

Propbusters

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Propbuster



Meeting

At

A&A Restoration

On

Tuesday, Dec 13th

Agenda

Calendar, Swap Meet,
Winter Banquet

Fun Fly

at

Janice Jensen Field

On

January 1st, 2012

Program

Frost Your Buns +
Chili

Your new AMA

President is

Bob Brown

of Bradford,

PA. See details

on the [AMA](#)

[website.](#)

2012 dues can

be paid at the

December

meeting.

Happy Holidays

Doom and Gloom -- I Don't Think So

In celebration of the annual 'fall back' from daylight savings time, the Propbusters celebrated with the Doom & Gloom Fun Fly. Nov. 6th turned out to be a clear & sunny day with temperature's in the 40's. Winds were a direct cross, steady at 10mph+, gusting to over 20 in the P.M..

A dozen hearty souls gathered at Janice Jensen Field with expectations of a fun filled day. All expectations were met, with some impressive flying and spectacular "saves".

The day began with the "team events". However, due to the challenging crosswinds and some pre-competition mishaps, several teams were rendered pilot-short or airframe-less, bringing to a premature end the "team" competitions.

Individual events commenced without further delays and spirited competition ensued. Three events were hotly contested with the results as follows:

Timed Pattern Work: required each flyer to accomplish three complete patterns with a low approach, a touch & go, and a full stop landing in succession. Zac Roller won the event with a elapsed time of 50 seconds, with Doc McGuigan 2nd at 1:05, and 3rd, Gene Jobgen at 1:08.

Speed Lap Event: required each flyer to fly as many patterns as possible, in a one minute time frame. Zac Roller placed 1st with well over 5 full laps in 60 seconds, Gene Jobgen placed second with 4 laps in 60 seconds, followed very closely by Doc McGuigan with 4 laps in 65 seconds.

Loops Event: required each flyer to complete as many loops as possible, within a one minute time constraint. Again Zac "Loopy" Roller provided the

mark to beat with 19 full loops, Bob Olson came close with 16 loops, followed directly by Doc McGuigan with 15 loops.

Other pilots participating in these Events but, finishing just out of the money, were: Darrell Cassidy, John Pondish, & Denny Bernal.

A burger-burn lunch was devoured and then it was back to the tarmac for the final event of the day.

Spot Landing for Cash! Three rounds of flying were completed with each pilot attempting as many spot landings as possible in each one minute round. Cash targets were placed on the runway and each pilot "crashed" the field trying to put their landing gear on the "sweet spots".

Bob Olson out-"cashed" the field with his superb control, finishing with a fully intact aircraft and bulging wallet. Some "sweet" (and sweaty) flying was demonstrated and this Event proved to be a great conclusion to a super "fun fly" day.

Although many props were casualties, and detached landing gear ran amuck, due to some superb flying no "baggers" or "smoking holes" were observed. Jim Kammert was awarded the "tough luck" cash, due to a warm-up-flight folded landing gear, which kept him out of the days competitions.

The "Doom and Gloom" fun fly was far from it's namesake with lots of smiles and laughs and friendly competition, which has set the stage for an anticipated exciting in-door flying season.

Faithfully submitted by Neal Lutke, Doom and Gloom Fun Fly Director.

Propbusters Celebrate AMA 75th



Congratulations, AMA, on reaching 75 years. The Propbusters don't go back quite as far, but we have certainly been there through most of it. In 2008, we celebrated 50 years as an AMA chartered club. The club itself had been formed at shortly after the end of WW II but we have no known written documentation of those days prior to the start of publication of the newsletter in 1954. As far as we know, this is the oldest club in our area.

Like the AMA, we also had an inauspicious beginning. The Propbusters first met in the back of Who's Hobby Shop. Yes, Who's has been around as long as we have. The first newsletters were published in 1954 by Clark Besancon on one legal-sized page. Our archives still have copies of every one of those documents. In the first issues, the dichotomy between the club's two factions, C/L and the newly evolving R/C group, was apparent. The two factions met separately

and flew separately. The few R/C fliers were older, and more important, had more disposable income. It was the younger guys who championed C/L and free flight. It appears the two factions met separately and flew separately, sharing little more than the newsletter and the club name.

At the spring meeting in 1958, monthly dues were set at 50¢ a meeting, the C/L guys only had to pay 25¢. Kids under 15 had to pay 10¢.

One early newsletter describes member Gene Hughes'

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Propbuster members accept the AMA 50 year plaque in 2008.



Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM at the West River Electric Association meeting room.

Officers present: President- Doc McGuigan, Vice President- Darrell Cassidy, Secretary- Ken Corrin, Treasurer- Denny Bernal, Newsletter Editor- Jim Tiller, Safety Officer- Bob Olson

Members present: Mike Rossman, Neal Lutke, Jim Flora, Paul Evans, Zac Roller, Gene Jobgen, John Pondish, Jerry Thompson, Jim Kammert, Gene Kelley, Clancy Kingsbury, Clint Outka

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurers Report

Club.....	\$ 5304.19
Field maintenance Fund.....	2580.76
Total.....	\$ 7884.95

Old Business: The biffy has been serviced by A-1 Portables for \$ 104.00. If anyone knows of someone else that would service the biffy, let the club officers know for servicing in the future.

Gene Jobgen reminded members that the swap meet will be Sunday November 20, 2011 at A & A Restoration. Setup at 8:00 AM and sale runs from 9:00AM until done.

Jim Tiller has made arrangements for the Propbuster Winter Banquet at The Gaslight in Rockerville on Friday January 13, 2012. Happy Hour at 6:00 PM and order off the menu at 7:00PM.

New Business: Neal Lutke reported on the Doom and Gloom fun fly. The touch and go event was won by Zac followed by Doc and coming in third was Gene Jobgen. Zac won the lap event with Gene second and Doc third. The most loops was won by Zac followed by Bob Olson and Doc third. Bob Olson walked away with the cash prize for winning the spot landing event.

Ken Corrin explained his idea for buying a 160 acre flying site. It could be paid for completely by using the profits from the hay sales that the land produced. No club member's dues would be used to purchase the land.

Gene Jobgen gave a presentation on his proposed Land Purchase Acquisition Plan.

Doc reviewed the current Propbuster bylaws and discussed some changes that would need to be made when we make changes in the dues proposed for 2012. Doc stated that the executive council recommends that the dues for 2012 be increased to \$400 for each member. After a long discussion of various dues structures, Gene Jobgen made a motion that the dues be raised to \$300 per year for every member with \$150 due January

first of each year and \$150 due July first. Seconded by Zac. Jim Kammert made a motion that the second payment be due March 31st. His motion died for a lack of a second. Mike Rossman made an addition to Gene's motion that new members would only pay dues for the months left in the half of the year in which they joined. Seconded by Jim Tiller. Motion carried.

The new dues structure is as follows:

All current and former members dues are \$300 per year. The \$300 can be paid in full by January 1st or divided into two payments with \$150 due January 1st and \$150 due July 1st. New members can join anytime during the year and their dues will be prorated at \$25 per month for the six month period in which they join.

Ken presented the slate of nominees running for election as officers for 2012. They are:

For President- Doc McGuigan or Zac Roller
 For Vice President- Darrell Cassidy or Gene Jobgen
 For Secretary- Ken Corrin or Jerry Thompson
 For Treasurer- Denny Bernal or Neal Lutke

The election was held by secret ballot and the nominees elected are:

President- Zac Roller
 Vice President- Gene Jobgen
 Secretary- Jerry Thompson
 Treasurer- Neal Lutke

Jim Tiller asked for ideas for programs at the winter club meetings. Let him know of any suggestions.

He is also writing a special 75th Anniversary club newsletter that will be entered in AMA competition. He will be conducting a survey for all Propbusters to fill out on Survey Monkey.

Gene Jobgen suggested that the December meeting be held at A & A Restoration so the program on adjusting carburetors on gas engines could be held in his shop with an engine running. The December meeting will be December 13th at A & A Restoration.

Show and Tell: Jim Tiller brought in a foam airplane that he will be testing as a possible electric racer for the club. It's a Multiplex Dog Fighter and weighs about 1 and 1/2 pounds with a 25 size motor and a 2000 MAH pack.

The Prop Restoration Fund was won by Doc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.



More mail to answer. Anyone else want to take over this job?

*This is the AMA's 75th anniversary. How long have you been an AMA member?
Celebrating in Custer*

I can't remember that far back. About 76 years -- maybe more.

You sound like you have been flying forever. How far back do you go back in this hobby.?

Long Timer in Lead

I told my kids, who have constant music in their ears, that I knew the Bare Naked Ladies when they were still clothed. The same goes with aeromodelling. My first airplane propeller was chipped from stone using flint. My first plane's wheels were square. My first flight ended when my plane was eaten by a Pterodactyl. (Let's see you AMA old timers top that.)

*With your extensive aeromodelling knowledge, do you know more about the AMA than the average modeler?
Perplexed in Pierre*

I do know some things that you might not know about the AMA. If you do know the answers bring them to the December meeting and I will give you a prize.

1. What was the first year that the AMA officially sponsored the Nats?
2. What were the yearly dues for the first members of the AMA?
3. Who was the AMA's first executive director?
4. In what year did the AMA move to Muncie and where did they move from?
5. Who was the first elected president of the AMA?
6. The AMA was first authorized by the FCC to use radio frequencies in 1947. How many frequencies were they assigned?
7. When did the struggle with federal government concerning restrictions on modeling activities begin?
8. Who is the current president of the AMA?





Over 50 years with the AMA

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Lowell Hamilton was one of the founding members.

journey to an R/C contest in Denver and reported that the Propbusters still had a lot to learn. He then described a flight with his little 1/2A plane during which a quick blip of the key resulted in two snap rolls after which the plane went straight up and a second blip produced two more snap rolls. The newsletter doesn't say whether or not the flight ended successfully.

Those comments on the 1958 summer flying were from Lowell Hamilton, who was then the Secretary/Treasurer.

From those humble R/C beginnings we marched forward for five decades with our parent AMA organization to what we have today. We've both seen a lot of changes.

By the 80's, with the pioneering efforts of the AMA in acquiring radio frequencies, the Propbusters was solely an R/C club. The club has gone through several different R/C flying sites -- each with it's own bit of history and plethora of often remembered stories. For twenty years or so, Janice Jensen field in New Underwood has been the club's home.

Just as the AMA, the club's membership has risen and fallen through the years. In the 70's and 80's the membership went, in a few years, over 50. It has remained about 20-30 for the past 20 years.

Most of our current members have been AMA members and Propbuster members for over 30 years, many more for over 10 and we have a few that are new to the hobby in the last five years.

The AMA has been a constant presence for those members throughout our history. The members list the insurance coverage, Model Aviation and the AMA commitment to safety as the primary benefits derived from their yearly dues.

Many of our members most vivid memories are flying are quiet ones, flying with family or friends, at our home field. A few have attended the AMA NATs and other large contests or events over the years. A pilgrimage or two to the Aviation Expo in Iowa put on by Byron Originals still



A shared photo from the Byron Original factory in the 1980's.

remains a historical highlight for some of our members.

In our 50 years, have hosted innumerable events and fun flies -- some large, some small. Those get-togethers score high in the recollections of our members. Interestingly enough, it was not winning that was foremost, but the camaraderie and shared experiences. One particular 'Mail Run' by Denny Bernal is mentioned frequently during those reminiscences. The sight of Denny lying on the ground with a broken transmitter and a plane doing circles on the runway still brings a smile to many faces.

Not all of the events were flying ones. Many of you mentioned the club's turnout for work days and projects in your remembered moments. It seems that whenever a task needs to be done, there are an abundance of willing hands to share the load.

Just as the AMA, our club members have also been generous with their time. Many served as mentors for those getting started or needing some training. The names of Jack Melhaff, Dean Sime, Doc McGuigan, Rod Renz, Don Smith, the Roller family and even 'Sweet Potato' Joe made the list of those who helped our current members get a leg up in this hobby.

And all these fledgling AMA/Propbuster members also had a beloved first mount that took them to the air. Sig Kadets, Golderg Eagles and Falcon 56s and an Ugly Stick are among the airplanes you first tossed into the skies.

Like the AMA, the Propbusters face serious issues as they go forward. A permanent flying site is the biggest challenge locally and nationally the federal and homeland security restrictions top the list of current challenges. When we asked our members why our club has lasted so long, the answer was simple -- its members and it's leaders. The AMA's most important asset is the same. Quite simply, we are in control of our own destiny.

So AMA, keep on 'doin what you're doin' is our message and let's hope we are all here to see how we did at the 100th anniversary.

Swap Meet



On Sunday, November 20th, the troops rolled out all their junk, white elephants, unfinished projects and other assorted



'More power' Darrell Cassidy examines a potential speed burner at the swap meet.

goodies to Gene Jobgen's, A & A Restoration shop. By 9 AM, about 25 guys had assembled with stuff of all sizes.

There were plenty of things to buy, but few buyers on hand. Some good deals saw money exchanged but a lot was re-loaded and taken home. Most stayed around for the sloppy dogs and other goodies. Thanks, once again, to Gene for the loan of the building and organizing the event. Sounds like he may do it again in February or March. Stay tuned.

Indoor Flying



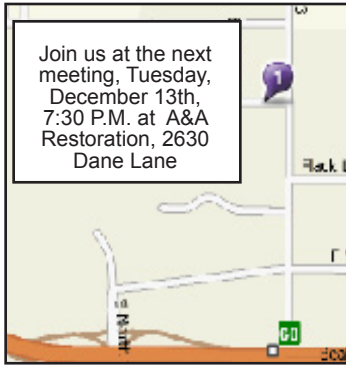
Indoor flying began on Saturday, Nov. 26th at South Middle School. About 20 pilots showed for the 2011 inaugural event. Lots of new planes and livery in attendance



Gene Jobgen loves Edges in general, including this new indoor model.

including Troy Lapp's new Chubby design. You have to see that one to believe it. With the center mounted motor, it can fly into the wall or floor and just keep on going -- looks like a great indoor vehicle. Combat anyone? Josh Frank has many more indoor Saturdays reserved. The next is Saturday, Dec. 17th from 4pm-8pm. Hope to see you there.

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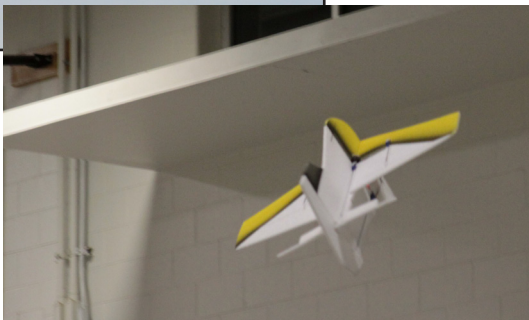
Propbuster's Pictures

Zac Roller's new
Sbach with the
O.S. 30cc gasser.
This plane rocks.



Yes, the new Dog-
fighter flies and it
flies fast. Wait til
you see it.

Right: Troy
Lapp's new
indoor 'Chubby'
design -- up
against the wall!



20 Model Memory
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Happy Holidays from all of us at Who's. We are open Sundays now through Christmas.



Coming Events

12/13 - December Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Everyone welcome. A & A Restoration. Program: Walbro Rebuild.

01/01 - Frost Your Buns Fly. 10:00 A.M. Everyone welcome. Chili feed included.

01/10 - January Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Everyone welcome. West River Electric CO-OP Meeting Room. Program: Radio Discussion.

01/13 - Winter Banquet. 6:00 PM Happy Hour, 7:00 PM Dinner. At the Gaslight Saloon, Rockerville. Members and Guests.

02/14 - February Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Everyone welcome. West River Electric CO-OP Meeting Room. Program: Servo Discussion