

# The Broken Prop



## St. Clair County R/C Propbusters

Model Aviation Club Goodells, Michigan - A.M.A. Charter Club #1762

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### Club Meetings

Second Wednesday of each month, 6:00pm at the Community Center Building, Goodells County Park. Summer- weather permitting meetings are held at the field.

### Club Breakfast

First Saturday of each month, 9:00 at Cavis Pioneer Restaurant on Lapeer rd. West of Wadhams rd. Flying afterwards

### Come and join us!

Club Meetings and Breakfast are open to everyone, if you are an experienced pilot, or just thinking about getting into R/C, Come check us out.

### The Propbusters R/C flying Club is located at the Goodells County Park,

8345 County Park Drive, Goodells MI 48027. The flying field is just West of Castor rd. -off the parks East parking lot . *The general location of the park is South of Lapeer rd. -about 10 miles West of Port Huron.*

**42° 59' 02" N - 82° 39' 02" W**

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## 2008 Membership 69

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## President's Perspective

By Gary Smedes

Back in the January edition of the Broken Prop, there was an ad for a Pica Waco. Well I knew what a Waco was but I wasn't sure about the Pica part. In fact I had been looking for a Waco for a while and found that there are a few different ones out there. But I hadn't run across the Pica one yet. As it turns out, Pica is not the type or style of a Waco biplane, it's the brand. Yes, Pica is an old model company that recently went out of business and the Cox model company picked them up and is now producing some of their models. So I took a look on the Internet to see if I could find a picture of what it looked like, and sure enough, it was just what I was looking for.

After most of the assembly was done, I ran across an issue of R/C Report that had a review of this exact ARF. As I read the article I found myself



chuckling in between paragraphs. I had run into the exact same assembly / instruction problems as they did. Although nothing major, there were discrepancies that made me stop and think for a bit. I guess these guys really do put these things together. I don't foresee any problems with the radio gear installation however, there were some hints to the Waco's flight characteristics that I'll be watching for.

Despite the few assembly problems, I think the kit is a good quality kit. The covering is probably the best I've run across in an ARF and the wood selection and glue joints look very good. Look for this plane at the biplane rally this year. Hopefully it will have a few flights on it by then.

*Hope to see you at the meeting!*



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## Meeting Minutes

by Keith Graham- Secretary

The Propbuster's meeting, that started at 6:08 pm on February 13th, 2008, was held in the community center building at Goodells County Park with 13 members present.



Doug/Mike made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. Doug/Doug made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed O and pay bills.

Mike Grant volunteered to continue as the Safety Officer and Gary Smedes informed us the directors from last year have agreed to continue in their positions.

A safety issue involving a helicopter at the Fraiser Field was discussed. The AMA guideline about helicopter's being 25 feet from spectators was observed. A safety reminder for the newsletter was suggested. Also suggested was putting a fence up between the pit area and the flight stations. After considerable discussion, the suggestion was tabled until the March meeting to research AMA guidelines and costs.

Flight simulator cables have been received thanks to Mike Grant and his store.

Ed O. provided an update on the tractor repairs. Mark L hasn't started the repairs yet but he promised to have it done by Spring.

Ed L stated the reels are done, but they won't be put back onto the draw bar until spring. Numbers have been painted on, but they haven't been marked yet.

We still need a vent installed into the shed. Ed London had troubles finding the correct vent for that style. Gary W. will review ordering the vent. If he can't find the vent, we will research a ridge vent.

The Annual Report was provided by Ed O and he mentioned Mark B. appreciated the report and Mark informed Ed he will present the report at the next Park meeting.

We discussed the new AMA's Park Pilot program and we reviewed the AMA recognition program, which will be handled by Keith.

A check for \$90 will be sent to AMA to renew our club insurance policy.

Ed London provided his experience at an expo in Toledo. This year it will be on April 18 & 19th. Anyone interested should get a hold of Ed London.

Doug/Sheila made a motion to close the meeting at 7:04 pm.

## Winter Flight...

Just because it is winter, does not mean there is not any flying going on. Ski tracks and footprints are in the snow. Ed O. carries the remnants of a bad landing, a poorly tuned engine ever gets better in the air. But an hour or two in the shop, it will be as good as new. Steve and Adam A. have a much better flight, taking their plane home in one piece. Do not let winter keep you trapped inside, get out and FLY!



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### Financial Report Summary

March 9, 2008

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$3302.06</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Stamps		\$ 6.15
AMA Insurance		\$ 90.00
Incorporation		\$ 20.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 116.15</b>
Ending balance:		\$1374.91
Equipment Fund:		<u>\$1811.00</u>
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$3185.91</b>

# HAPPENINGS

By Jack DeLisle



thing was in place so I picked up my Kodak and wondered outside and ,lo and behold, there was a big beautiful AT-6 from Kissimmee and the pilot was selling rides, Once around the dog patch for \$100. To rich for my blood but he was selling a lot of rides throughout the day and with no shedding of the wing so between the time I got the e-mail letter and the EAA show at Vero the plane

Been there, done that. This happens to me a lot. I got an e-mail and it was a letter about a guy going to Kissimmee, Florida and "renting" an AT-6 and getting in some aerobatics with the pilot / instructor. The letter included pictures of the guy and his instructor along side the AT-6. The last paragraph stated that a few days later another person and the same pilot went up to do some aerobatics and the AT-6 shed a wing half and both the pilot and his customer died. The letter also stated that all of the AT-6's were grounded to check out the wing attachments

got a good bill of health. You could tell when the AT-6 was taking off just by the sound of that big radial roaring off.

Charlie Chesney, a member of the Flying Eagles and also a member of the EAA chapter 99 asked some of us to display our models at the EAA show on Saturday, February the 12th and I showed the Christen Eagle because it is still in one piece despite some bouncy landings.



For a change of pace I'll show you some pictures of the display across the way from us.

These are all small plastic models and the workmanship is meticulous to say the least. The picture shows the Japanese WWII part. The German planes are to the left and are also well represented except that there was no Horten flying wing.



Charlie Chesney and part of the model dis-

We set up in a big hanger starting at 8:30 and by the time the show started at nine every-



Messerschmitt Diorama from the North African campaign in miniature. Nice.

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If you look back at the picture of Charlie you'll see some rockets in the background. One of the rockets displayed was made from that fat plastic "spaghetti" that the kids play with. The rocketeer had bundled four of those together so he had a body about 4 inches in diameter and four feet long.

We shared the hanger with those and also a full scale General Dynamics twin turbine business jet, a Velocity homebuilt and an old Grumman Seaplane that looked like it just came out of the factory.



Outside on the apron set this DeHavilland Dove done up in the original Swedish bright colors. My favorite???



Along with the Dove was a big Stearman and it's awesome round engine. Some say that if it doesn't have a round engine and two wings it isn't an airplane.

A lot of pictures uses up a bunch of pixels in a newsletter but Ed can edit some out if the letter gets to big I guess so here are a few more shots. A Beechcraft Staggerwing, a big navy trainer ( there was a pair and they did a tandem

take off and fly by as part of the show, a passel of T-37's and a half dozen or so of a plane called the Velocity. The Velocity looks a whole lot like a Burt Rutan Vari-Easy but since Burt sold the rights and molds to a guy in Canada they couldn't be because they are made in Sebastian, Florida in kit form or fully built.

A Velocity with custom airbrushed paint scheme. You really had to be there to appreci-



ate the detail in the paint. A true artist. The owner told me he flew the plane out to Colorado to have it done. I didn't ask who because that would be out of my price range too!

# Classifieds

**1/4 Scale Sig Cub** Yellow, Complete airframe needs Motor and Servos.

Tom Nichols 987-2546

**Kadet Senior**-3channel w/os 4 stroke ran once

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E-mail Dave at DDN@cpec.com

**ALTEC PLAITUS PORTER PC 6** - ASP 60 2 cycle engine, receiver on channel 34 and all servos. Asking \$190.00

**BALSA USA NORTHSTAR** - Land and Sea Plane -Never Flown- It has an ASP 46 2 cycle engine, all servos and a new HiTec Flash 5 transmitter and receiver (channel 13). Asking \$350.00

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**Engines** - ASP 108 (new), Royal 28

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Matt (586)771-7729 (home) or (586)596-8837 (cell) or e-mail at panicman98@hotmail

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Pete Carchio 313-886-8485

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Ed Olszewski

810-367-6367

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## Propbusters Club Attire

**Club Caps** are available for purchase from the club at \$13.00 each. Each is custom embroidered for our club, and have a green brim.

Contact Sheila 367-6367

**Club Embroidery** is available for coats and other attire By Heather Jones, Contact Carl Jones for more information.



## Announcements & Events

### March

12th-Club meeting 6:00 PM

### April

4,5,6th-The Toledo Show 9:00 AM

5th- SC4 college day 10:00 AM

5th-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM

9th-Club meeting 6:00 PM

19 /20th -NAMES expo 9:00 AM

### May

3rd-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM

3rd-Float Fly 10:00 AM

14th-Club meeting 6:00 PM

17th- Field Cleanup 9:00AM

18th- Float Fly 10:00 AM

30th-Grade School Kids demo 10:00 am

### June

7th-Club Breakfast 9:00 AM

11th-Club meeting 6:00 PM

14th- Inter-Club Fly In 9:00 AM

Get the latest updates on club and local R/C events

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### 2008 Propbusters Special Events

June 14 Inter-Club Fly In

July 5 Bi-Plane Rally

July 26 4-H Fair R/C Demo

September 6 R/C For Charity Fly In

December 7 Propbusters Swap

An accident at a neighboring club, due to an equipment malfunction reminds us all to exercise care and to follow all AMA guidelines, and Club rules while operating your aircraft. Rules are for the safety of bystanders, and pilots. Help keep our hobby safe for everyone, safety is no accident!

**Weak Signals "The Toledo Show"** 54th Anniversary R/C Model Show At the SeaGate Centre Admission \$7.00. 401 Jefferson Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604 April 4,5,6 2007 Fri/Sat 9am-5pm/Sun 9am-3pm. The biggest R/C modeling show in the Northeast. <http://www.toledoshow.com>

**SC4 College Day -April 5th.** If you are not in Toledo, be sure to come out to the Gymnasium at SC4 for a static display, and some indoor flying demos. If you are interested in participating, contact Sheila @367-6367, or [proptreas@comcast.net](mailto:proptreas@comcast.net)

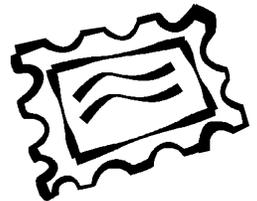
The **North American Model Engineering Society (N.A.M.E.S)** 19th annual exposition will be held April 19-20, 2008 at the Seagate Convention Centre, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, OH. Sat-9:00am to 6pm , Sun ;00am to 4:00 pm — From Steam to R/C, and everything in between, most one of a kind and most are operational. [www.modelengineeringsoc.com/expo.htm](http://www.modelengineeringsoc.com/expo.htm)

**Computer-Transmitter Cables / FMS Flight Simulator** To help student pilots the SCC Propbusters have some computer to transmitter cables available for club members to use for a \$16.00 deposit- refundable on return. The cables are available from the club treasurer. If you do not have high speed internet access, we can also provide a free copy of FMS on CD to load on your computer. The software is free shareware legally downloaded from the internet. The site for the download is: [http://n-old.ethz.ch/student/mmoeller/fms/index\\_e.html](http://n-old.ethz.ch/student/mmoeller/fms/index_e.html)  
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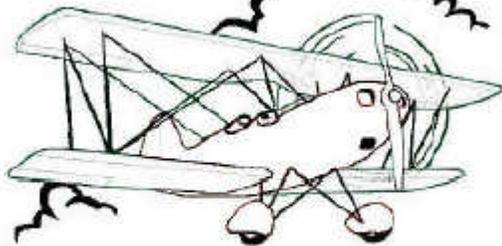
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