

# 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.

www.SCCPROPBUSTERS.com

### President's Perspective

Now that the flying season has begun, this is a good time to review the field rules. Most of us would say that we already know them, but like anything else, certain situations may have caused us to change them since the last time you read them. So here they are.

#### **-All AMA rules apply. \***

-There will be a place in the frequency board to sign in, all pilots must sign in.

-Pick up your frequency pin number and deposit your AMA card in its place. \*

-If your frequency pin number is not there, place your radio in the compound area until the pin is returned.

**-All aircraft must be tethered before starting the engine in the pit area. \***

**-Radio and aircraft must be pre-flight checked before the first flight of the day. \***

**-Do not taxi aircraft from the pit area. \***

-When flying stay inside of the flight station.

-Pilots must have a spotter during club events or when a large number of people are at the field, or if they are a first-time guest.

**-No more than 4 aircraft are allowed in the air at the same time, except for combat exhibitions. \***

**-You must have a Propbusters dues card or be a guest of a club member to fly. \***

**-When you leave the field always make sure you clean up any mess you or your guest might have made. \***

**-Members will be responsible for their guests. \***

-No flying while lawn maintenance is being performed and no lawn maintenance will be started while members are flying. \*

**\* Designates everyday enforced rules,  
others are Event-Only**

Don't forget field clean-up day on May 13<sup>th</sup> and Eddy Elementary Demo on May 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Hope to see **you** at the meeting!*

## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **May**

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Propbusters Members 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of Month – Breakfast at Cavis Bar & Restaurant – 9 am to 10 am. 5600 Lapeer Road in Kimball, MI 48074
- 10<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters** Meeting at Goodells County Park starting at 6 pm.
- 13<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Field Cleanup Work Day** – at the field at 9 am. Bring Shovels and Rakes.
- 20<sup>th</sup> – **Chet Brady Memorial Float Fly** – Seven Lakes State Park in Holly – starts at 9:30 am.  
[www.skymasters.org](http://www.skymasters.org)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – **SMAC Swap & Interclub Fun Fly.**  
[www.krugair.com](http://www.krugair.com) starts at 9 am.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – **River District Eagles** flying demonstration for Eddy School Elementary students at the Propbusters' field in Goodells. Flying starts at 10 am both days. Come out and help the kids have fun.

### **June**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> week – **Propbusters** will host St. Clair County Rec students (tentative)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – **RCCD Control Line Stunt Contest** –  
[www.rccd.org](http://www.rccd.org) – Flying starts at 10 am.
- 17<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Inter-club Invitational Fly-In** – 10 am to 2pm at Goodells County Park.
- 17<sup>th</sup> – **Holly Cloud Hoppers Fun Fly** – starts at 10 am. [www.hollycloudhoppers.org](http://www.hollycloudhoppers.org)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – **Aero R/C Club's Father's Day Air Show** 10 am to 4 pm – Buell Lake Air Field.  
[www.aeroshafterclub.com](http://www.aeroshafterclub.com)

### **July**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Propbusters Bi-Plane Rally** –10 am to 2 pm at the Goodells County Park

### **August**

- 5<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Club Picnic & 4H Fair Flight Demo** – starts at 10 am at Goodells County Park.

### **September**

- 9<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Charity Event** –10 am to 2 pm– more info to come.
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – **Midwest Regional Float Fly** – Island Lake State Park in Brighton. Starts at 9:30 am both days.
- 17<sup>th</sup> – **Whirlybirds** gathering at the Propbusters' field in Goodells County Park.

### **Jan 2007**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **Propbusters New Year's Day Fun Fly**
- 28<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Swap Meet & Breakfast**

## **Special Thanks**

The club would like to thank Tom Nichols for the carpet for the park garage were we stored the woods and duck for the winter which was damaged by dripping gas.

## **April Meeting**

The meeting on April 12th at the Community Center building started at 6:05 PM with 8 members and 1 visitor. Doug/Al made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith with the amendment that club incorporation will protect the club officers from lawsuits. Doug/Al F. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed and pay bills. All motions passed.

We discussed setup needs for our **field cleanup day** scheduled for **May 13th. Remind everyone to bring shovels and rakes.** Doug/Al F. made a motion to spend \$100 for grass seed. Motion passed. Sheila will also pick up some paint for the old frequency/impound board, which will be converted into a display board for AMA rules, field GPS coordinates and safety information. We are also going to try straightening the gate.

We are working on being incorporated. It had been done in 2000/2001 but payments lapsed.

The Eagles are planning on having 55 students on May 23rd and 110 on the 24th (50 will be from Marysville Special Ed). There are no rain days. They will have gliders donated by Gary from Pastime Hobbies for the kids.

Ed London presented the breakdown of parts that had been purchased for the duck.

New Business. We discussed a list of possible organizations we could choose from to be the recipient of our September Charity Fun Fly. Some organizations with ties to Goodells Park are the Farm Museum, Pine River Nature Center, Earth Keepers, and the Wales Township Historical Society. We have also sponsored the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Toys For Tots. Another worthy group is the Wounded Warriors Project. Discussions will be made at the next meeting to determine which charity will be chosen.

We discussed the Blue Water events flyer that Gary is submitting to the Times Herald. Gary suggested changing our event times to 10 am to 2 pm.

Sheila talked to Mark Brochu about the new 800 MHz new emergency tower on Castor & Lapeer. It will be near the edge of the tree line.

Doug/Keith made a motion to set up an equipment fund with \$1000. Motion passed.

We acknowledged the new members, David Novelly and Matt Panicucci. We discussed the extra lock on the gate that belongs to the park.

Sheila/Doug voted to close the meeting at 7:25 pm.

## Financial Report

Beginning Balance **\$2,886.12**

### Income

Dues \$ 190.00

**Total Income** **\$ 190.00**

### Expenses

Keith - postage \$ 11.70

Ed L. - Tractor parts \$ 144.91

Stan - Tractor Repair \$ 38.56

**Total Expenses** **\$ 195.17**

### Ending Balance

Checking \$ 1,880.95

Equipment Fund \$ 1,000.00

**Grand Total** **\$2,880.95**

### 2006 Membership New Members

Junior 4  
Senior 17  
Lifetime 2  
Regular 36  
**Total 59**

**Tower 40 trainer** \$25

This has led a hard life, and the covering is not pretty, but it is sound, and flies straight. Includes a tank, and needs 40-46 engine and 4-channel radio.



**Slot Machine with accessories** \$10

**Minnesota glove, as-new** \$20

John Hickman, 987-5752 or  
jdickman@advnet.net

**Wings B-25** – Needs to be completed \$100.00 –was \$425.00 new

**Wings B25** Retracts \$100.00 –was \$325.00 new  
(2) **OS.25-2C** new \$25.00 Each

**Ken Humbert 5088 Booth Rd., China, MI. 48054**  
810-765-5954 pondview@pacas@aol.com

**Katana 140 ARF** NIB from Chief Aircraft.  
1.20-1.80 class. Asking \$180

**Hirobo Sky Limbo Max ARF** NIB from MRC. .46 to .50 class. Asking \$100  
Buyer must pick up 810 650 0783 or  
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**Keller Lark** OS 108 2 stroke, 537 servos  
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**Various transmitters** Call  
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**Sky Vista** low wing trainer airframe \$35  
**Futaba, HiTec, JR** wall chargers – each \$5  
**Tower 40** 2 stroke engine \$40  
**Enya 46** 4 stroke engine \$65  
**Lucky Stick 40** Tail dragger – ready to fly CALL  
Various wood props, various wheels CALL  
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## Grant's custom Aircraft

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

106" Wing, 1/12 scale, 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**

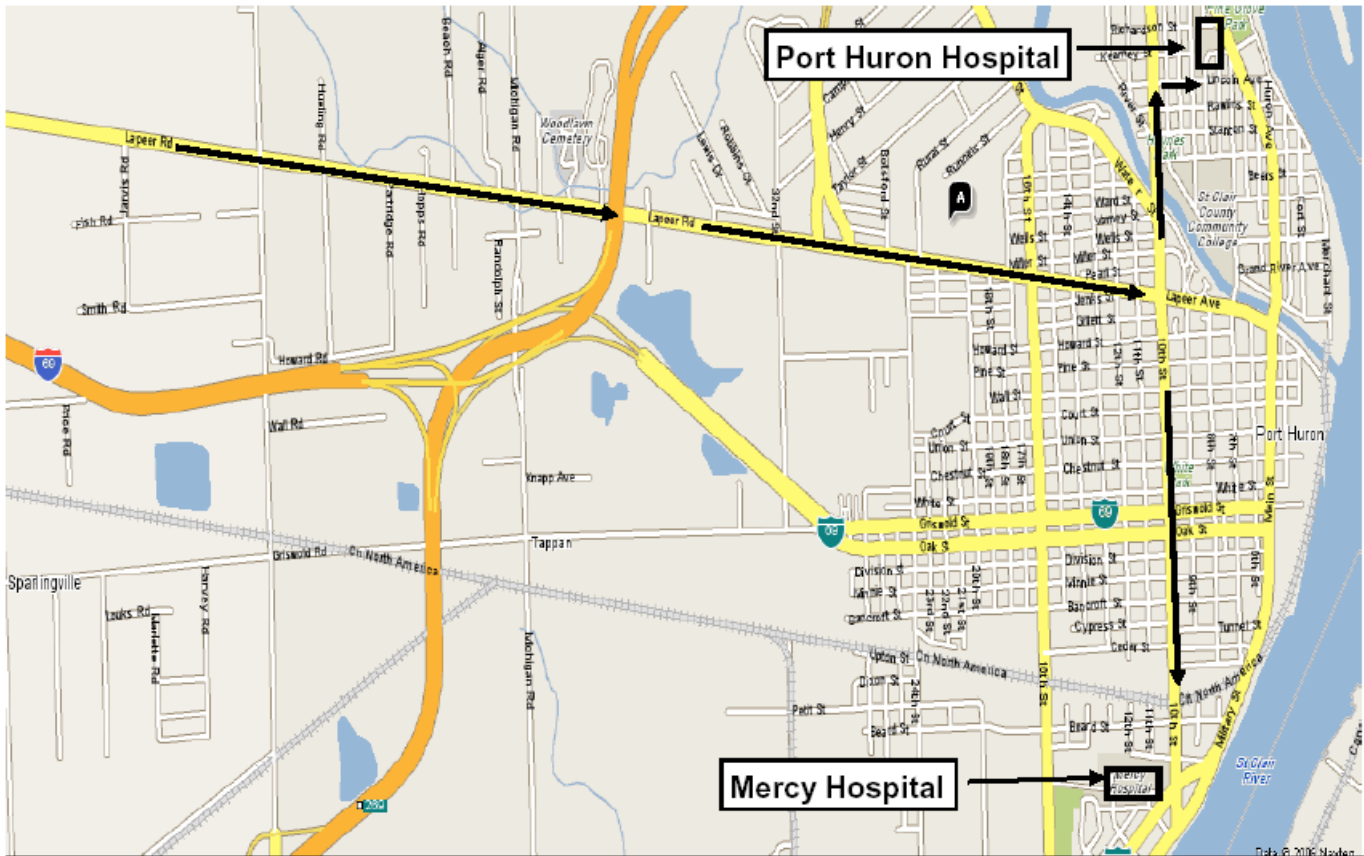
## Wanted

1967 – 70 **Volkswagen motor** Type I Beetle –  
Running or not I am mostly interested in the  
upper half (alternator, carb, shroud)

**Used chain link fence posts** or misc piping  
you need to get rid of.

Call **Gary Smedes** @ 586-727-4507

# EMERGENCY MAP TO PORT HURON HOSPITALS



**For either Hospital - Exit County Park to Lapeer, make Right (East) to Port Huron**

**For Mercy Hospital:**

Follow **Lapeer** to **10th st.** about 11 miles, turn right (South) about 1 1/2 miles.

**For Port Huron Hospital:**

Follow **Lapeer** to **10th st.** about 11 miles, turn Left (North) about 3/4 miles, Turn Right (East) on **Lincoln** about 1/4 mile.

## In case of Emergency DIAL 911

**A PAY PHONE IS LOCATED IN LOBBY OF COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING**

You are located at the **Goodells County Park- R/C AIRFIELD** (Off the East parking lot - North of BMX bike track)

Instruct emergency workers to go to East gravel parking lot North of County Park Drive - West of Castor rd.

Inside gate, they will see the windsock. **Field GPS position:** 42° 59' 02" N 82° 39' 02" W

### Personal Emergency Numbers:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

List 2 other numbers, home or cell (kids - neighbors - friends - relatives - doctors)

Meds / Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

**Non Emergency Numbers:** Goodells County Park Operations Center: 810-325-1732 Fire: 810-982-9461  
 Port Huron Hospital: 810-987-5000 Mercy Hospital: 810-985-1500 EMS: 586-727-2184 Sheriff: 810-987-1700  
 Gary Smedes: 586-727-4507 Keith Graham: 810-966-1494 Ed Olszewski: 810-367-6367

**Fill this out and keep in your field box for Emergency reference**

*Youth Is Our Future*

## Surviving an Emergency

*Ed Olszewski*

It can happen anywhere and at any time. There is a sudden emergency and something needs to be done—and done right away. The question is, do you know what to do?



Imagine this: you are at the flying field, and your Buddy slices a finger on his prop, and boy, it's a real gusher. Do you know the location of the first aid kit? Do you know how to get to the nearest hospital? Do you know how to tell an emergency worker how to get to where you are? Can you find a telephone? Do you have a phone number to call his family to meet you at the hospital? Now imagine: the emergency happened to you. Maybe the injury is far worse and you are in severe pain. Perhaps you are having chest pains, and you are trying to remember all this.



Obviously, no one can predict when an accident will happen, but it is easy to take simple measures to make an emergency have the best outcome possible. Have a plan, know the location of the closest emergency center or hospital, and know how to get there in an emergency. This is no time to be looking for a map. Have a list of emergency phone numbers in a convenient location, and know the location of the nearest telephone to contact emergency workers.



A little forethought can go a long way. Maybe even save someone's life. Most often no one thinks about these things until they need them, and then precious minutes are lost in confusion, minutes that could mean the difference between life and death. A simple sheet of paper kept in your flight box can answer all the questions that you may need to know in an emergency. Get your own first aid kit and keep it in your vehicle. This is another good place to keep emergency phone numbers.



Try not to fly alone whenever possible. Call a friend, invite a neighbor, take a family member—anyone who can dial a phone. This is a great chance to share your hobby with someone. Call a friend from the club phone list you haven't seen at the field for a while. There is a good chance they would like to get out to the field again, if they just knew someone was going to be out there. If you must fly alone make sure you have a cell phone. Make sure a family member or friend knows where you are going, and what time to expect your return. Time can pass by real slow while waiting for someone to notice you are missing, then finally sending out a search party.



Learn some first aid. CPR classes are offered through the hospital. Learn the symptoms of a heart attack and a stroke. The first step in getting help is being able to identify a problem. Learn the symptoms of dehydration and heatstroke. Flying out in the hot sun, on a hot summer day can have some bad effects. Drink plenty of water, and take shade breaks often.



Of course we all know an emergency will never happen to us, we all like to think we will have a clear head in an emergency, but that is not normally the case. Take the time to fill out the emergency form in this newsletter and put it in your flight box. It does not take up much room, just stuff it into a corner somewhere and forget about it, just in case someday you might need it. Also ask your flying buddy if he filled his out. You may be the one who needs to use his.