

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.

President's Perspective

Ron Pennell and Ian Caldwell are planning to attend our April 9th meeting. I have known Ron and Ian for many years. Ron and Ian are looking for a place to set-up an R/C car race track. They have asked if the Propbusters would consider sharing a place at the field for a track. Ron said the track area would be about 100 feet by 100 feet. The May edition of Model Aviation has a picture of a car track on page 21. The AMA International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana has a track built on site by a local club.

There can be several advantages to hosting an R/C car track with our club field. Ron and Ian could go to the Parks commission and become a user group like us. We would have little or no say as to what, where or when the track was built. By working together the track could allow us to negotiate for more area from the County Parks, maybe even access off County Park Drive. Please welcome Ron and Ian and hear what they have to say.

I made the trek to Toledo last Friday. The parking was the worst I have ever seen it. Buses provided transportation from parking areas to the Seagate in the past years. This year there were no buses. I found parking close by without too much problem. I heard others talk about how far they were parked away from the Seagate Center.

By far the most popular airplanes displayed were the 30% or larger scale aerobatic type aircraft. The aircraft were large size with beautiful finishes and graphic color schemes. There was a scale WW II Wildcat fighter in 30% scale size that everyone stopped to look at. The landing gear for that airplane was very impressive. The Wildcat landing gear folds into the fuselage just behind the firewall.

The Club Charter and the Insurance Policy has been received from the AMA. I have already sent the Insurance Policy to the St. Clair County Parks. I have looked on the AMA web site for the application for the Leader Club award but haven't found it. I am sure the Club has made all the qualifications for this award. I am in the process of applying to be an AMA Contest Director. The Club needs a Contest Director named to apply for AMA event sanctions.

The lock on the field gate has been changed to prevent driving on the parking area while the ground is wet. The lock will be changed back as ground conditions improve. This has been done in the past to prevent someone making a mess of the parking area by drive on it when it's too wet.

EVENTS CALENDAR

April

9th – Propbusters club meeting –

Goodells MI (Wed.)

May

10th – Sanilac Model Aviation Club (SMAC)

----- 5th Annual Tailgate Swap Meet and Fun Fly – Arnold Airport in Croswell, MI – 10 AM

JUNE

21st - Propbusters Annual Fun Fly

AUGUST

2nd - 4H exhibition / Club cookout

SEPTEMBER

6th - Charity Fun Fly – to be announced.

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.

March Meeting

We had 9 members present at our last meeting. A motion was made and passed to suspend the \$10 late payment charge for the year 2003.

We only had 1 taker on the bulk fuel as of the last meeting.

The County Park Master Plan meeting was discussed including the location of "the crater".

There is a group that wants to create a RC Car track on the Propbusters land. We discussed the pros and cons and have invited a representative to come to the April meeting with a proposal.

The club discussed getting a frequency monitor for the field. Costs are being investigated.

A motion was made and passed to get our club events Sanctioned. One of the requirements is a sanctioned MC. Rob has filled out an application for this purpose.

A motion was made and passed to purchase a new windsock for the field with a cost limit of \$50.

We've added 3 new members to our roster.

April Meeting Agenda

Rob Crawford will not be able to attend the April meeting because an appointment out of town. He encourages everyone to come out and listen to the proposal from the RC Car club. The rest of the agenda is TBA.



Propbusters T-shirts

There are no Propbuster t-shirts or hats left through the club. However you can still get them from the same place that the club purchased them from. Here is the address:

Doodling Monograms (Terri Burns)
4185 Miller Rd.
P.O. Box 299
Capac, MI 48014

Propbusters Web Site

I started working on putting some information for the club on the Internet. For beginners, you can see what I've done so far at www.kgraham.com/Propbusters.htm with a link to the working document for our Fun Fly coming up in June.

I would like to thank Gary Smedes for providing that Fun Fly flier. I'm still in the process of contacting people for confirmation of participation, so the flier may still change. We might even have a sponsor for the event.

If anyone has photos, ideas, or articles for me to add, please send me an email to keith@kgraham.com.

Here's a joke from one of our members

Sixteen reasons why airplanes are easier to live with than women:

- 1) Airplanes usually kill you quickly, a woman takes her time.
- 2) Airplanes can be turned on by a flick of a switch.
- 3) Airplanes don't get mad if you do a "touch and go"
- 4) Airplanes don't object to a preflight inspection.
- 5) Airplanes come with manuals to explain their operation.
- 6) Airplanes have strict weight and balance limitations.
- 7) Airplanes can be flown any time of the month.
- 8) Airplanes don't come with In-Laws.
- 9) Airplanes don't care about how many other airplanes you've flown before.
- 10) Airplanes and pilots both arrive at the same time.
- 11) Airplanes don't mind if you look at other airplanes.
- 12) Airplanes don't mind if you buy airplane magazines.
- 13) Airplanes expect to be tied down.
- 14) Airplanes don't comment on your piloting skills.
- 15) Airplanes don't whine unless something is really wrong.
- 16) However, when airplanes go quiet, just like women, it's usually not good.

Anyone have a rebuttal? Send it to me for next month.

Financial Report

Beginning Balance		\$1,441.84
Income	Dues	\$ 25.00
	Fuel Order	\$ 44.91
Total Income		\$ 69.91
Expenses	Postage	\$ 16.65
	Fuel Order	\$ 44.91
	AMA Recharter	\$ 90.00
Total Expenses		\$ 151.56
Ending Balance	Checking	\$1,360.10
	Cash on Hand	\$ 0.00
	Grand Total	\$1,360.19

Membership

Sr. Members	5
Reg. Members	19
Jr. Members	7
Life Members	4

Total Members 35

Welcome Back members:

Jordan Sepsey (Jr)
Dennis Richey (Mem)

New Members:

Aaron Sepsey (Jr)
Kathlyn Sepsey (Jr)

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