

# The Broken Prop



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A CHARTERED CLUB OF A.M.A. #1762

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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*

OK, here we go for our last event of the year. The Earthkeepers Charity Event on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. I think the club has chosen a great recipient for our donations this year. It's a very local group to us and helps give kids a great learning experience. So let's make this a good one.

Unfortunately at the time of this writing, we have come up empty for a food vendor for this event. It seems that all of our previous contacts have prior engagements. If anyone can come up with some help at the last minute, please call me. Even if you know someone, but they can't make it this time, please pass on a contact name for future use.

Coming up on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, is a tentative date for a field workday. Not to scare anyone off but this will be a real work day. This is the day we will be putting in the new parking lot behind the pilot stations and maybe some French drains. These improvements should help with the drainage of the field and parking area come spring. If you decide to participate, please bring a shovel and a rake if you can. There should be two tractors there for the big stuff so most of the work will just be finish work. Please plan on coming out to help. This is your club and these improvements will benefit you when you come out to fly during the rainy seasons.

There are still a couple of events coming up in the middle of September. Check the Events Calendar for dates and help support other local clubs that support you.

Here we are in September already. Time to start thinking about Officers for next year. You may think it's a little early but it will be here before you know it. It's also time to think about renewing your club dues for 2007. The deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>, but don't wait until the last minute. Renew now to avoid the late fee.

**Hope to see you at the meeting!**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### September

- 9<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Earth Keepers Charity Event** – 10 am to 2 pm  
 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – **Midwest Regional Float Fly** – Island Lake State Park in Brighton. Starts at 9:30 am.  
 13<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Club Meeting** – 6 pm at the Community Center Building at Goodells Park  
 16<sup>th</sup> – **East Wings Fly-In** – Flying starts at 10 am.  
 17<sup>th</sup> – **Whirlybirds** gathering at the Propbusters' field in Goodells County Park.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Propbusters Work Day** – meet at the field at 9 am to work on the Pilots Parking area.

### October

- 13<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Club Meeting** – 6 pm at the Community Center Building at Goodells Park

### November

- 13<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Club Meeting** – 6 pm (Nominations for 2007 officers)

### December

- 31<sup>st</sup> – **Propbusters Dues for 2007 Deadline** (Voting for 2007 officers)

### Jan 2007

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

## **August Meeting**

The meeting on August 9th was held at the field and started at 6:05 pm with 12 members present. Gary/John made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. Keith\Mike L made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Doug in Ed's absence. Both motions passed.

Newsletters from East Wings & Wing Nuts clubs were reviewed, as well as the Michigan Flying Times.

Old Business. Bi-Plane rally was discussed. It was felt the wind conditions deterred the event.

4H Demo - No parking or over-flight problems were reported. Next year it was suggested putting extra newsletters out near the spectator's area for reference materials.

New Business. September Fun Fly. We discussed the need for more advertisement. The PA system will be provided by Ed L. Gary will contact Jack DeLisle to see if he will announce, and will contact Bud for doing a Candy Drop. We will also be having a 50/50 raffle. We will put a donation container out for suggested \$2 admittance donations. Gary will contact Sheila to have the port-a-john cleaned.

Port Huron Hobbyfest is on September 16th, which is the same day as the East Wings Fun Fly. We decided again this year to support the East Wings.

Ed O asked that we discuss the pilot's lot. We've got the road mat already. We also need to put in some French drains. Ed L suggested putting a French drain by the shed.

We are going to have a tentative workday on September 23rd at 9 am for working on the parking area. This is dependant on Greg Feyers availability and stone.

Gary reminded everyone to support the SMAC Fly-in on August 26th and the Propbusters breakfast on Sept 1st.

Doug/ Bob A. Made a motion to move an additional \$500 into the equipment fund.

Gary made known he has the spare wind sock and flag when they're needed.

We would like to thank Ed L for his donation of the hotdogs during the Bi-Plane rally; he even did the cooking.

Ed L suggested getting new tires for the duck. We need to look into replacement cost. 8N 616. Doug remembers that last pair being \$200 through North Center.

Doug/Al made a motion to end the meeting at 6:53.

## **Financial Report**

Beginning Balance **\$3,081.58**

### **Income**

Dues	\$ 45.00
Redline Racing Donation	\$ 40.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 85.00</b>

### **Expenses**

Keith – postage	\$ 12.09
Ed L. – gas	\$ 28.70
Picnic food/utensils	\$ 19.08
2-Windsocks/frame kit	\$ 64.90
Carl's Septic	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 149.77</b>

### Ending Balance

Checking	\$ 1,516.81
Equipment Fund	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,016.81</b>

### **2006 Membership      New Members**

Junior	8	Mark O'Brien
Senior	19	Paul Feyers
Lifetime	2	
Regular	42	
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	

<p><b>2003 WINNEBAGO ADVENTURER</b> 33 ½ FEET LONG 'GASSER' LESS THAN 10,000 MILES IMMACULATE CONDITION. \$112,000 - CALL FOR MORE INFO.</p> <p><b>1987 SUNLITE 8-FOOT SLIDE-IN CAMPER.</b> (FITS IN THE BED OF YOUR TRUCK) POP-UP TOP FOR LOW PROFILE TRAVELING. FRIDGE, FURNACE AND FRESH WATER – 110V, 12V OR LP. HARDLY USED AND IN GREAT SHAPE.</p> <p>586-727-4507 GARY SMEDES</p>	<p><b>Cap 232</b> Yellow aircraft 60/90 NIB ARF \$150  <b>Edge 540 – Hangar 9</b> ARF ¼ scale new \$200  <b>Edge 540 – Phase 3</b>  w/Brushless motor NIB \$45  <b>JR Quatro</b> 4 channel NIB \$125  <b>Various transmitters</b> Call  <b>120 Stinger airframe</b> \$75  <b>Sky Vista</b> low wing trainer airframe \$35  <b>Futaba, HiTec, JR</b> wall chargers – each \$5  <b>Tower 40</b> 2 stroke engine \$40  <b>Enya 46</b> 4 stroke engine \$65  <b>1/8 scale Mirage buggie</b> Thunder Tiger  With Radio – New Call  <b>TD3D Electric Mini</b> – built-up ARF –  w/ Electronics and Brushless Motor Call  <b>Pylon Props</b> D1 and D2 APC  Various wood props, various wheels CALL  Ray Dart (810) 326-0929</p>
<p><b>Wanted:</b> O.S. Max 40 LA for parts. Call George at 325-1644</p>	<p><b>Hobbico Twin Star</b> w/ Magnum XL40 Engines (never been flown) \$175</p>  <p><b>RD 6000 Radio Airtronics</b> w/ 2 receivers, 9 servos, Charger, Book and box. \$175</p> <p>Call Keith Thayer (810) 982-5226</p>
<p>For your Pre-Mix 2-Cycle Oils and all <b>AMSOIL</b> Products, Contact Archie Kammer, your <b>Independent AMSOIL Dealer.</b></p> <p>810-329-3276 Cell 810-300-2214</p> <p>E-mail <a href="mailto:kammercfva@earthlink.net">kammercfva@earthlink.net</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grant's custom Aircraft</b></p> <p><b>PBY 5-1 Catalina</b> 106" Wing, 1/12 scale, 1270 Sq In, 23 lbs 64" length .60 2-Cycle 3 surfaces &amp; Motor Servo, Motor .90 4-Cycle, Landing Gear Valve Servo, Float Valve Servo.</p> <p><b>Grumman G-44 Widgeon</b> 80" Wing, 1/5 scale, 15 Sq Ft, 24 lbs, 60" length .60 2-Cycle 3 Control Surfaces &amp; Motor Servo, Motor .90 4-Cycle Servo, Landing Gear Valve Servo, Float Valve Servo.</p> <p><b>Republic Seabee</b> 70" Wing, 630 Sq In, 8 lbs, 48" length, .40 2-Cycle 4 Control Surfaces  <b>Contact: Mike Grant at (810) 329-6406</b></p>
<p><b>Avistar trainer</b> – some dings and patches but still looks and flies great. \$75</p> <p><b>Thunder Tiger Piper Cub</b> ARF 81" wing. Flown 3 times. A hard landing took out the landing gear but has been repaired. Just add your equipment and you're ready to fly. \$140</p> <p><b>Viper U2 combat planes</b> 2 complete Planes. Each \$30</p> <p>Tim Sonnenfeld (810) 765-3608</p>	
<p><b>R/C Estate Sale</b> – Kits, ARFs, Ready to fly, Partial builds, Re-builds, Engines-gas and glo, Mounts, Wheels, Gear, Props, Electronics, Transmitters, Receivers, Servos, way to much to list!</p> <p>Bob Samuelson 810-679-3962</p>	
<p><b>Wanted:</b> .19 and/or .23 Torpedo (Green Head) and .29 McCoy (Red Head) for "old Timers" events.</p> <p>Don Pearson (810) 364-9258</p>	