

# Propbusters

## NEWSLETTER

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### News & Notes

*Futaba has issued a service advisory concerning the TM-7 module and 6EX and 7C FASST systems. A few of these items were inadvertently released from the factory with faulty programming. Check [service@futaba-rc.com](mailto:service@futaba-rc.com) to see if your unit is one of those on the recall list or call the Futaba service line.*

*The AMA Park Flyer program is now in effect. Those who have joined our organization as park flyers are eligible to fly at AMA chartered fields. Individual club rules still apply. Their AMA card will be a different color (not green) and they must not exceed the Park Flyer weight limit of 2 lbs or the speed limit of 60 mph.*

## Notes from the Jefco Auction Including a Visit with Dave Mathewson and Mark Smith

By Jim Tiller

I have heard stories about the Jefco Auction in Denver in the past. It is reportedly the largest auction in the country. With my new assignment as AVP for South Dakota, I did double duty by attending this

year's auction and meeting with new AMA President, Dave Mathewson, District Vice President, Mark Smith, Executive Director, Jim Cherry and Colorado AVP Jim Wallen -- all of whom were in attendance.

The auction is indeed a huge event. Over 1200 items went over the auction block and were snapped up by 500 registered buyers. Setup begins on Friday and I first registered as a buyer/seller, then formally listed the 3 aircraft I took along to sell. The auction runs non-stop all day Saturday until 8 PM and then starts again on Sunday at 8AM and goes until all items are sold. I ended up buying 3 items so I broke even number wise.

If you place a minimum price and it is not reached your sale item goes to the pass table and the seller can then negotiate with seller one-to-one. This is where I found a Hanger 9 PT-19 on Sunday just as I was going out the door.

It is a wonderful, if not grueling event. There were too many items to mention. As with all auctions, some items went for bargain prices, some brought pretty good money.



AMA President Dave Mathewson talks with Newcastle AMA member Don Thorson.



A few of the auction items including the PT-19 I bought.

The highlight of my visit was meeting with the AMA officials I mentioned above. I found our new AMA President Dave Mathewson, to be a real gentleman and I was pleased with his determination and concern for the AMA and its

members. I had the pleasure of sharing breakfast with Dave Mathewson, Mark Smith and Jim Cherry on both Saturday and Sunday. In their conversation I learned much about the organization and I came away with an appreciation of all these men do for us.

They have definite ideas for the advancement our group and some of the national and international issues. Their

concerns run the gamut, from how to best include the new park flyers in the AMA to the threat of UAV legislation and air restrictions that may affect modelers. I was most struck, however, by how concerned they are about the rank and file members and how our money is spent. I do believe they have our best interests at heart. Just one small example. I heard all three of these gentlemen say they still pay their AMA dues each year -- though they are not required to do so.

In closing I would just say that all these are our type of guys -- the type of guys I would feel comfortable inviting to the field and enjoying our favorite pastime. And if you are going to the auction, bring your cash and a good deal of patience. You are going to need both.



# Probuster Meeting Minutes

# April Swap Meet

January 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:29 PM at the Beanery in the Creamery Mall.

Officers present: President- Doc McGuigan, Vice President- Darrell Cassidy, Secretary- Ken Corrin, Treasurer- Denny Bernal

Members present: Bob Olson, Ray Hrachorec, Mike Wagner, Ben Roller, Zac Roller, Jim Tiller

Guests present: Bob Evans, Ray and Matthew Bettmeng

The November minutes were approved as written in the newsletter

Treasurers report:  
Club.....\$ 6025.2  
Field Maintenance Fund.....\$ 2580.76  
Total.....\$ 8606.00

Old business:

Members were happy with the Christmas dinner at the Arrowhead Country Club so we will schedule the 2008 Christmas dinner there again.

Bob Cecil came out to the field on January 1st, but the Frost Your Buns fly had been postponed until Sunday January 6th because of the weather. The chili cookoff was a tie between Arlene McGuigan and Sheree Bernal.

Doc noted that the January newsletter is Volume 50, which means that the Propbusters Newsletter is now in its 50th year of publication.

Clancy has a new windsock for the club field and he will get it to the club.

Bob Olson has the mower batteries and will keep them charged over the winter. One appears to be weaker than the other two and may have to be replaced.

New business:

Members agreed that the number and type of flying events last year was good and we should make a similar schedule for 2008. The executive council will meet Friday January 11th to plan the schedule of events for this year.

Doc stated that the entry level racer for giant scale racing is the Sundowner with a 35cc engine.

The club now has a photo website at [snapfish.com](http://snapfish.com). To log on you can go to [www.probusterpictures.snapfish.com](http://www.probusterpictures.snapfish.com) or [snapfish.com](http://snapfish.com) and use room code pbuster. You can view, upload, download, and order prints at this website.

The Jeffco club auction in Colorado is the first weekend in February on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The Beresford club is having a display at the Sioux Falls Mall in March.

Show and Tell: Jim brought in some photos and drawings of a Russian seaplane that might make an unusual scale project.

The Prop Restoration Fund was won by Matthew Bettmeng.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Who's Hobby is sponsoring a swap meet at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center on Saturday, April 20th, 2008 from 9 AM to 5 PM. No admission will be charged.

Sellers may rent a 9' X 10' space for \$15. A 10 ft. table costs an additional \$5. An electrical outlet will cost \$20. No more than 2 sellers may share one space.

Clubs may rent a space for the sole purpose of promoting their club (no selling) for \$10. No transaction fees will be charged and Who's is not responsible for items brought, bought or sold.

You may get a rental space application at Who's Hobbies. There are 20 spaces available. Table locations will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

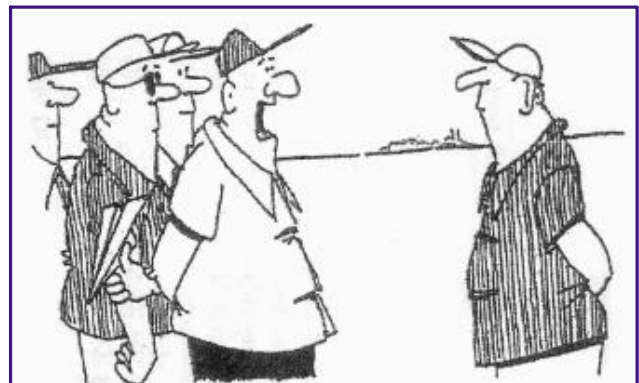
Food and drinks will be available from the concession stand.

Clancy made a sizable commitment to make this space available for the benefit of area modelers. This event will also have some local advertising and with the public in attendance, it should also be a venue for promoting our R/C hobby in our community.

As a club, we may want to discuss how we could make a contribution to the success of this event.

### **R/C Club Rule Number 32:**

***Officers and members should work to assess the skills of new recruits and create a personalized training program based on that assesment.***



"WE, OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE, HAVE FOUND THE PERFECT AIRPLANE TO MATCH YOUR FLYING ABILITY."

# Rapid City Propbusters R/C Club Proposed Event Schedule for 2008

## January

Sunday 01/01 -- 10 A.M. Frost Your Buns Fly.  
Tuesday 01/08 -- 7:30 P.M. Monthly Meeting.  
Sunday 01/27 -- 10:00 A.M. Ski Fly. Event Director: Doc McGuigan.

## February

Tuesday 02/12 -- 7:30 P.M. Monthly Meeting. Program: Internet Videos and Websites: Jim Tiller.  
Sunday, 02/17 -- 10:00 A.M. President's Day Fun Fly. Event Director: Jim Tiller.

## March

Sunday 03/02 -- 9:00 A.M. Promised Land. Spring Races. Event Director: Rod Renz.  
Tuesday 03/11 -- 7:30 P.M. Monthly Meeting.  
Sunday 03/23 -- 9:00 A.M. Field Day. Work and fun fly. Work Day Chairman: Bob Olson.

## April

Sunday 04/06-- 9:00 A.M. Spring Fling Fun Fly. Event Director: Darrell Cassidy.  
Tuesday 04/08 -- 7:30 P.M. Monthly Meeting.  
Sunday 04/20 -- Sheridan Lake Float Fly. North Boat Launch. Event Director: Dennis Bernal.

## May

Tuesday 05/13 -- 7:30 P.M. Monthly Meeting.  
Saturday 05/17 -- Custer State Park Float Show. Stockade Lake. Event Director: Ken Corrin.  
Sunday 05/18 -- All day. \*\* Tentative Event Schedule -- to be determined by membership \*\*

## June

Saturday 06/01 --7:00 A.M. Float Fly -- Fun Fly if bad float weather. Event Director: Gene Steeley.  
Tuesday 06/10 -7:30 P.M. Monthly Meeting.  
Sunday 06/15 -- All day. Promised Land Fly and Eats. Members and guests.  
Thursday 06/26 -- 5:00 P.M. Solstice Hot Dog Fly. Event Director: Ben Roller.

## July

Wednesday 07/04 -- 7:00 A.M. Promised Land. Firecracker 46 Air Races. Race Director: Doc McGuigan.  
Tuesday 07/08 -- 7:30 P.M. Monthly Meeting.  
Sunday 07/13 -- 7:00 A.M. Float Fly. Event Director: Wayne Zimmerman.  
Sat/Sun 07/19-07/20 -- Dickinson, ND. Rib Eye Fun Fly.  
Sunday 07/27 -- 8:00 A.M. Scale Fly. Event Director: Zac Roller.

## August

Thursday 08/07 -- 5:00 P.M. Hot Dogs Evening Fly. Event Director: Jim Tiller.  
Tuesday 08/12 -- 7:30 P.M. Monthly Meeting.  
Sunday 08/17 -- All Day. Northern Hills Flyers Fun Fly. Spearfish, SD.  
Sunday 08/24 -- 7:00 A.M. Cross Country Event. Event Director: Gene Kelley.  
Fri-Sun 08/29-08/31-- Minot, ND Little International.

## September

Sunday 09/07 -- 8:00 A.M. Float Fly/Fun Fly . Event Director: Ken Gatzke.  
Tuesday 09/09 -- 7:30 P.M. Monthly Meeting.  
Fri-Sun 09/12-09/14-- Black Hills Air Rally, Sturgis, SD.  
Sunday 09/21 -- 8:00 A.M. Equinox Races. Event Director: Doc McGuigan.  
Fri-Sun 09/26-09/28-- Warbirds over the Rockies. Fort Collins, CO.

## October

Sunday 10/05 -- 8:00 A.M. Warbird Fly. Event Director: Gene Jobgen.  
Tuesday 10/14 -- 7:30 P.M. Monthly Meeting.  
Saturday 10/19 -- 9:00 A.M. Casual IMAC Fun Fly. Event Director: Clancy Kingsbury.

## November

Sunday 11/02 -- 9:00 A.M. Campaign Fun Fly. Event Director: Mike Wagner.  
Tuesday 11/11 -- 7:30 P.M. Monthly Meeting.  
Sunday 11/23 -- 10:00 A.M. Turkey Fun Fly. Event Director: Ray Hrachovec.

## December

Sunday 12/07 -- 6:00 P.M., Happy Hour, 7:00 P.M., Dinner. Christmas Banquet.  
Sunday 12/21 -- 10:00 A.M. Winter Solstice Fly. Event Director: John Kellogg.



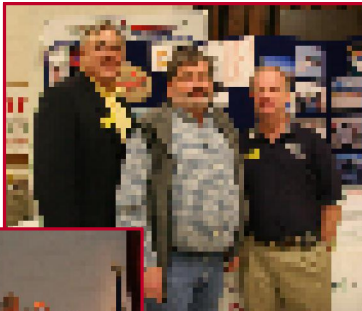
## Propbuster Picture Album

Russian Air Force pilots are seldom asked to make a low pass. Now you know why.



Right: District IX VP Mark Smith, Jim Tiller and AMA President Dave Mathewson.

Below: The auction block at the Jefco Auction.



Specs:  
Wing Span:80 in (2032mm)  
Overall Length:55.8 in (1417.3mm)  
Wing Area:942 sq in (60.77 sq dm)  
Flying Weight:8-9 lb (3.6-4 kg)  
Engine Size:.46-.52 2-stroke; .62 -.82 4-stroke

List: \$283.99  
Our Price: \$189



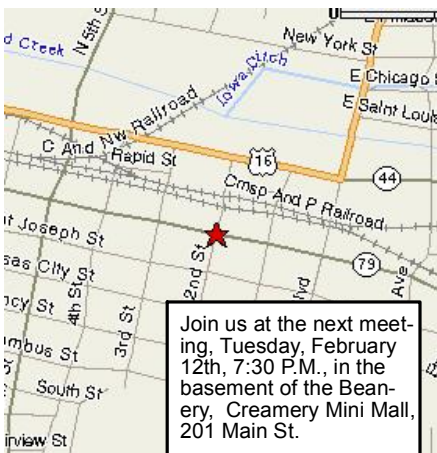
The next time you're headed out to the flying field, be sure to bring a little piece of history with you.

Hangar 9 has put a tremendous amount of thought into the Piper Pawnee 40 ARF. Created with the scale enthusiast in mind, this almost-ready-to-fly airplane replicates the scale outline of its full-scale counterpart with accuracy.

## Coming Events

- 02/12 - February Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Everyone welcome.
- 02/17 - President's Day Fly 10:00 AM. Everyone welcome. Event Director: Zac Roller
- 03/02 - Promised Land Races. 9:00 A.M. Everyone welcome. Event Director: Rod Renz.
- 03/11 - March Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Eveyone welcome.
- 03/23 - Field Work Day. 9:00 A.M. Work Day Manager: Bob Olson.
- 04/06 - Spring Fling Fun Fly 90:00 AM. Everyone welcome. Event Director: Darrell Cassidy.
- 04/08 - April Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Eveyone welcome.

## PROPBUSTERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Join us at the next meeting, Tuesday, February 12th, 7:30 P.M., in the basement of the Beanery, Creamery Mini Mall, 201 Main St.

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