



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

NOVEMBER 2023

Greeting to all of our membership, and hoping everyone had a good Thanksgiving Holiday!

I would like to open this letter with my own “THANKS” to all you for your participation and contributions to our club thus far this year. We have conducted meetings, fun flies, and other special events throughout the year, and our membership continues to grow whereas neighboring clubs seem to be stable or declining. Thank you again for your support.

Flying season is NOT over, however the weather will severely limit our opportunities. It might be a good idea at this time to prepare a “winter” plane for those occasional days where we might get a good day for it! Other things to do would be to prepare your list of winter projects. In our upcoming meeting, bring your list, as we will document this, and have a show and tell next Spring, and additional points will be given for those completed projects!

At this time, we are investigating field improvements for next year. One of the things on our list is safety bench repair. Others may be added as we see fit. We plan to submit a request for a grant from the AMA at the appropriate time, for partial reimbursement.

We have essentially completed our purchases for the Christmas Auction, which likely will be held in January. Any last minute requests should be made in our upcoming meeting for consideration, and also we will confirm the Auction date.

One final reminder: Our club Snag-A-Deal Auction is not so far away, in early March 2024. I would like to see more of our members bring some items for the Auction, as it is a good time to sell those things we do not use, or need any more. Identify and set those things and set them aside for Snag-A-Deal!

See you at the next meeting!

Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report October 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance October 1, 2023	\$1,341.88	\$4,012.90	\$5,354.78	
Income:				
Dues	40.00	80.00	120.00	Welcome Liam, Brian, Yan & Xioaxi!
Brand	10.00		10.00	Hat sale.
Total Income	50.00	80.00	130.00	
Total Cash Available	\$1,391.88	\$4,092.90	\$5,484.78	
Expenses:				
Year-End Auction	359.00		359.00	Do not open 'til the Auction!
Board Expenses	23.17		23.17	Website domain renewal.
Total Expenses	382.17		382.17	
Balance October 31, 2023	\$1,009.71	\$4,092.90	\$5,102.61	

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer

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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 – October 31, 2023

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 16 members in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided. The September 26 meeting minutes were approved as published in the October Newsletter. The October financial report was read and approved. Club members can start paying 2024 dues to Bill now.

Committee Reports:

Safety	Mike Pettinger: Flying season is slowing down. Make sure your car is prepared for winter weather. Ron Angle: Some DJI drones claim to be equipped with Remote ID but aren't legal because they don't have a certificate of compliance at this time. Mick Pfeifer: Watch for icy roads as we move into winter driving.
Forest Preserve	Tom Camp: We have told them we have a FRIA. They said that they will add some signage. They haven't responded to our request for a box, so we are thinking of going ahead and putting one out there anyway.
Publicity	Harlan Davis: Working on getting our "Snag-A-Deal" auction on the AMA calendar.
Raffle	Harlan Davis: Described items included in the night's raffle.
Newsletter	Ray Luchetti: Ok.
Website	Mike Pettinger: Ok.
Library	Bill Hickey: Ok. Let Bill know if you want to check anything out.
Instruction	Tom Camp: Regularly scheduled training done for the season.
Fun Fly	Nothing scheduled.
Nominations	Harlan Davis: Let me know if you have interest in any of the positions, including committee and board.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

- Mick Pfeifer: Some suggestions for the next Christmas auction.
 - brand items
 - LiFe receiver batteries
 - covering from Values (red, white, blue, cub yellow)
 - battery cell meters
 - servo testers
 - LiPo bags
 - adhesives, sandpaper, #11 blades, covering tools



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- electric power systems
- low-cost camera drone
- remote id modules
- CRCM Swap Meet Saturday 11/4
- Hobby Town has moved to Batavia.

New Members & Guests:

The club welcomed guest John Koltes, a drone pilot, and new members Yan Chen and Xiaoxi Lou.

Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

Multiple SAD nominees this month. Bill Hickey had engine failure on his Zeke just after takeoff, went into the ground inverted. Mick Pfeifer flew his Zephyr 007 with a bad battery connector that failed just after takeoff. He also took off with his Ford Flivver with the ailerons inverted. Dennis Grillo has rebuilt his Tower 40 three times. First time was a bad dead stick. Second was a cartwheel on takeoff. Flying successfully so far! SAD patch was awarded to Dennis.

Show and Tell:

Ron Angle DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise Edition. Includes 56X “hybrid” Zoom.

Pete Fales LED lighting demo. Bright LED strips that can be turned on and off.

Raffle:

Raffle presented by Harlan Davis. Included Uproar kit, ESC, 2200 LiPo battery, Aerobatics book, glue.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 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.

Club Newsletters are posted at the club
website: www.propmastersrc.org.



October 31st. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



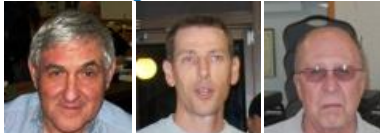
Ron Angle – DJI Mavic 3,
Enterprise Edition.



Pete Fales – LED lighting demo.



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 19 th .	Special Event	Contest with the Barnstormers, bean counter contest, August 19 th at our field.	Cancelled
August 26 th .	Monthly Meeting		
September 16 th .	Fun Fly	Qualification Day.	Postponed, to be rescheduled.
September 26 th .	Monthly Meeting		
October 7 th .	Special Event	Woodland Aero Modelers' annual swap meet.	
October 31 st	Monthly Meeting		
November 28 th	Monthly Meeting		
December 26 th .	Monthly Meeting		

Cancelled Fun Fly Events will not be re-scheduled.

2024 Calendar

Date	Event Type	Event Details	Notes
March	Special Event	Snag-A-Deal Auction	Date to be determined
June 1st & 2nd	Special Event	Clow Cavalcade of Flight	First weekend of June



Shots at the Field November 2023



My Ultra Stick in the perfect 60 degree November sunshine.



Shots at the Field

November 2023



Just looking for a snack.

Prop Masters

Aero Club



Prop Masters Organization & Contact Information

Board of Directors/Officers

Position	Name	Email address
President	Mick Pfeifer	president@propmastersrc.org
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Board/At Large	Harlan Davis	board@propmastersrc.org

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Tom Camp

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Joliet, IL 60435
815-741-0043

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Orland Park, IL 60462
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Strictly R/C
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Norridge, IL 60706
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HobbyTown USA
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Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday November 28th. 7:30PM at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.