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

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**April 2014 NEWSLETTER**  
**ALL SALES ITEMS ARE NOW POSTED ON THE WEB SITE**

**TIP OF THE MONTH**  
**From Dave Hoffman**

I would like to share with you and the guys in the club a little information I think may be of some interest. Not only do I build model aircraft, but I dabble in other types of "wood working". I fool around with guitars a little and found a great place to get some real specialty tools.

One place is Micro Mark Small Tool Specialists. I'm sure a lot of you might have already heard of them, but if you are new to the hobby or are thinking of your first kit build, they have a good assortment of saws, screwdrivers, mini wrenches and other stuff you could use and should have if you are thinking about getting a little more serious than an occasional foam flier or another one just like everyone else is flying. Micro Mark also has a bunch of small hardware such as SAE and metric screws, nuts, bolts and other stuff that can be used to dress up cockpits, instruments and adding other details to the normally hum drum ARF.

The other place is for the true wood affectionate. It is Stewart MacDonald. This is a company that sells tools, paints, adhesives and other specialty items for luthiers and wood workers who demand the best equipment, glues and other supplies for fine detail work. One of the items I purchased from them are some deep jawed clamps. They have some that can reach up to 11 inches. Great for you quarter scale guys!

These places are not for everyone, but I think everyone will like to check them out just to see some neat stuff that is out there for the "builders".

**RC Propbusters**  
**Meeting 04/15/2014 Agenda**

- 1. Call To Order.**
- 2. Reading of Minutes of last Meeting.**
- 3. Financial Report.**
- 4. Committees Reports.**
  - a. Upcoming Events**
    - i. Event planning for 2014**
    - ii. Weather Station**
    - iii. Improved Web Site**
- 5. Old Business**
  - a. Charging Station & Weather Station**
  - b. Alternative to a permanent Shed.**
  - c. Search for a field to purchase**
- 6. New Business**
  - a. Any new business from the floor?**
- 7. Good and Welfare**
  - a. Publicity, need a PR person**
  - b. Ideas for school or group presentation to local organizations.**
  - c. Ideas for demonstrating how to do various radio installations, covering, & construction techniques**
  - d. Publicity events on the calendar**
- 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)**

## Letter from the Editor

The 2014 flying season is rapidly approaching and judging by the e-mails I am receiving many of you are chomping at the bit to get started, especially when a reasonably warm day rolls around. As you should all be aware, the field is suffering from a very cold and wet winter that has resulted in a soft spongy field and a road and parking area filled with ruts, tire tracks and awash with water held on the surface because the frost hasn't completely melted yet. Unfortunately, we may still be in for more winter storms, but have faith; the real spring is just around the corner.

Field clean up day is April 12<sup>th</sup> and the rain date is April 13<sup>th</sup> so please place these dates on your schedule to help prepare the field for our 2014 season. We will have a roller available and plan on repairing the access road and making the field as level as possible. The trash cans will be reinstalled and the Porta-Potty will be set up and activated after the 13th of April. All necessary repairs to fencing and safety barriers will be done and the mowers should be checked out and ready when needed for the coming summer.

We have several events starting in May.

- NEPRO Pylon Races May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.
- New England Aero-Tow May 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Memorial Event "Come fly whatever you Want" June 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.
- NEPRO Pylon Races September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.
- On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be supporting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Luncheon honoring Flight Officer Connie Nappier, Jr. Chapter of Black Pilots of America, Inc. for which all proceeds will benefit Youth Aviation Education programs.
- On August 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Youth cookout and buddy box training event.
- On September 21<sup>st</sup> we will be flying at Dodd Stadium supporting the Norwich Chamber of Commerce annual fund raiser.
- We will probably be asked to participate in the Old Saybrook and Salem family day events and you will be kept informed as these days solidify.

I have attached fliers of the Aero-Tow and the Memorial events so please print them out and place them on bulletin boards where appropriate. I personally have found libraries, dentist offices, churches, super markets and others are a good place to post a flier. If you have a contact at a local paper, (daily, weekly or monthly) make them aware of who we are and what we do, they will help publicize our events.

Put the event dates on your calendars and help out where ever and whenever you can. This is your club & every member has to be involved to make it the best it can be. Just a few dedicated members cannot take care of every club need and cannot continue to serve in capacities that may have become beyond their physical capability, share your ideas, your passions, vision for the club and for model aviation. Become a club officer in 2015, become an Instructor or a Contest Director, run an event, and **JUST GET INVOLVED.**

Fly Well & Fly Often....Fred Meyer

## INSTRUCTORS

TOM VERNON - CHIEF PILOT 860-859-1548	BOB BOUDREAU - FIXED WING 860-443-8421
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KYLE SWAIDNER - ** Gliders 860-405-5304	RICHARD CROOKS - FIXED WING 860-446-0050

\*Len Buffington 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.

## MODEL OF THE MONTH



Bernie Liskov brought in a flying “Super Bernie” designed by Otto Dieffenbach. Flys good and he is working on a new version that flys inverted & does point rolls.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNAImi6nMTk&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNAImi6nMTk&feature=player_embedded)



Mike DeFranzo brought in a scratch built Defender also known as the “Islander” in the Caribbean.

This aircraft is powered by 2 32 size out-runner motors and should be an excellent flier if it flies anything like the full scale version.

# Minutes of the March 18, 2014 RC Propbusters Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with a record of 34 members present.  
The member present did keep a minute of silence in memoriam of members who recently passed away.

The minutes of the January 21, 2013 meeting were read and accepted.

Treasury report for Feb. 2013 was read by Dennis Duplice:

- Beginning balance was \$14811.19
- Expenses were 3425
- Income was 66.96
- Ending balance was \$18169.23

Treasury report for march 2013:

- Beginning balance was \$18169.23
- Income: 50
- Expenses were \$40,
- Ending balance was \$18179.23

The numbers do show some discrepancy with the January report. Tabled for next month to straighten it out with Ron.  
(Note: If anybody requires a detailed tally of expenses and income, Please contact Ron Czikowski.)

## Committees

- Dennis: Pylon races on schedule, sanctions approved for May and Sept. Looking for volunteers
- Aero-Tow: All set. Flyers will be posted on the website.
- Memorial Event: Fred, reported that it is all set. Flier will be posted on the website. Sanction all set. Need volunteers. Fred will solicit some hardware for the raffle.

## Old Business:

- Update on the weather station – Bernie will report all the details next month.
- Flying field was locked and there was no news about it posted on the website. Lock on the gate is still changed. The field and even the road to the gate is a mess.
- The club's registration with the state has been renewed.
- We need to have the re-chartering with AMA updated.

## New Business

- Groton Airport requested a luncheon/informational day for the with last CT airman (May 3<sup>rd</sup>). Fred will be leading it up.
- 12 April Field cleanup day. We need to roll the field, take care of the porta-potty and trash container. (Rain date: April 13)
- Fred: We were asked to participate in Norwich chamber of commerce event on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. We need 4-5 guys to fly electric airplanes and heli in the baseball stadium.
- Fred would like to invite youth from two churches to come out for a cook out and body box. from 1pm to 6-7pm. Motion for 17 Aug. | Accepted.
- Fred did solicit help for the events.
- Fred did have a motion to extend the standard dues for renewing the club membership till April. | Accepted.
- Board of directors will meet before next month meeting.
- Tom Vernon did present the result of the Propbusters donation for the Salem library. There is a request for a "Library Demo" with e-planes and helis. Details to come later.
- The new website looks nice. We need the set up PayPal for paying dues and add a forum.

## Good and Welfare

- Bernie did distribute out some airplane spinners from Ed-Avena (donated by Brian Jolicoeur).
- April 6<sup>th</sup> new swap-shop in Wallingford

## New Members

- New members: Ray Gilbert, Logan Champagne, Sam Meyer

## Model of the Month

Bernie Liskov's: "Super Bernie" electric, foamy flying guy | link will be on the website

Mike Defranzo's: Scratch built Defender (also known as the Islander & used extensively in the Caribbean)

## Club Officer attendance:

☒x\_ President      ☐x\_ Vice President      ☐\_ Treasurer      ☒x\_ Secretary

Adjourned at 8:30 Respectfully submitted by Peter Sylvester - Secretary.