

The Broken Prop



St. Clair County R/C Propbusters

Model Aviation Club Goodells, Michigan

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A.M.A. Charter Club #1762

January 7, 2008

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 67

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President's Perspective

By Gary Smedes

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a great and safe holiday season.

It's always a bonus when there is snow on the ground for the New Years Day fun fly, but come on! That was a little ridiculous. So much that we had to cancel at the last minute. A few of us managed to make it to breakfast but that was as far as that went.

If you didn't make it out to the swap meet last month you missed a beauty. Easily our best one yet. I believe we will have to find a new location next year. If anyone has any suggestions please bring it up at one of the meetings later in the year so we can do some investigations into cost, location, etc.

If you haven't heard by now, all of last years' club officers held on to their positions in the December elections. I would like to thank all the nominees for their time and effort in trying out for their respective positions.

A month or two back, the French drains were put in at the low lying areas of the pit area / driveway. Since then, the dirt around the pipes has sunk drastically. So for the time being, we have moved some tables over the top of them so no one will get hurt. Please be careful out there in case someone has moved a table or two. Believe me, they're not hard to find unless there is snow on the ground.

You might think there isn't much going on right now but believe it or not there is still work being done. Ed L. and Tom N. are hard at work in their shops rebuilding the gang mowers and it sounds like it's going fairly well so far. Thanks to them, and anyone that might be helping them, for all their hard work and efforts. I'm sure it will pay off come spring.

Hope to see you at the meeting!



Propbusters Swap Financial Totals

Reported by Ed Olszewski- Included is our last swap for comparison

	<u>Dec 2007</u>	<u>Jan 2007</u>	<u>Variance</u>	
Attendance	108 paid	70 Paid	up	38
Swap Income				
50/50	\$67.00	\$56.00	up	\$11.00
Raffle	\$257.00	\$308.00	down	\$51.00
Door	\$316.00	\$211.00	up	\$105.00
Food	<u>\$347.00</u>	<u>\$241.00</u>	up	\$106.00
Total	\$987.00	\$816.00	up	\$171.00
Swap Expenditures				
Food	\$143.70	\$102.00	up	\$41.70
Airplane	\$129.00	\$100.00	up	\$29.00
Room Rental	<u>\$140.00</u>	<u>\$140.00</u>		Same
Total	\$412.70	\$342.00	up	\$70.70
Grand Totals	\$574.30	\$474.00	up	\$100.30

Meeting Minutes

by Keith Graham- Secretary

December 12th Meeting



The meeting started at 6:10 pm with 19 members present in the community center building. Doug/Todd made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. Doug/Todd made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed and pay bills.

Old Business - Swap Meet results were provided by Ed O.; we made \$100 more than last year and if we get any bigger we won't be able to fit at the community center building. Gary thanked setup and kitchen help. We also thank Mike Grant for the door prizes. We had such a good turnout because of members, such as Sheila, who handed out our swap flyers at other swaps. The winner of the plane raffle was Bob Troy, who promptly sold it to Gary Smedes.

The proposal to move the steel canopy was reviewed. Ed O. wrote up a proposal with a layout map and sent it to Mark from the park last week. He apologized for not sending it out sooner but was tied up with swap planning. Mark's response was that he doesn't want the shed moved. Originally Mark had given permission to temporarily move the structure just for the winter, but in the spring, require us to be moved it back to its current location. We discussed alternative ways to make a shelter for pilots to warm up at the field during the winter. Sheila/Todd made a motion to cover the sides of the existing canopy with Visqueen leaving an entry point. Ed O. volunteered to handle writing up the proposal to be sent to the parks for review.

For follow-up on the Trainer Cables, it was stated the cables haven't been purchased yet; as soon as they arrive in Mike's store, they will be purchased. Sheila provided the Port-a-john's winterization has been completed and Gary gave a final reminder about dues renewals.

We discussed the French Drains issue. Gary reminds members to be careful around the French drains. There was a concern that someone could trip and break an ankle. We are planning on filling in the low spots in the spring. Currently there are tables marking the low points.

A busy schedule has kept Gary Smedes from delivering the tractor to Mark L. for repairs. At the meeting, plans were made to get the tractor delivered.

Ed L. provided that three gang reel's repairs are ongoing and currently we're waiting on parts. He's estimating \$137 a piece for repairs. He's reported one of the reels is done and is looking for replacement shafts for the other two. He's hoping they'll be able to do one

more during the winter. They are also painting a number on the reels so we'll be able to track maintenance on them. Mike G./Doug McL. made a motion to allocate \$500 more for repairs to the mower reels. After some discussion, a vote was taken and it passed.

New Business - We passed out ballots for 2008 club officers. Gary Smedes was re-elected as President, Doug McLaren was re-elected as Vice-President, Ed Olszewski was re-elected as Treasurer, and Keith Graham was re-elected as Secretary.

We gave out a reminder about the New Year's Day fun fly. We discussed if anyone was going to volunteer to bring any food and it was suggested to send out reminder emails.

We had one member join since last month; Daryl Wellman and we've had many members renew their dues since the last meeting.

Gary Wilkerson provided that it's time for the pond renewal fee. Doug/Todd made a motion to spend \$53.33 to renew for another year.

Doug/Todd made a motion to close the meeting at 7:01 pm. All motions passed.



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Financial Report Summary

January 9, 2008

Beginning Balance	\$3763.18
Income:	
Dues	\$ 335.00
Hats	\$ 13.00
Swap income*	<u>\$ 987.00</u>
Total:	\$1335.00
Expenditures:	
Stamps	\$ 8.20
Food	\$ 143.70
Parts reel mowers	\$ 760.69
Insurance- pond	<u>\$ 53.33</u>
Total:	\$ 965.92
Ending balance:	\$2132.26
Equipment Fund:	<u>\$2000.00</u>
Grand Total:	\$4132.26

*See Swap Break down on front page.

2007 Propbusters Swap Shop

By Ed Olszewski

For the last several years the Propbusters have held our annual Swap Shop the last weekend of January. Although it has been growing bigger every year, it seems our growth has been hindered by the unpredictable Michigan January weather. It also seems that the January-February time frame is when there is a ton of Swaps in Southeastern MI. Considering there are only so many weekends in those two months and most are taken, people get pretty well swapped out.

This year we tried a different tact, we moved the date from January to December. During the initial planning stages there was question weather the holiday season would play a roll keeping vendors and buyers away. As the Swap approached it started to look as if those doubts were valid. Reservations were slow at first. but as the date approached things got moving, and it started to look like we would have a decent turnout. Then, in the last two weeks before the date, the calls really started coming in. Panic set in as we realized there was a chance we would not have enough room or tables. In fact, calls kept coming in right up to the night before the swap. We made arrangements with the park for more tables. Gary Wilkerson enlisted Boddy construction of Port Huron and Draft Stop Insulation of St.Clair to come to the rescue and lend a few more to make sure we had enough. This was a good thing, almost every table was reserved. It was a tight fit, but we squeezed in all the tables, in fact we even used the coat room for floor space.

It is said that the only thing predictable about Michigan weather is it's unpredictability. It seemed we moved the date, just to have bad weather follow us. The forecast for the Sunday of the swap was calling for freezing rain, but as it turned out, the inclement weather passed to the south, well into Ohio. The weather did hinder a few vendors coming in from the South, but the threat of bad roads probably did kept a few other people home.

Fearing the weather, several vendors started their drive early and showed up as we opened the doors to set up the hall, they were put to work. Gary Smedes got up extra early to put out the signs, and was done before anyone else had arrived. Rich Kliemann, Ed and Sheila Olszewski steered vendors to their tables, along with the usual rearrangement to get everyone in a location they liked. Making sure everyone is happy is a big job.



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Gary Smedes manned the door as the shoppers began to arrive. Doug Porette jumped in and gave Gary a much deserved break so he could do some shopping himself. With all the vendors, there was a lot to look at.



Maxine Davis, Doug McLaren, John Henry, John Diver, Darlene Neil, Sheila Olszewski, and Al Fournier manned the Kitchen. There was coffee, hot chocolate, OJ, pancakes, and eggs to be slung, and this was the crew that made it all happen. Like a fine oiled machine, they got breakfast going, kept it coming and cleaned up afterwards. Our breakfast is a big draw for our swap, and a big money maker. A big thanks to Ed London is also in order for the use of his kitchen utensils.

Wise Do it Best hardware got us a great deal on a "U Can Do 3D-46" and donated a pile of door prizes. Sheila and Ed sold tickets.



They say "it's not over till its over" and that means someone has to get everything put away and cleaned up. The kitchen crew left the kitchen spotless. Setup and cleanup the tables was taken care of by Mike Grant, Stan McClure, Rich Kliemann, Doug McLaren, John Diver, Josh Olszewski, Gary Smedes, Ed Olszewski, Carl Jones, Tom Nichols. As usual, Poor Gary Smedes had to pick up all the signs, and put them away.

If you see them, be sure to thank the guys and gals at the park for making sure we had all the tables and everything we needed. They are a great help to our club and it is often forgotten how much they help behind the scenes, keeping an eye on our site, and making sure we get everything we need to help keep our field running smoothly.

The Swap was a great success. The turnout was fantastic. Everyone liked the breakfast. There was a lot of great deals on R/C equipment (I spent more than my budget should have allowed), most vendors reported good sales. A general consensus from the members as well as the swap participants is that we should keep the December weekend as a date for future swaps. A good time was had by all, and that is what really matters.



only shim the right side of the wing saddle with 1/16th in balsa to get the tail lined up with the wing.

I have a couple of flights on the Bravo after the repairs and it is back flying where it belongs.

During the repairs I also removed the needle valve from the engine and re-tensioned the clip that holds the needle from moving from it's setting. If I had done that during a pre-flight I

Bravo 300

By Jack DeLisle

I don't really like to write about crashes but your favorite editor gave me a hint about a deadline so that's what this piece is partially about.

I've had many flights on the Bravo300 since I got it a year ago about this time and it has grown into one of my favorites. Note I said has and not had because I got careless in my pre-flight and didn't notice that the engine was lean just setting on the ground and the engine decided to quit after about four minutes into the flight.

Just to prove once again that Murphy is alive and well the engine quit at about the worst time possible and I had a choice of landing into a 5 strand bobbed wire fence or turning short of the fence. I choose the later and the Bravo stalled in from maybe six feet, did a cartwheel and broke in half behind the cockpit. When I say broke in half I could have said parts of the middle of the fuselage disintegrated into little pieces.

I would think that most, if not all aerobatic / pattern type ARF's are built with weight in mind and are not meant to crash so after looking the pieces over I decided that rather than gluing those little bitty pieces together I would cut back to "good wood" and fill in the spaces with new and that worked fine.

I used popsicle / craft sticks to mate the two halves of the fuse by gluing some sticks to the back and some to the front of the fuse so that when I brought the two together they mated pretty good. Actually so good that I needed to

wouldn't have had to do any repairs!

So I'm passing along some thoughts here: Do a thorough pre-flight. Just because it flew fine the last time

I was helping a fellow flyer down here a short time ago and he asked me to put a flight on it and check it out and I check the stick movement my usual way (right aileron and the right aileron goes up, left aileron and the left aileron goes up. Up elevator and the elevator goes up and down elevator goes down, right rudder and nothing happens? Left rudder and nothing happens.) Just wiggling the stick really don't tell you anything. Just that they work.

So we take the wing off and the 90 degree bend at the rudder servo had shed it's plastic keeper and was no longer attached to the servo arm. Not only that but the elevator's servo connector had it's keeper no longer doing it's duty and the wire could have popped off at anytime. If you are curious about how the keepers could come off it was because the "L" bend looked more like a " J "and that allowed the keepers to work free. Not good.

So anyway, we got those problems squared away and I did get in a couple of trim flights with his plane. A forty sized Extra 300 with a Saito four stroke and it flew nice. The reason I was asked to get the flights in was because the owner bought a nice used HiTec Optic transmitter and all the trims and setting had to be re-done and the plane test flown and I'm right there in the front of the line when it comes to burning other people's fuel.

Final thought???? All's well that ends well and keep all of your landings on purpose, like they say.

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



Announcements & Events

January

9th-Club meeting	6:00 PM
9th-Skymasters Symposium	7:00 PM
13th-DAM Swap	9:00 AM
15th-Cloudbusters RC Auction	8:00 PM
27th-RCCD SWAP	9:00 AM

February

2nd-Club Breakfast	9:00 AM
3rd-Chesaning (Owosso) Swap	9:00 AM
13th-Club meeting	6:00 PM
24th-Flint Aero (Linden) Swap	9:00 AM
27th- Skymasters Swap	7:00 PM

March

1st-Club Breakfast	9:00 AM
12th-Club meeting	6:00 PM

April

4,5,6th-The Toledo Show	9:00 AM
5th-Club Breakfast	9:00 AM
9th-Club meeting	6:00 PM

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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

Skymasters Symposium -Spread "Spektrum" Wed Jan 9, 2008 – 7PM. Come learn about Spread Spectrum Technology. Presentation, Hands On, and Q&A. Free admission. Larson Middle School- 2222 E Long Lake rd. (18 mile rd) east of John R, Troy Mich. Joe Hass 248-321-7934 [Http://www.skymasters.org](http://www.skymasters.org)

Cloudbusters R/C Auction Tuesday, January 15, 2008 8:00 PM Point of Light Church, I-75 & I-696. Royal Oak, Michigan. FREE admission, FREE parking, FREE tables.

Detroit Aero Modelers Swap Jan 13th at 9:00 am. Admission \$4.00 under 12 and under free. Tables \$15.00 advanced/\$18.00 at door. Managhan K of C hall 19801 Farmington rd between 7 and 8 mile Livonia MI Info: Charlie (313)565-2973 www.detroitaeromodelers.org

RCCD 12th annual Swap Jan 27th, K.of.C. Hall, 23695 Mound, Warren MI (1/3 mile N of 9 Mile), admission \$3.00 under 12 \$1.00, Reserved tables \$20.00. Keith at (586)786-1474 kaydeejay@yahoo.com or www.rccd.org

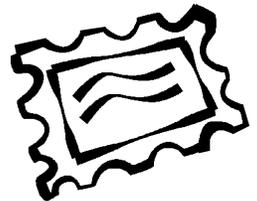
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16th annual Flying Aces (Flint) Swap February 24th, 9:00 AM til 2:00 pm at Lake Fenton High school 4070 Lahring rd Linden MI. GPS 42°51'32" N 83°45'5"W. Adults \$5.00 www.rcflyingaces.com Bill ph(810)845-3007

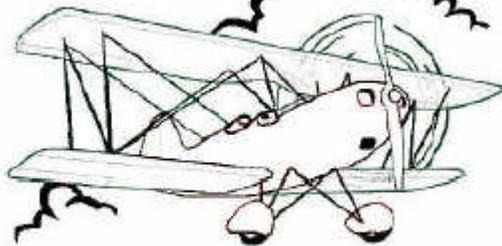
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