



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

JUNE, 2023

Summer is officially here! To be way too specific, Summer officially arrived here at 10:38 a. m. CDT on June 21. Gather up your gear and charge those batteries!

Early in June, Prop Masters again sponsored a booth at the Clow Airport Cavalcade of Planes. The event was successful, even though the temperature was high on the first day. The following day was cooler, and there was a large turnout. One of the event organizers said it was in excess of 10,000 people. At the event, we promoted the club, and had two flight simulators, which are always popular. Both simulators were busy almost all day on Sunday. Already, we have had a few people we met at the event show up at the field for an introduction to training. I would like to thank those who assisted in staffing our booth, especially Tommy, Pete, and Ron, who provided the simulators plus additional equipment.

We had a fun fly on the day before Father's Day and a good time was had by all. Dan Nosek was the overall winner. Congratulations Dan!

Our club members continue to monitor Government Affairs/FAA changes that will affect our flying. Please follow this on Slack, as it is a continuing effort, and that so far, we do not see a lot of significant impact on our aviation hobby, and our club.

Crossing my fingers for light winds and moderate temperatures!

Your President,

Michael D. Pfeifer





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report May 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance May 1, 2023	\$1,120.03	\$3,958.86	\$5,078.89	
Income:				
Dues	40.00	-	40.00	Dues are due!
Swap	4.00		4.00	Snag-a-deal
Total Income	44.00	-	44.00	
Total Cash Available	\$1,164.03	\$3,958.86	\$5,122.89	
Expenses:				
Board Expenses	11.00		11.00	State filing fee.
Total Expenses	11.00	-	11.00	
Balance May 31, 2023	\$1,153.03	\$3,958.86	\$5,111.89	

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer

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Attention Members – Its time to pay your dues

When paying your dues, please complete an updated membership form if any of your contact information has changed and either mail the form with your payment to me or turn it in with your payment at the meeting.

Checks should be made payable to Prop Masters R/C Aero Club and sent to the address shown above.

Alternatively, you can send the funds to my PayPal account treasurer@propmastersrc.org. Please send them as “Friends & Family” and include a short note with your name so we know whose dues are being paid.

Many thanks!



Meeting Minutes

Jeff Cowan



Meeting Minutes – May 30, 2023

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 18 members and 1 guest in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided. The April 25 meeting minutes were approved as published in the May Newsletter. The May financial report was read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Safety	Mike Pettinger: Hot sunny weather has returned. Remember to bring sun protection, drinking water, bug spray to the field. Bill Hickey said he would replenish some of these items in the impound stand.
Forest Preserve	Tom Camp: The forest preserve is in the process of considering approval for a new storage box at the field. Still waiting for their response.
Publicity	No report.
Raffle	Harlan Davis: Described items included in the night's raffle.
Newsletter	Ray Luchetti: OK.
Website	Mike Pettinger: Most recent 12 issues of club newsletter now in public view on the website. The newsletter archive remains unchanged in the Members-Only section. Change was made to increase publicity.
Library	No report.
Instruction	Tom Camp: Training has officially begun. Same Tue/Thu schedule as last year.
Fun Fly	Next scheduled fun fly is June 17. Will be Climb and Glide event.

Old Business:

- Dave Engel updated the club on nighttime drone activity he's been observing in the forest preserve near his house. He did contact the forest preserve police about it. Others nearby have contacted Naperville police. Neither authority wanted to do anything about it.

New Business:

- Dennis Miendersma (EAA and Palos RC Club member) spoke to the club about Cavalcade of Planes event coming up June 3-4. Provided participation information for those that will be representing Prop Masters RC Aero Club there.

New Members & Guests:

Club welcomed guest Dennis Miendersma.



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Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

Mick Pfeifer crashed his Dr Death plane in “Hell’s Half Acre”, SE of the field. Lost radio contact, a repeating occurrence in that area reported by many. The plane nosed in 50 yards past the road. Esther Bourassa ran her helicopter through a tree after disorientation and failed attempt to use an automatic recovery feature of the helicopter. Dave Engel shared multiple crashes of the same large trainer he restored. The last of these crashes was attributed to pilot error. Peter Fales shared the crash of his quad copter. Had it in acro mode and lost control as it was heading towards the public behind the pilot line. Trying to keep it away from people, it ended up crashing into Bill Hickey’s plane box, which was far less impactful than it could have been. The crowd seemed to like Peter’s experience the best, awarding Peter the SAD patch for the evening.

Show and Tell:

Mick Pfeifer	Bird of Time, micro glider kit by J&H Aerospace, natural
Tom Camp	Bird of Time, micro glider kit by J&H Aerospace, red/white
Esther Bourassa	RS4 Legend helicopter, EP kit by Goosky, pink
David Engel	Space Walker II, GP ARF by Seagull Models, red/yellow
Peter Fales	Ryan STA, EP ARF by Great Planes, white/red
Dan Nosek	Rage RC Spitfire, EP RTF by Rage RC, camo

Raffle:

Raffle presented by Harlan Davis. Included E-Flite Ultra Stick plane, glow fuel, socket wrench, glow igniter, “Log of the Liberators” book, Dremel flex shaft kit, and epoxy glue.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL.

Newsletter Contributions

Send newsletter contributions to the
Newsletter Editor at
editor@propmastersrc.org

The deadline for submissions is the second
Tuesday of the month.



May 30th. Meeting Photos

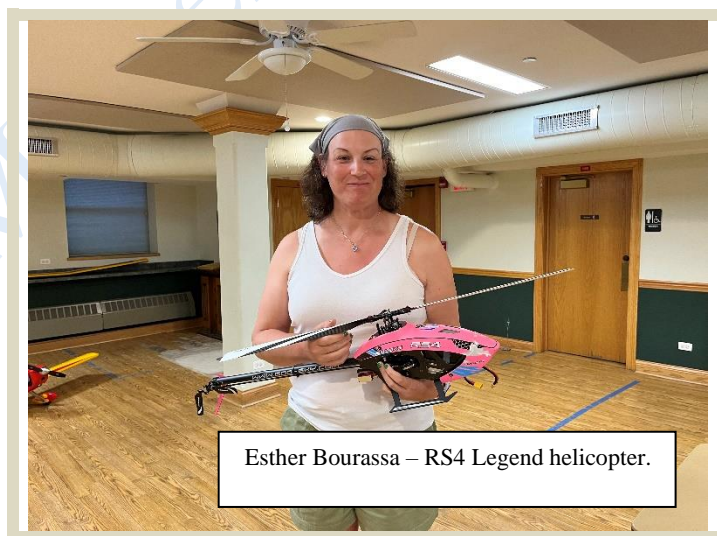
Ray Luchetti



Mick Pfeifer – Bird of Time micro glider



Tom Camp – Bird of Time micro glider.



Esther Bourassa – RS4 Legend helicopter.



May 30th. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Pete Fales – Ryan STA.



Dan Nosek – Rage RC Spitfire.



Dave Engel –
Spacewalker II.



Shots at the Field

June 2023

Dave Cairns



Bill Hickey's Tiger Moth.



Prop Masters at Cavalcade of Planes.



Shots at the Field

June 2023

Dave Cairns



Dave Engel's Robin Hood.



Dave Engel on the field.



2023 Cavalcade of Planes at Clow Airport

Joe Bartek



There was a lot to see and do at Clow this year. Weather was hot and dry, and not very windy on the morning of June 3d.

The Ford Tri-Motor from the EAA Museum was offering rides, and made more than 6 flights by 12:30. There were plenty of photo ops, especially for taxi shots.



There were 2 WWII AT-6 Trainers offering rides. One with “Spanish Lady” Nose Art and USAF markings was in especially good shape.



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The other in livery of a South African Air Force Harvard flew well too.



There were 3 Boeing/ Stearman PT-17's offering rides and doing some formation flying as well.



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A well restored Cessna 170 from 1948, with a registered owner in Downer's Grove, flew just fine. Its wing shape and strut pattern resemble the 140 Model which preceded it from Cessna.



A Howard DGA-11 from the 1930's, in the process of restoration, made an impressive static display. It is the last surviving example of the 4 that were built. Benny Howard evolved its design from the smaller "Mr. Mulligan" racing plane. Many of the similar DGA-15 type were built during WWII.



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A Sikorski Helicopter from a local charter firm made demonstration drops of water that it picked up from a local retention pond in a suspended basket. This early 1960's style chopper had its radial engine replaced by gas turbines.



Another smaller chopper was offering rides.



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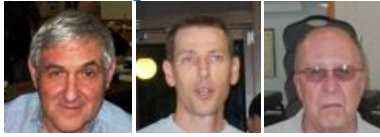


On the inside at the Prop Masters Display





Fun Fly Committee



2023 Calendar

Date	Event Type	Event Details	Notes
January 31 st .	Monthly Meeting	Annual points auction at the meeting	Spend your points!
February 28 th .	Monthly Meeting		
March 28 th .	Monthly Meeting	Prop Masters Snag-A-Deal Auction	Time to get rid of your extra stuff and buy more!
April 25 th .	Monthly Meeting		
May 30 th .	Monthly Meeting		
June 3 rd . & 4 th .	Special Event	Clow International Airport Cavalcade of Planes.	
June 17 th .	Fun Fly	Climb & Glide.	
June 27 th .	Monthly Meeting		
July 15 th .	Fun Fly	Washer drop.	
July 25 th .	Monthly Meeting		
August	Special Event	Contest with the Barnstormers, date and contest to be decided.	
August 29 th .	Monthly Meeting		
September 16 th .	Fun Fly	Qualification Day.	
September 26 th .	Monthly Meeting		
October 21 st .	Fun Fly	Wiffle Ball Touch & Go.	
October 31 st .	Monthly Meeting		
November 18 th .	Fun Fly	Prop Masters 500.	
November 28 th .	Monthly Meeting		
December 26 th .	Monthly Meeting		

Cancelled Fun Fly Events will not be re-scheduled.



Prop Masters Organization & Contact Information

Board of Directors/Officers

Position	Name	Email address
President	Mick Pfeifer	president@propmastersrc.org
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815-741-0043

HobbyTown USA - Orland
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Orland Park, IL 60462
708-349-8697

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Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday June 27th. at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.