started at 6:10 pm with 8 members present. Doug\John D made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. Doug/Gary made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Doug in Ed's absence. Both motions passed. After Ed showed up, Dog/Gary made a motion to pay bills. Motion passed.

Doug suggested sending a thank you email to the person who donated the RC things that were brought to the charity fun fly. We had thirteen pilots signed in considering the amount of rain.



Ed brought in the club trainer that he fixed up that was included in the donations. It was missing the tail, but Ed made a replacement tail already. It's still needs a radio system.

New Business. We discussed the up-in-coming work day on September 23rd. Gary will call Ron to see what materials we need for the French-drains. Ed/Sheila will make arrangements with the park for them to put in the 4 drains. Ed L mentioned the shed needs some vents put in. Ed O/Keith made a motion for Ed L to pick up a couple roof vents to be installed in the shed. Sheila is still trying to find the best deal on the gravel. Ed L. will pick up some gutter spikes to stack down the tarp until the gravel is laid on top. We are going to schedule the first gravel delivery at 10:30 am.

If someone crashed their plane at the field, please don't leave the leftover pieces in the trash cans. Take it home. One of our members ends up emptying the trash can.

East Wings Fly-In is this Saturday. Whirlybirds are using our field Sunday. Come support these groups.

The Eagles have requested to borrow our extra finish mower deck. Gary/Ed made a motion to allow them to borrow the deck. Motion passed. Ed O will contact the Eagles.

Gary/Josh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:04 pm.

Upgrade to Parking Area

Ed Olszewski

Anyone who has been to the Propbuster's field in spring knows what a problem the mud has been where we normally park. Plans to solve the problem started early this spring. We measured the area and drew up plans, then made a proposal to the club to install a gravel parking area behind the flight line. After acceptance by the members at the May club meeting, the plans were submitted to the park. Approval was quickly received and recorded in the club folder and put on the website.



We began pricing out the materials. As everyone knows, with summer gas prices rocketed up, and along with it the price of the aggregate needed for the lot. In the meantime Kirk Churchill got a donation of material that would be ideal for matting underlayment, and dropped it off at the field. With hope gas prices would drop by late summer a date was set- the week after the Whirly Birds Fly-In. With some good fortune, as fuel prices began to drop, Mike Grant pulled some strings and got us a below cost deal that would save the club hundreds of dollars in stone. A week before the workday, the members were notified. As the day got near the weather forecast looked bad, very bad. A couple of days before the work day, a decision was made to postpone the operation until the next weekend.



The best laid plans of.....evidently there was a mix up. The driver was not notified of the cancellation and even showed up a day early, and in a misunderstanding dropped his load outside the gate- a mere 4 or 5 hundred feet from its final resting place.

Well..... this put a new spin on things. Quickly, a few phone calls were made to hopefully get a place to put the rock, at least close to where it belongs; and hopefully before the rain really started coming down.



Gary Smedes brought his front loader, and Ed London enlisted the help of his neighbor Don Hoyt with his front loader. Carl Jones gave up a trip to watch the Michigan game. Jack Drake manned a rake. Mike Grant was helping all around. I promptly got the Woods mower stuck in the wet ground-our plan was to use the Woods to move the fabric underlayment around. So Carl Jones and Ed London manhandled the fabric into the back of Ed's truck and got the job done.

The weather cooperated very well, and we just went on laying fabric, and moving stone. Finally the pile was moved from the park's parking lot to ours. The next day I returned with a back blade to get the stone somewhat flat, awaiting the second load. Hopefully it would be dropped where we wanted it.

A couple of days later, another twenty five yards was dropped off just where it was needed. Ed London brought over his Farmall Cub to knock the pike down some. Doug Porett was on hand, and volunteered to push the stone around some. As it turns out, it pays to have an expert in the club, Doug pushes stone with the same precision that he flies (and that says a lot). In short order Doug had the stone pile under control. After Doug left, Ed L. put some finishing touches on the grade.



Although the stone is perhaps a little thin, it was decided to wait until it is settled and wait until spring to see if, and where we need another load. Until then, the job is done, except for a little final touchup, perhaps to even it out just a little more. A big thanks to everyone who helped make our field even better!

Propbusters Charity Fun Fly for Earthkeepers

by Keith Graham

On September 9th, the Propbusters hosted a charity Fun Fly to benefit the Earthkeepers. This environmental program held at Goodells County Park is put on by a non-profit group from Port Huron called Earth Learning Ad-ventures. The group has multiple program levels composed of the following: First level program is offered to 4th graders in St. Clair County. The kids enjoy being outside for 3 consecutive school days where they earn "KEYS" that are used to open learning boxes throughout the days. They learn how to live more harmoniously with the earth and the life on it. Additional levels include increased learning experiences for the kids.



The Earthkeepers organization was represented at the Fun Fly by Lisa Sharrow, Jan Shue, Ellen Burns, and teacher Pat Eppley (not pictured).



The day started with a 70% chance of precipitation. That number should have been higher...like 100%. Thirteen pilots tried to weather it out, even getting flights in between the downpours.



The day would have been a total loss had it not been for a donation received by a member who purchased a majority of the items donated to the club by Steven Kaczorowski. His father, Henry Kaczorowski, a former Sky Masters member, had passed away this year. Steve heard about the Propbusters from the Spin section of the Times Herald. Steve contacted us by email Friday night before the Fun Fly and made arrangements to donate his fathers' equipment at 8 am, the morning of the Fun Fly, in Warren. The donation was made and delivered to the fun fly with minutes to spare. With the 50/50 raffle and other donations, \$207 was given to the Earthkeepers.



Another highlight at the event was the expert helicopter handling by Dan Horan, a member of the Michigan Whirlybirds.

While the rain was falling, so was the temperature. The concessions people couldn't decide whether or not to come out. In the end they brought out some Little Caesar's pizza, pop, and ice cream. The pizza was sold out by around noon. They seemed pretty happy to do our concessions, despite a little fire inside the truck at the end.

The concessions were done by Fleming's Ice Cream 1600 Military St. A-1 Port Huron, MI 48060 Phone: (810) 434-3107 Fax: (810) 982-8120 or email: pdflembo38@yahoo.com. Their trucks are operated by Karen, Nick, & Paul Fleming. They also have Ice Cream Bicycles available for rent.

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| <p>Miniature Aircraft X-Cell 60 – R/C Helicopter. Never flown, needs rotor and electronics. \$600</p> <p>Don Copper (810) 765-8504</p> | |
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