

# The Broken Prop



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A CHARTERED CLUB OF A.M.A. #1762

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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.

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### Propbusters' Perspective

The Club Officers would like to thank everyone who made this year's Fun Fly the greatest.

It may have been a tad windy, but that didn't stop pilots from coming out and showing their skill. With Jack and Todd leading the way through the day, a great time was had by all. Last year's Fun Fly profit was \$259.34. This year's profit looks to be over \$700 thanks to all the donations received this year. We also received a donation from the Eagles of a \$100. Thank you Eagles! A special thanks to Maxine for helping to get a lot of the donations.

We would also like to thank Jack DeLisle, Todd and his wife Jen Litke, Ed, Sheila and Josh Olszewski, Doug and Brian McLaren, Kirk Churchill, Keith Graham, Bud Joachim, Gary Smedes, Greg Feyers, Mark Morrow & his wife, Mike Grant and Carl Jones for their work at the field.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their donations: Horizon Hobbies, Master Air Screw, Balsa USA, Carter's Grocery, Channel 6, Sig Manufacturing, Midwest Auto, Grants Custom Aircraft, Rankin Meats, ABC Warehouse, Little Caesars, TCF Bank, White Oaks Golf Course, Red Lobsters, Olive Garden, Chan's Buffet, Goodells Market, New Haven Elevator (in Wadhams), Buff's Oil Change (on 24<sup>th</sup> street), and Q-County 107.

Channel 6 was out recording our Fun Fly. Don't forget to watch the video on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> (Mondays) at 7:30 PM. If I get my copy by the meeting, I'll try to bring it to watch afterwards.

I hope you got to see Todd fly his Sukhoi one last time, because it's on its way to the east coast. He sold it to a gentleman from New York. We look forward to watching Todd dazzle us with the Cap and helicopter.

Now we have to gear up for our club picnic and Flying demonstrations during the 4H Fair coming up in 4 short weeks. We still have some work to do on the field to spruce up the wet spots.

We also have a couple kids groups coming out to our field so keep on eye on the website to see when you can come out and show what you can do.

See you at the field!

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### JULY

- 10<sup>th</sup> - River District Eagles -  
Gathering of the Eagles - 9 am \*
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting - 6 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> - River District Eagles - Fun Fly - 9 am \*
- 24<sup>th</sup> - River District Eagles - Pylon - 9 am \*
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters demo for Algonac School  
District - 11 am to 3 pm our field (Fri)
- 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> - RCCD - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Precision Aerobatics Pattern Contest

### AUGUST

- 7<sup>th</sup> - **4H Fair Demo Fun Fly** & Propbusters  
club Picnic 9:30 am
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting - 6 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - River District Eagles - Pylon - 9 am \*
- 22<sup>th</sup> - River District Eagles - Combat - 9 am \*
- 28<sup>th</sup> - SMAC - Toys for Tots - 10 am Crowell
- 28<sup>th</sup> - River District Eagles - Pylon - 9 am \*

### SEPTEMBER

- 4<sup>th</sup> - **Propbusters - Toys for Tots** 9:30 am
- 5<sup>th</sup> - RCCD - Fun Fly and Club Picnic
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting - 6 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> - River District Eagles - Pylon - 9 am \*
- 12<sup>th</sup> - River District Eagles - Combat - 9 am \*
- 18<sup>th</sup> - River District Eagles - Fun Fly - 9 am \*
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Port Huron Hobbyfest - 10 to 4 - Pine  
Grove Park

### OCTOBER

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - River District Eagles - Combat - 9 am \*
- 9<sup>th</sup> - River District Eagles - Pylon - 9 am \*
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

#### **\* Tentatively at Propbusters field in Goodells**

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

Meeting started at 6:15 pm with 14 members present. Ron showed the club his new little Toni Cosmic Classic.

The secretary's report was read and accepted. Doug/Ron made motion to accept the modified treasurer's report. \$120.05 for starter was on prior months and current month reports.

The Port Huron Hobbyfest has been postponed to September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4 pm at Pine Grove Park.

The tension spring on the Woods is loose. Kirk bought new springs to fix it.

### June Meeting (continued...)

The need for volunteers for the Fun Fly was discussed. We have volunteers for concessions, working the grill, raffles and frequency board.

Parking and bleacher location for the spectator's area was discussed. Kirk suggested adding spectator protection on the bleachers by hanging an awning on 10 foot polls which would provide protection from falling planes. Other suggestions were handing out agendas with warning on the bottom.

Kirk will talk to the park about a wiring proposal. BMX might not let us have a permanent tie-in.

Raffle prizes. Horizon has sent a box of stuff to use for prizes. Master Airscrew sent some also. Balsa sent a hat. Mark Marrow will bring cheese-its, 48 bottles water, 30 packs of vender Oreo cookies. Todd is donating foam gliders. Club members should bring pop and a cooler with ice to the fun fly. Kirk will bring his generator. Mike Grant donated Widgeon & CB kits and cutting boards. Ray dart donated a case of 15% fuel.

The Eagles' event listing for their fun fly was reviewed to see if we could use some of events for our fun fly.

The canopy donated by Mike Grant will be put up during our workday. We will have another work day after the fun fly to touch up some bad spots on the field and in the spectator's area.

Jim Kwiatkoski put his biplane in the tree behind Stan's tree. We hope he is able to put the many parts back together.

Yellow and green paint and brushes will be needed for the workday, and we will be putting in a vent pipe in the Port-a-John.

Bud Joachim thanked the Propbusters for use of our field for the 65 to 70 kids. They were sitting on a tarp on the field with table and benches for a barrier. The Eagles sent pictures to AMA and their newsletter.

Algonac - July 30th. Glenn was contacted by a school that is going to be coming out to the field.

We discussed ways of getting a Tax Exempt number to use for purchasing field maintenance equipment.

No Fly zone posting for the end of the field was brought up. Ed suggested getting it professionally done with a cost of around \$100. Doug/Ron made motion to spend \$100 for signs at the end of the field.

Protection against field vandalism was discussed. Kirk suggested putting different colored flags every couple hundred feet to help locate downed plans in the corn field.

Sheila/Jack made a motion to end meeting at 7:35.

## Financial Report

Beginning Balance **\$1,386.67**

<b>Income</b>	Dues	\$ 55.00
	<b>Fun Fly</b>	
	Raffle	\$ 380.00
	Paint Ball	\$ 30.00
	50/50	\$ 57.00
	Concessions	\$ 238.05
	Donation (Eagles)	\$ 100.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 860.05</u></b>

### Expenses

	Ron P	\$ 18.29
	Keith – paint/postage	\$ 234.20
	Kirk – tractor parts	\$ 118.25
	Doug P	\$ 10.00
	Gary W.	\$ 27.02
	Septic	\$ 25.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 432.76</u></b>

### Ending Balance

	Checking	\$ 1,813.96
	Cash on Hand	\$ 0.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,813.96</u></b>

### Membership

Junior	5
Senior	12
Lifetime	3
Regular	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>

## Eagles Exhibition for Eddy Elementary

June 3<sup>rd</sup> saw the Eagles hosting the first grade classes of Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Herr and Mrs. Carrell from the Eddy Elementary School in St. Clair.



The kids arrived at our field on a cloudless sky, sat on a big tarp and enjoyed the show put on by the Eagles and a couple of Propbusters (Mike R. and Ron P.).

The highlight of the day for the kids was the loss of Maynard LaParl's Senior Kadet.

## Grant's custom Aircraft

### **PBY 5-1 Catalina**

106" Wing, 1/12scale, 1270 Sq In, 23 lbs  
64"length .60 2-Cycle 3 surfaces & Motor  
Servo, Motor.90 4-Cycle, Landing Gear Valve  
Servo, Float Valve Servo.

### **Grumman G-44 Widgeon**

80" Wing, 1/5 scale, 15 Sq Ft , 24 lbs,  
60"length .60 2-Cycle 3 Control Surfaces & Motor  
Servo, Motor .90 4-Cycle Servo, Landing  
Gear Valve Servo, Float Valve Servo.

### **Republic Seabee**

70"Wing, 630 Sq In, 8 lbs, 48"length, .40 2-Cycle  
4 Control Surfaces

**For more information, contact:**

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## Pilots Needed for July 30<sup>th</sup>

The Propbusters and Redline Racing are putting on a show for the kids from Algonac School district on July 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 3 pm. Please try to come out and lend a hand. Don't forget, "Youth is Our Future".

## Redline Racing

Come out and join them at the track on Sundays for some racing.

Registration starts at 11 am with races beginning at 12 pm EVERY Sunday.

Practices start at 4:30 pm Wednesday and are free. If you sign up for Redline Racing at the races, race fees are waived for that day.

There won't be any racing on July 11<sup>th</sup> but the guys will be practicing. Come and join us!!

## Propbusters Fun Fly – June 19th

With all the rain we'd been having all week, we were relieved to get a break. It was a bit breezy, but the sun was shining.

Jack DeLisle did an excellent job keeping the spectators entertained and informed throughout the event. Thanks Jake.



Since last year the club has added a paint ball shoot to our events. This year the cost was \$2 for 10 shots at Kirk's SPAD plane. Free R/C lessons were the reward for hitting the yellow bulls-eye on the tail. We had fifteen try and one young man manages to hit it.



Bud Joachim gave the kids a special treat from his candy drop plane. Everyone went away with full pockets.



Todd and Carl gave a great dual helicopter exhibition. Mike Roberge tried flying his electric plane in the wind but didn't have much luck.

The raffle was a hit this year. There were 32 items raffled off, including two plane kits and a watermelon. Many thanks to Doug for handling it.



JOIN US FOR THE SECOND - JULY 24 -

# INTER-CLUB FUN FLY

## WHAT IS A INTER-CLUB FUN FLY?

Your club will fly against other clubs in the area. You will fly as a team for team points & Bragging rights. Come to the Fun Fly and represent your club.

- ☺ The Second FUN FLY will be held at the "The Holly Cloud Hoppers" Field on Saturday July 24, 2004 at 11:00am. (Grange Hall & I-75)
- ☺ Teams will be made up of club members, from as little as one to as many as you can bring. If you have a large team it can be split into 2 teams so that everyone has a chance to fly.
- ☺ Each team will select one member from their team to fly in each event.
- ☺ Points will be added at the end of the day and a winning club will be announced.
- ☺ This is our 2nd Fun-Fly there is a 3rd planned in the fall.
- ☺ The events will be fun type events we don't want to loose any aircraft.
- ☺ If you would like to enter your club, get on our mailing list or just for more information on this FUN FLY - 248-391-5970



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Get a team from your club and join in the fun!