

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.

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President's Perspective

Wow! What more can you say about our first Fun Fly of the year. What a great turnout of spectators, pilots and members. Although overcast, the weather held out with only a five minute misting of rain at around noon. And, considering we weren't able to sell hotdogs, (due to health dept. regulations) even the concessions stand went well. Great job everyone!

With that being said, here comes the part that some of you will skip over, but I feel is necessary to mention. Without these members *and* non-members help, our events would not be possible. Starting with the workday before the Fun Fly, I would like to thank everyone who came out to help move the shed and provide general cleanup of the field. It was *very* hot, but everyone kept going to keep the progress rolling. Also, a special thanks to Bill, Tom Nichol's neighbor, for coming through at the last minute with his tractor to physically move the shed. Thanks to Ron P. for bringing his mower out and mowing the infield; Gary W., Tom N. and Ed L. for mowing, trimming and general cleanup.

As for the Event itself: Keith G. and Sheila O. for their valiant effort to try and secure a hotdog stand; Ed and Sheila for picking up the food for the concessions and Sheila O., Bill L., Alice & Mike G. and Erin Jones for sharing the effort of selling it. Thanks to Bud Joachim for providing his aircraft and piloting skills for the candy drop and Heather Jones for helping us in keeping the kids organized during the drop; Doug M. for another superb job of setting up and running the raffle booth with help from Mike G. & Bill L.; Al H. & Al F. for a flawless job with the radio impound; Guy and his son Bill for putting out the signs and Ed & Sheila for picking them up afterwards. Thanks to the Eagles for the use of their PA system and Jack D. for his outstanding play-by-play and commentary; Sheila O. for picking up some of the prizes I was able to secure and Keith G. for helping out with the advertising. And a special thanks to Doug M. and Mike G. for their donation of prizes for the raffle.

It's a lot of work but a real pleasure to be able to pull off one of these events when everyone comes through with even the smallest bit of help. Thanks to everyone for your help, including the pilots that came out to fly and anyone I may have missed. See you at the next meeting.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY

14th – **St. Clair Rec Dept** – School grades 1-7th –
Flight Demo by the **Propbusters** – 1 to 2:30 pm

AUGUST

6th – **Propbusters** Club Picnic/**4H Fair** - Flying
Demonstration - 9 am to 2 pm
27th – SMAC Fly-In For Toys – Crosswell – 10 am

September

3rd - **Propbusters** Charity Fun Fly for
The American Red Cross - 9 am to 2 pm
10th – **The Profile Brotherhood** – flying at
Propbusters field in Goodells, MI - **corrected**
17th – **Port Huron Hospital Foundation** –
2nd Annual Hobbyfest – Pine Grove Park
(810) 984-9760
17th – **East Wings** Fun Fly – starts @ 9 am
18th – **Whirlybirds** Fun Fly – tentatively at Goodells

Financial Report

Beginning Balance **\$1,860.50**

Income

Hats	\$ 39.00
Dues	\$ 110.00
Raffle	\$ 494.00
Concession Stand	\$ 136.25
Total Income	<u>\$ 779.25</u>

Expenses

Keith G. – postage	\$ 9.62
Ed L. – gas/parts	\$ 123.14
Eagles – weed killer	\$ 9.35
Gary W – gas	\$ 25.00
Gas – Shed moved	\$ 11.00
Food – for Concession	\$ 59.36
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 237.47</u>

Ending Balance

Checking	\$ 2,402.28
Grand Total	<u>\$2,402.28</u>

2005 Membership New Members

Junior	7	Chris Barrand
Senior	16	Brian Inch
Lifetime	2	
Regular	36	
Total	61	

June Meeting

Meeting started at 6:12 pm with 15 members attending. Doug/Ron made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. Doug/Mike made a motion to pay bills. Doug/Al made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed. All motions passed.

We have 2 new members - Chris Barrand and Brian Inch.

We are still waiting for the lease.

We reviewed the Eagles flight demo for Eddy Elementary School. The weather was perfect and they had lots of candy drops.

The Duck is running well but needs an air filter which Ed L volunteered to pick up. He also has a lead on converting it from 6 volts to 12. The Woods is done and Ed L will pick it up from Ed O. tomorrow. Stan made the pins to connect the deck on the woods. The club says "Thank you" to Stan. Ed L has volunteered to take over maintenance for the tractors.

There is only 1 club hat left.

Fun Fly Set-Up. We discussed the Frequency board usage and the donations received so far. Jack DeLisle will bring the Eagles' sound system. Bud J. will do a candy drop. Ed will handle assigning impound people with Al's help. Keith will contact the health department about the food permit. Mike will bring grill & gas. Sheila will pick up hot dogs & chips. Mike is doing onions. Ron said Redline Racing volunteered to pay for the cleaning of the port-a-john. Everyone was reminded about "No parking on the flight line" and handicapped parking by the corral gate.

Two other free news flyers were presented to the club and it was suggested we contact them for our next 2 events. The Cash box was discussed and Ed will provide startup money.

Workday Setup. We want to get the shed moved this weekend. We will meet at the field at 9 am with shovels, weed whackers and zip ties.

St. Clair County Rec Dept kids demo is July 14th for 60 to 70 kids from 1st to 7th grade. They will be here between 1 and 2:30 pm.

We discussed the free airport day this Saturday at the airport. It is the same day as our workday.

River District Eagles sent a letter to Gary thanking us for allowing them to use our field for the 1st graders.

Mick Papineau got his wings. He has soloed with Todd.

Location of our meeting next month was discussed. It will be at the field if the weather is nice or in the main room in the conference center as our normal meeting room is not available.

Ed/ Todd made a motion to close the meeting. Meeting ended at 7:20.

Fun Fly Raffle Prizes

Below is a list of businesses that donated items to be used for our raffle prizes. Please try to use / patronize these businesses whenever possible. Without their support our raffle booth would not be very successful.

Pastime Hobbies:

- 1- GWS electric airplane kit
- 1- Set of retractable landing gear
- 1- Full roll of med. fuel tubing
- 1- Manual fuel pump
- 1- Kwik-Klip II glow igniter
- 1- Fueler system
- 1- Med. adjustable engine mount
- 1- 8oz fuel tank
- 80- Balsa gliders

Bob Evens: 1- \$20 gift certificate

Cracker Barrel: 1- Large gift basket

Ironhorse Country Store: 2- Free pizza coupons

Great Planes Distributors:

- 2- Dozen Sheets of Futaba stickers
- 1- Skysport radio system
- 10- Kneeling pads

Horizon Hobby: 1- Tensor 4D electric airplane ARF

Tower Hobbies: 3- \$10 off certificates

Micro Fasteners:

- 2- Bags of servo screws
- 1- Box of screws & fasteners

Balsa USA: 6- 20% off coupons

Master Airscrew:

- 2- Propellers
- 1- Razor planer
- 4- 50% off coupons
- Fox Manufacturing Co.:
- 1- 50% off coupon

Byron Originals Inc.: 5- Discount coupons

Morgan Fuel: 2- Baseball caps 3- T-shirts

Personal Donations:

- 1- Dremel tool kit – Ed London
- 1- Lot of flowers – Doug McLaren
- 1- DVD player – Mike Grant
- 4- Toy Airplanes – Mike Grant
- 1- Yellowbee electric airplane RTF – Gary Smedes

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

Contact: Mike Grant at (810) 329-6406

For Sale ARF Multiplex Cargo



Items Included with plane:

- Castle Creation Griffin 55 ESC
- Four (4) Hitec HS 81 servos
- One (1) JR 531 servo (operates cargo door)
- One (1) 8cell 2400mah nicad battery

Sell Price \$210.00

Call Carl Jones at (810) 367-6759

Redline Racing

The guys have their own website now, complete with forum. You can check them out online at <http://www.redlineracingrctrack.com>



Elementary Demonstration

Ed & Sheila Olszewski



On May 31, Kindergarten and first grade students from Eddy Elementary School in St. Clair joined members of **The River District Eagles** and the SCC Propbusters at the Propbusters' field in Goodells for an R/C flight demonstration. The two clubs joined forces co-hosting the annual event this year.

Twenty-one pilots and helpers from both clubs worked hard to show the 122 school kids, 5 teachers, several parents and siblings of the students a great time. Once again, a sunny sky, warm temperatures and a mild breeze made for a perfect day for the outing. No one could ask for more.



There were gas, glow and electric airplane demonstrations. The students marveled as Carl Jones hovered his helicopter in front of them. After lunch, as the kids walked the flight line most stopped and looked at their favorite, almost as if it was a friend,,,,, the candy drop plane.

Ed London set up his camera plane as he walked the fence line taking a video of the kids Tom Gall was watching the video screen. Ed then put the plane up in the air trying to get a video of the kids from the air but unfortunately technical problems caused the equipment not to work, hopefully he will try again next year.



Each class lined up by the fence for the candy drop as Bud took off. You could hear the kids chanting Can-dy! Can-dy! Can-dy! After Bud landed the plane the kids were let onto the field with Tom Nichols to help collect the goodies. Jack was holding his hand out, trying to get his share to as the kids headed back around the fence.

As the morning passed and the kids were leaving Maynard LaParl was standing by the fence handing out balsa flyers donated by pastime hobbies to the kids. As the kids were heading to the bus you could hear the excitement in their voices as they talked about "how cool was that". It seems that they all had a great time watching the planes, getting the candy and enjoying a beautiful day far away from the classroom.

A real big thanks for making this day possible to: Jack DeLisle, Maynard and Ruthann LaParl, Tom Gall, Tom Nichols, Mark Steenland, Gary Wilkerson, Bud and Joan Joachim, Dave and Carroll Waldecker, Bill Welser, Al Harbour, Archie and Virginia Kammer, Al Fournier, Ed London, Paul Fleckenstein, Carl Jones, Stan McClure, and Jim Kwiatkoski.



Eddy Elementary teachers: Diane Bowden, Barb Carrell, Beth Trudeau, Robyn Herr, Mary McIntosh.

Propbusters Fun Fly

Keith Graham

On June 18th the Propbusters celebrated summer with our annual club fun fly. The weather was threatening, but only a little drizzle showed at the end of the raffle drawing.



A number of pilots showed their stuff. We started with Bud with his "I love RC Flying" banner.



The raffle was a big hit this year. We had something for everyone from Plants to Planes. We made almost \$500 just on the raffle. That should cover next year's lease payment for the field.



I won a little rubber band powered airplane that was donated by Mike. I took that with me to a 4th of July outing and all the kids took turns flying it across the park.



We've got some future pilots out there too.

The Times Herald had a photographer and reporter out there. I hope you had a chance to read the article they wrote about Brian Glombowski flying his yellow Edge 540T.



Also in the article was Carl Jones with his helicopter doing those amazing feats.



I hope to see everyone at our charity Fun Fly this fall for the American Red Cross on September 3rd. Don't bring anything except your cash donations and your planes. Remember to fly and be safe.