

# The Broken Prop



A.M.A. Charter Club #1762

November 2006

## Officers for 2006

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### Meeting Schedule

Second Wednesday each  
month at the Community  
Center Building,  
Goodells County Park  
6 PM to 8 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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## Presidents Perspective

by Gary Smedes

As with any event, we need volunteers to help with both of these and everything in between. Typically we have enough to get the job done, but a few extras would be nice so that we can switch off once in a while. Even volunteers like to shop for bargains.

Just a reminder that **membership renewals / dues** are due at the end of the year. Don't wait 'till the last minute to pay them and receive your new membership card. (Which, in my opinion, is one of the better-looking cards we've had – Nice job Keith). Having done the Secretary's job, I know it is extra work when members wait to the last minute. Please help out by getting it done early, not to mention the late fees.

Don't forget that at this months meeting, we will be asking for nominees for the Club Officer positions. If you feel that the current officers are not doing a good job, or they are not taking the club in the direction you would like to see it go, then

come to the meeting and make a nomination. I believe that the current Officers are willing to hold there positions for another year, but if you feel the need for a change, then come to the meeting and voice your thoughts. If you don't come out and nominate someone, then at least come to the December meeting and vote for next years' officers. This is your club and your voice counts.

Don't forget to check the Events Calendar. There are still a few events left to round out the year. And, of course, don't forget the New Years' Day Fun Fly at the field to bring in the New Year. Will we need skis? Only time will tell.



*Hope to see you  
at the meeting!*

Last year at this time we were talking about the problem of over flying the Crater and the West fence line. I am happy to say that I have not heard of a single incident regarding this subject. Good job everyone! I knew we could get past this without any 'drastic' measures.

It looks like the winter Dome flying is not going to happen this year. Discussion at the meeting last month suggests that cost is the biggest factor followed by the reduced flight area. But don't write this off just yet. There may be a change down the road. Keep an eye on the events calendar for dates and times in case it gets pulled together.

The Propbusters' annual **Swag Meet** is starting to come together. Some time changes have been made to help facilitate set-up and teardown.

# October Meeting

The meeting on October 11th started at 6:03 pm with 10 members and 2 guests present. Doug/Ed made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read by Keith. Doug/Keith made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Ed and pay bills. All motions passed.

Newsletters for the Eagles and the Wing Nuts were passed around for review.

Old Business. The Drive-way is finished. We discussed the emergency workday. Sheila will contact the parks to have them schedule drilling the drain holes and find out how deep the park auger can go. The pipes we have are 5 foot long sections. We are going to drive on the driveway until the spring and see if we need to recap it.

Shed Vents. - Ed L is trying to locate the vents designed for our kind of shed.

Gary reminded members to renew

dues and to think about **November officer nominations**.

The tire on the Woods has been fixed (new tube). We discussed winterizing the lawn mowers. Ed L will take care of it. Sheila will take care of the port-a-john.

Dome Flying - the dome wants \$500 for 3 hours and the flying area has been decreased. Currently there is no plans to fly at the Blue Water Sports Dome. The field will be available all year.

Swap Meet. We will reserve both rooms. Keith will bring flyers to the next meeting. We discussed start times for the fun fly and the breakfast menu. Ed & Sheila will take reservations again this year. Vender setup is from 8 to 8:30 am. Doors open at 8:30 am (Breakfast starts). Swap ends at noon.

Todd requested being removed from the trainer list for lack of involvement in the training program. We promoted

Ed London to Head Trainer. Ed O will be added to the trainer list. Ed L will check into the AMA Intro pilots requirements for next year.

Ed O brought up the enclosure (bull pen). It needs to be cleaned up. Shelving needs to be put in the shed and things moved from the enclosure to the shed. Gary will contact Stan about the extra fencing parts. Ed O will be in charge of getting shelving put in the shed.

Ed O brought up the thank you letter from the Eagles, but they've gotten their own deck.

We talked about moving the canopy closer to the driveway to make mowing easier. For now, Gary volunteered to take down the canopy.

Sheila\Ed L made a motion to close the meeting at 6:57 pm. Motion passed.

## Financial Report

**Beginning Balance** \$2,618.81

### Income

Dues \$ 235.00  
**Total Income** \$ 235.00

### Expenses

Keith/postage \$ 17.55  
 Ed L /gas/gravel/stakes \$ 59.11  
 Gary S. / drains \$ 101.16  
**Total Expenses** \$ 177.82

### Ending Balance

Checking \$1,175.99  
 Equipment Fund \$1,500.00  
**Grand Total** \$2,675.99

**Total 2006 membership: 76**

### 2007 Membership

Junior 1  
 Senior 8  
 Lifetime 2  
 Regular 13  
**Total** 24

### New Members

John Henry  
 James Laubenthal

## Events Calendar

### November

- **4th—Propbusters Breakfast** at 9 am—Cavis Pioneer Bar & Restaurant—5600 Lapeer Rd
- **5th—Midwest R/C Society Swap Meet**—9 am to 1 pm 303 Main St Northville MI. Admission \$4 (women & kids 12 and under) - Vender table \$18-\$25 per table. Contact Rudi Reinhard (258) 643-4509
- **8th—Propbusters Club Meeting**—6 pm (2007 Officer Nominations)

### December

- **13th—Propbusters Club Meeting**—6 pm (Vote for 2007 Club Officers)
- **31st—Propbusters Membership Deadline for renewal**

### January 2007

- **1st—Propbusters New Year's Day Fun Fly**
- **10th—Propbusters Club Meeting**—6 pm (install club Officers)
- **28th—Propbusters Swap Meet & Pancake Breakfast**—8:30 am to 12:00 pm

*Dues are Due!*

*Renew now for 2007*

*Avoid the \$10 late fee!*

## MG Flying Boat *by Jack DeLisle*



Well, it happened a g a i n . M i k e Grant offered me the “kit” of what I call “ T h e Thing” because it is supposed to be a boat and an airplane. I think it probably has a name but I like The Thing.

It happened some time ago at an event at our field and before I took possession of the kit I had a health problem, besides or in addition to getting older I suppose, and then opted to have my right hip joint replaced because it was getting sorta hard to do the chores around the house like mowing the lawn or whatever. After I think about it, maybe I should have left well enough alone because Nan (the wife type) does good work.

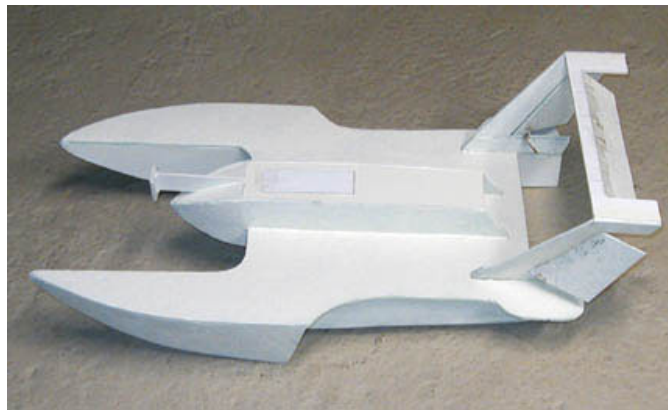
In any event, I finally got around to asking Mike if his offer was still good and he said “Of course; come on over and get it.” So I went over to his place and Mike got out the pieces of some kind of special foam with thin plastic sheeting on both sides and the parts of The Thing all inked out ready for cutting and gluing.

After a few days I did cut the parts out using my trusty #11 X-acto® blade and started

assembling the parts and realized that I had no idea where to start. Do I make some sub-assemblies? Do I use the basic “main” fuse as a building block? You get the idea.

Another call to Mike and another trip over to his place got me his advice and also his original “Thing” to use as a guide to assemble my “Thing”.

Mike, or his daughter, used hot melt glue to build the one I was using and cut the outside plastic covering to allow the sheets to bend and conform to the shapes because they were only going to use it on the The



ground / snow. I had a problem with the hot melt glue because I was too slow and two handed so I ended up trying to glue with foam safe Cyanoacrylic (instant) glue and that didn't want to stick to the plastic covering? What I ended up doing was to strip all of the plastic sheeting off of the foam panels and used the foam safe glue, Elmers® white glue and Epoxy glue.

As you can see, The Thing is completely together. I filled the

holes in the foam with Red Devil One Time® spackling compound and primed with white Latex and it's ready for installing the parts that make The Thing go. I'll install the servos in the “box” near the rudders and elevons and then remove them and paint the finish coat(s).

I'm thinking Red, White and Blue with Blue basically on the bottom and White on the top with maybe a Red cabin / box and some decals I have in my stash. Stars and Bars would look nice I think!

What's going to power the “Thing”? I have that Foamy Furious and that has a nice stick mounted outrunner electric motor, a 25 amp ESC, a 2-cell 1320 MAH Li-Po battery, a Polk's 6 channel receiver and three mini servos. All accept the servos are very easy to remove so I'll put servos in the Thing and exchange the rest of the stuff as needed. The receiver will run on any FM transmitter

so we are all set power wise for the Thing.

So thanks to Mike we have another challenge on the deck and waiting for a paint job to be ready to go.

- Jack DeLisle



# Classified Ads

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LESS THAN 10,000 MILES  
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Never flown, needs rotor and electronics. \$600

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**Wanted:** .19 and/or .23 Torpedo (Green  
Head) and .29 McCoy (Red Head) for "old  
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**Cap 232** Yellow aircraft 60/90 NIB ARF \$150  
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**Edge 540 – Phase 3** w/Brushless motor NIB \$45  
**JR Quatro** 4 channel NIB \$125

**Various transmitters** Call  
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**Sky Vista** low wing trainer airframe \$35  
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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,  
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**MG Flying Boat Kit \$20**

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