

# 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 Press

I purchased a Real Flight G2 at the Swap. With the outside temperature averaging below twenty degrees, I thought this would be a lot of fun. My computer is just over two years old. That doesn't sound that old, but with computers, one computer year equals ten human years. I have been upgrading my computer with new chips and cable modems and even a CD burner. Well, since buying the Real Flight G2, I added a new 120 Gig hard drive. Bigger is better, right? More power, yea! I am going to fly in the toasty warmth of my computer monitor. Besides, I wanted more disk space for Photo Shop. Did you know hard drives don't come with a power cord? I installed the drive and made it the slave to my existing master. I plugged in all the connections shown in the instructions. New drive doesn't run... I wondered how it was to get power when I put it in. The new drive has power now. I had to get a "Y" connector for the power line.

Well, after all that, Tuesday is still below 20 degrees outside. I'll launch Real Flight in real warmth. It didn't happen. Remember when I said that one computer year equals ten? My Graphics Card is seriously out of date. In computer years, it's like an antique. So it's back to Best Buy for a new Graphics Card.

Computer years must extend to software. My Real Flight G2 doesn't know Windows XP. I can't use the on-line update because the program won't connect with the Internet. I sent the G2 disk to Real Flight for an update today. Maybe it will warm up enough to fly.

We held the best Swap we have ever had. Who would have thought if you don't charge for something how successful you can be. This year we didn't charge for tables. I think we had 28 tables and better yet, we had people. I would like to wish a **"Big Thank You"** to club members who took the extra step to make the Swap successful.

This whole year I would like everyone to concentrate on the most important part of flying. **Having Fun.** It's not how many Air Shows the club has. We have money in the Treasury to cover expenses with careful management. So we need to have fun and enjoy flying for what it really is, a hobby. I hope to meet you at the field.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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College) Owasso, Chesaning 9:00

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support the hobby of R/C flying.

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## Dues & Membership Cards

The new membership cards are still  
available for this year. You will receive your  
card after you pay your dues for this year **and**  
fill out the new membership application form.  
If you are a lifetime member or a junior and  
don't pay dues, you must still fill out a  
membership application form to receive your  
card.

See Ed Olszewski at the next meeting to  
pay your dues or you can send them to me,  
at:

Keith Graham 1806 Chestnut Street  
Port Huron, MI 48060

Or

Ed Olszewski 7147 Main Street  
Smiths Creek, MI 48074

Make checks payable to: St. Clair County  
Propbusters and include your application form.  
Also, don't forget to send in for your new AMA  
membership card for next year. According to  
Article III, Section VIII of the new Propbuster  
Bylaws, you have until January 31<sup>st</sup> to acquire  
it.

## January Meeting Notes

At the meeting in January, a motion was made and passed to waive the \$10 late  
Registration charge until the March 12, 2003 meeting. This was done to entice more  
members to return. Preparations for the Swap meet were also discussed. At the time of the  
January meeting, we had 23 adult members and 13 junior members. If anyone would like to  
write an article to be included in the newsletter, please send me an email at  
[keith@globalDSL.net](mailto:keith@globalDSL.net).

### **BUM JOKE FROM AMA WEBSITE**

A bum asked a man on the street for \$2.00. "Will you buy booze?" the man asks, to which  
the bum replies, "No." "Will you gamble it away?" Once again the bum replies, "No."  
"Will you make bets at the golf course?" The bum replies, "No." "Will you spend it on model  
airplane things?" Once again the bum replies, "No, I don't fly model airplanes."  
Then the man asks, "Will you come home with me so my wife can see what happens to a  
man who doesn't drink, gamble, play golf, or fly model airplanes?"



### **Propbuster 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

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## Swap Meet Jan 2003 by Gary Smedes

On Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, we held our third annual Swap Meet at the Goodells Community Center. It started out with approximately 8 to 10 Propbusters showing up early to help with the set-up of the tables. At 8:30, people were allowed to come in and set up their tables, although a few had already arrived early and were setting up their goodies. Todd Litke handed me a list of 14 people that had called to reserve a table. As soon as I saw that, I knew this was going to be a good one. Total table count – 28. Yes that’s right – 28. We actually had to have the park personnel bring in more tables. We were bulging at the seams!

Ed and Sheila Olszewski, our faithful raffle pushers, walked around and sold tickets for the 50/50 and for the Astro Trainer that Todd picked up from Pastime Hobbies. The 50/50 winning ticket was pulled at 10:00 with a total of \$84.00 in the bucket. \$42.00 went to for the winner, that nobody seemed to know, and \$42.00 for the club. Not bad for a little over an hours work. The winning ticket for the Trainer was pulled at 11:30. Can anyone guess who won? You got it! Josh Olszewski. I’ll tell you – with the luck that this little guy has, somebody needs to go to Las Vegas. Total take on the trainer raffle was \$163.00.

Since I wasn’t really looking for anything, I sat at the door collecting admission fees for most of the day. Thanks to Sheila, Russ Lewis and Jim Kwiatkowski for sitting in for me when I needed to take a break. Total take on the admission fees was \$260.00

Of course, you can’t have a swap meet without food! Thanks to Doug and Sally McLaren for donating the coffee and donuts and to Maxine Davis for bringing a large pot of her famous chili. Maxine and Sally pretty much ran the kitchen with a little help from Sheila. Fine job ladies! Total take on the concessions was \$94.85.

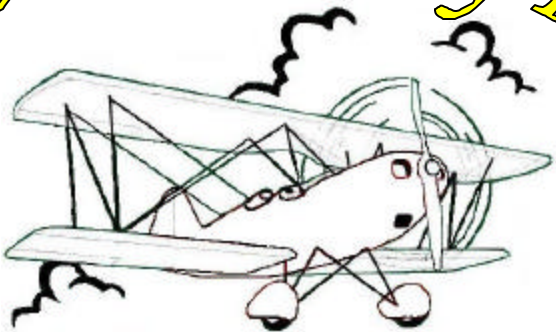
During one of my breaks, I managed to rifle though the tables just to see what was out there. Lots of good stuff! This was the place to be if you were looking for just about anything.

At 12:30, most people were packing up and clearing out for the day. By the time the club pays for the use of the room and pays Todd for the Astro Trainer, we should end up with approximately \$350.00. Thanks to all that helped out in putting this together and to those that helped out at the show. And a special thanks to all the local clubs that came out to support us. It was a ‘good time had by all’.

## Swap Pics



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*Youth is our Future*

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