

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

Beautiful weather, pilots from five clubs and one terrific place to fly was what the Propbusters' Air Show 2003 turned out to be. There must have been 75-100 airplanes at the event. I think everyone that came to fly brought at least three. All available parking was used at the field and people were parked on the gravel parking and walking to the show.

The event could not have been held without the help of club members. Our club members had the field all spiffed up and looking perfect. Special thanks go the members that provided labor and the necessary equipment for the show.

The show would not have gone so well if my wife, Barb didn't do all the things she did. She helped me with the concession stand shopping and then sold the concessions and airplane raffle tickets all day. Barb has always been supportive of my flying. She has told me time and time again to go fly and have fun. When I go to a swap or hobby store and mention there was something that I liked, she replies, "then why didn't you get it." Thank you, Barb for all your help and support.

Five area Clubs were represented at the Air Show this year. The River District Eagle supported the Air Show with pilots, planes and people and we owe them a big thank you for their help. Please remember the Eagles have a show on July 12th starting at 9 am. SMAC pilots came to the show and exhibited some unusual aircraft. The plane of Dennis Bigger flat spun to a landing like a maple seed. Then it took off again! Pat Griffin represented the Venice R/C Flyers Club. Pat is a past member of the Propbusters, maybe more correctly one of the founding member of the Propbusters. Two other clubs flew at the show. They are the Marine City R/C and the East Wings Clubs. Please check the calendar of events for the other club's events.

The goal for the Air Show was to fly and have fun. We did!

The next meeting is July 9th. The room we normally use in the Community Center isn't available. We will use the main room. I have videotape made by Ed London of the Air Show. The tape was made from Ed's airplane flying over the flying field. He has a small video camera mounted on the airplane that transmitted the images to a VCR on the ground for recording. I will bring it to the meeting.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY

- 9th - **Propbusters** Club meeting
12th - Gathering of the Eagles – River District R/C
13th - Dollar Days – River District R/C

July 28th through August 2nd

4H County Fair – Goodells County Park

AUGUST

- 2nd - 4H exhibition / Club cookout
13th - **Propbusters** Club meeting
22nd to 24th – Old Fashioned Harvest Days - Goodells County Park
23rd – EOC Classic Car Show – Goodells Park

SEPTEMBER

- 10th - **Propbusters** Club meeting
13th - Charity Fun Fly – Toys For Tots - Propbusters
20th & 21st – 2003 Civil War Heritage Days – Goodells County Park

OCTOBER

- 8th - **Propbusters** Club meeting

NOVEMBER

- 12th - **Propbusters** Club meeting

DECEMBER

- 10th - **Propbusters** Club meeting
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.
(If anyone knows of any other clubs' events, let me know so I can get them in here.)

June Meeting

Air show supplies needing to be purchase was discussed with Rob volunteering to pick them up. Todd volunteered to cook and Frank Wilder would supply the grill. Eon of the Redline Racing team volunteered to supply the sound system with Kirk providing power from his generator.

Tom Pierce, the District VII Associate VP of the East Wings R/C Club demonstrated a frequency scanner at the meeting. He said channels 17, 19, 20, 21, and 62 were showing up but not very strongly. The scanner was a Yaesu VR-500 miniature high-performance monitoring station. We are waiting on a price quote to purchase one for the club.

Doug made a motion and Todd seconded to purchase a scanner with the executive board determining to make the purchase when the quote is received. The motion passed.

Bob Kulp and Dave Nickel have rejoined the club. Remember to welcome them back.

Todd donated the use of his trainer to be shot down by paintballs donated by Kirk.

A motion passed to purchase a big item (like a trainer) for a raffle price up to \$150. Todd will check with Gary at Pastime Hobbys.

Meeting time for being at the field early for the Fun Fly was discussed.

Kirk volunteered to put up the windsock and mow the lawn before the Fun Fly. A special work night was scheduled for Wednesday June 18th.

Gathering of Eagles

On **Saturday, July 12** at 9:00 am until 2:00 pm, the River District R/C Eagles are hosting their annual "**Gathering of Eagles**" flying event. R/C pilots from around the area put on a great show including Scale models, Giant scale models, Warbirds, Helicopters, Combat demonstrations, and a Candy drop for the kids.

There is also a raffle and food concession and some tailgate swapping. This is one of the bigger shows in the area, and is a great time. Come on out and bring a plane, or come out just to enjoy the event. There is a 1-dollar parking donation.

On Sunday **July 13**, the Eagles host "**Dollar Day**", and invite non-flyers to fly on the "buddy box", with an instructor, for a dollar donation. This event gives children and adults a chance to experience a "hands on" feel of R/C aviation. This event usually gives about 100 to 150 prospective R/C pilots their first chance on the "sticks".

The Eagles field is located on Davis rd, 1/4 mile west of Range rd, just South of Marysville.

Up-coming Events

We have two events to enjoy yet this year. The first is the Demo for the Fair on Saturday, August 2, 2003. For this event we will need a flyer for the event distributed around the Fairgrounds and pilots to fly Saturday at the Fair. A plane or two for guests to fly on buddy box would be a great addition. Later that day we can have a club picnic. Please plan on attending and having fun.

The next event has been scheduled for September 6, 2003. This is our annual Toys for Tots Air Show. I am requesting the show be one week later. I will not be available on the 6th of September. This would make our Toys For Tots be on Saturday, September 13, 2003.

Come out and fly anytime. The field looks great thanks to our members who keep the grass mowed. Remember we do not have the use of the meeting room for the July meeting. We will meet at the field if weather permits or in the main room of the community building.

Financial Report

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| <u>Beginning Balance</u> | | <u>\$1,308.35</u> |
| Income | Fun Fly | \$ 540.30 |
| | Total Income | <u>\$ 540.30</u> |
| Expenses | Postage | \$ 17.02 |
| | Gas | \$ 15.10 |
| | Pastime (prizes) | \$ 145.00 |
| | Air show expenses | \$ 135.96 |
| | Field improvement & Stone& tractor repair | \$ 221.24 |
| | Printing (newsletter) | \$ 62.58 |
| | Septic | \$ 25.00 |
| | Total Expenses | <u>\$ 621.90</u> |
| <u>Ending Balance</u> | Checking | \$1,226.75 |
| | Cash on hand | \$ 0.00 |
| | Grand Total | <u>\$1,226.75</u> |
| <u>Membership</u> | Sr. Members | 5 |
| | Reg. Members | 21 |
| | Jr. Members | 7 |
| | Life Members | 4 |
| | Total Members | 37 |

Redline Racing Track Progress

I went out to the field Saturday morning to see how their track was progressing. The team was hard at work undoing some damage done recently by a couple of kids on BMX Bikes. If you're at the field and see anyone with bikes near their track, look for any vehicles in the parking lot and get the license number. They saw a woman with the riders (possible a mother) in a vehicle but didn't get the license. Every time their track is vandalized, it takes a lot of time and energy to restore the track.

Here are some current pictures:



PROPBUSTERS FUN FLY 2003

Here are some pictures from our Fun Fly. We had enough candy for two candy drops and we even had a real-scale bi-plane fly briefly into our fly space and give a short demonstration. We had two combat show and a helicopter show. It was a little too windy for the bi-planes, but not too windy for Todd and his trainer made from a downspout and corrugated cardboard which he named, "The Victim". This was the plane being shot at by paintball gun.

There are 93 pictures of the event on the web site. www.kgraham.com/Propbusters.htm I hope to setup a new web site for the club after the next meeting.



Fun Fly Continued



Wanted

1968 to 1974 Volkswagen Beetle (no Super Beetles, no convertibles). Preferably 'daily driver' condition or light mechanical repair. Will pay up to \$2,000 if it is what I am looking for. Contact Gary Smedes at 586-727-4507