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**AN AMA  
GOLD LEADER CLUB**

Meeting date: Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30PM. The Meeting location is the new Salem Library on Rt 85 about one mile north of the Salem Four Corners.

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## **August 2017 NEWSLETTER**

### **TIP OF THE MONTH**

#### **Free Canopies**

Whether you damaged your models canopy or it has been lost during flight, you can easily replace it without ordering a new replacement from the manufacturer. Find a properly shaped 2-liter soft drink bottle and cut it into the shape of a canopy. Start big and trim it down until it fits properly. It might not be an exact match, but it costs next to nothing if you drink the soda. There are a lot of colors available, so you can get that tinted look if you like.



### **RC Propbusters**

#### ***Meeting 08/15/2017 Agenda***

- 1. Call To Order.**
- 2. Reading of Minutes of last Meeting.**
- 3. Financial Report.**
- 4. Improved Web Site**
  - a. Does anyone have some ideas or issues with the website?**
- 5. Old Business**
  - a. Search for a field to purchase**
    - i. Ron Czikowsky & Fred Meyer have committed to find a realtor & search for a field to purchase during 2017.**
- 6. New Business**
  - a. Any new business from the floor?**
  - b. Schedule of Events**
    - i. Neighborhood Fun Fly TBD**
    - ii. Club fun Fly & Pot Luck Sept 4th**
- 7. Good and Welfare**
  - a. Any new organizations interested in coming to the field for an outing. (Quiet Birdmen)**
  - b. Groton/New London AP Open House static display.**
  - c. Ideas for demonstrating how to do various radio installations, covering, & construction techniques.**
  - d. Tips for the Newsletter**
- 8. New Members**
- 9. Model of the Month**
- 10. Motion to Adjourn**

***CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB SITE. [WWW.RCPROPBUSTERS.COM](http://WWW.RCPROPBUSTERS.COM)***

If you want to add something to the web site, you can do so on the forum or contact Peter Sylvester at [sylvesp@hotmail.com](mailto:sylvesp@hotmail.com).

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\*Len Buffinton is a Glider and Aero-Tow expert that can also help with your fixed wing flying.

\*\*Kyle Swaidner flies everything, but he is offering to introduce everyone interested in side arm & discus launched GLIDERS. Give him a call if interested.

IF YOU ARE A STUDENT HOOK UP WITH ONE OF THESE MEN AND GET TRAINED. ANY CLUB PILOT CAN TRAIN YOU, BUT AN INSTRUCTOR MUST SIGN YOU OFF.

## MODELS OF MONTH



Harold "BUZZ" Page brought in a sweet & low stick. He blew up the plans from a 60 size S & L stick kit he found on line, and had them blown up to realize an 83" wingspan. Buzz cut the fuselage sides from LUAN door skin with most everything else being balsa or spruce. The model is powered is powered by a 33cc Sachs type engine and uses TowerPro servos though out. The first flight required a couple of clicks of right aileron and it was trimmed.

GOOD JOB BUZZ, YOU ARE THE SCRATCH BUBILDER.



Peter Sylvester brought in a old 72" Lewis mahogany propeller probably manufactured in the 30s and used on a variety of aircraft during that time frame.

It has some chipping but otherwise it is in pretty good shape.



Mark O'Connell brought in a mini ugly stick . Consistent with his recent presentations of ancient technologies he grew up with and used in the past, this one will use Galloping Ghost actuators or servos (whatever they are called), along with what appears to be a modernized radio. The polyhedral glider is a Nomad & I assume it is also controlled by Galloping Ghost technology.

**And repeat comments from last month**

The Technology is named Galloping Ghost because, the control surfaces are continuously moving, left & right or up and down. As you might expect the aircraft will jitter a bit while in flight but it is one of the first types of proportional control. As you move the sticks the control surfaces are biased in the direction of the control and the aircraft will respond accordingly. Simply stated if a control surface is moving left & right +/- 15° and you move the associated stick to the left the left deflection will increase & the right deflection will decrease but the 30° arc will remain the same.

Clearly Mark has become our historian and he has a love for all of the old long forgotten technologies he was exposed to and used over the many years he has spent in our hobby. He has kept about all of the examples of this old technology and it is still operating. Kudo to Mark, we love seeing this stuff you bring in.

# Minutes of the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 RC Propbusters Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with 26 members present.

**Minutes** of the June meeting read and accepted.

## **Treasury report:**

- Opening balance \$35,811.30
- Income and dues - \$2,148.83
- Expenses - \$1,013.00
- Ending balance \$36,947.13

Read and accepted.

## **Comitee Reports:**

- Heli June 25 – was handicapped by weather. Most people fly quads. We should retire the event. We may want to do an FPV event.
- July 15 Electric fun fly and swap. Had a very good raffle that helped our top dollar. It was a decent day with 27 pilots.
- July 15th Danielson Airport Demo. From 10am to 2pm continuous demo. Lots of pilots participated. Chinese campers did admire the demo.
- Neighborhood tbd. – we need somebody to step up for this. If we don't decide on this soon then it will have to be canceled.
- Labor day fun fly Sept 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Business:**

- Fred proposed to have a banner designed for the Club that we can put up at the events. Motion accepted to allocate \$200.
- Will be participating at the New London Airport Open House with an indoor mini-drone racing course on Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>
- Town of Groton Fair invited the club to do a demo at their Fall Fair. We will need a safe way to fly.
- Quiet Birdman will have their yearly meeting on Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>. They will provide food. Come and fly for demoing.
- We should vote if the club wants to continue Pylon-racing or not.
- The club should sponsor raffle prizes for our fun fly and the Labor Day fun fly event.
- We should bring back the "Old Time Fun Fly" type of event with spot landing and bombs dropping. Contact Mark O'Connell with ideas.

## **Old Business:**

- We are still working on a solution for the membership cards. Still in the works.
- NEDS – will have float flies., August 8th at the Mansfield Dam. Come and fly. It is a really nice place.
- Mark Thompson still working on the video. We cannot wait to see the final product.
- Larry is leading up the class on getting Ham radio license as an ongoing event. Class has been scheduled at Montville High School. First class on Wed. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Last one on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> (from 6pm to 8pm).  
Registration required. The fee is \$99 that includes the Book and Test Fee.
- No news yet about a new field.
- Best solution for the Pitts donated by John Green would be to donate it to a museum for display.

## **Good and Welfare:**

- N/A

## **New Members**

- John Lombardy

## **Show and tell**

- Peter S. Lewis real aircraft propeller from the mid 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **\*\*BIG\*\*** Stick, scratch build by Buzz
- Mark had a little big stick, a Nomad some other 'old school' stuff.

## **Club Officer attendance:**

\_\_\_ President    \_\_\_x\_\_\_ Vice President    \_\_\_x\_\_\_ Treasurer    \_\_\_x\_\_\_ Secretary    \_\_\_\_\_ Security Officer

Adjourned at 8:30

Respectively submitted by Peter Sylvester.