



# PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

MARCH, 2024

Greetings fellow Members! Now that the flying season is almost upon us, just a few reminders to our membership:

1. Check your permit status, both from the Forest Preserve, and the FAA.
2. Make sure your club membership dues are current.
3. Make sure your AMA membership is current.
4. Do a pre-flight inspection of your aircraft or other flying machine. Check to make sure they all are airworthy. Safety First!
5. Cycle and check your batteries.
6. Check your transmitter, and do a range check if appropriate.
7. Check your fuel, tubing, fuel pump and starter motor.
8. Do a quick review of the Park District rules and regulations, and of the club safety guidelines.
9. Inventory your spare parts, such as glow plugs, props, wing fasteners and that the connectors are clean and in good working order.

Earlier this month, on March 19th, we conducted our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **SNAG-A-Deal** public auction. It was very successful, and we improved our revenue significantly compared to last year. Many thanks to the core team members who contributed so much time and effort to make this auction a success. Peter Fales, Dave Cairns, Randy Johnston, Tom Camp, and Dan Nosek all deserve a big “THANK YOU” and pat on the back for their time and effort, not only at the auction, but during the year collecting donations and storing them. Also, to Bill Hickey and Ray Luchetti who collected money at the door, and Arjav Jain, who helped a lot setting up, and feeding the auctioneer items during the event. And thanks to all of our members who were in attendance! A lot of points will be given to those who participated.

More details will be presented in our next meeting, March 26th.

Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer





# Financial Report

## Bill Hickey



### Financial Report February 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance February 1, 2024	\$905.42	\$4,147.90	\$5,053.32	
Income:				
Dues	120.00	50.00	170.00	35 paid members to-date.
Total Income	120.00	50.00	170.00	
Total Cash Available	\$1,025.42	\$4,197.90	\$5,223.32	
Expenses:				
Swap	64.80		64.80	Snag-A-Deal Flyers, auction items.
Board Expenses	215.00		215.00	2024 Club Charter & Insurance.
Total Expenses	279.80	-	279.80	
Balance February 29, 2024	\$745.62	\$4,197.90	\$4,943.52	

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer  
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[treasurer@propmastersrc.org](mailto:treasurer@propmastersrc.org)

### Dues are due

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. A copy of the membership form is included with this new

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](mailto: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 – February 27, 2024

#### **Opening:**

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 14 members and 3 guests were in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided. There was no meeting on January 30. The February financial report was read and approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Safety	Mike Pettinger: We happen to be under a Tornado watch now. A watch means weather conditions favor thunderstorms capable of producing tornadoes. Note that the tornado safety area in the church is the kitchen.  Dave had an issue where he disconnected the banana plugs from a charger while they were still connected to the battery. They came in contact with each other, and the resulting light show welded the plugs together. Coincidentally, he subsequently saw an article where someone suggested using a zip-tie to fasten a block of balsa between the plugs to prevent that from happening.
Forest Preserve	Tom Camp: No news this month.
Publicity	Harlan Davis: Nothing to report.
Raffle	Harlan Davis: Described items included in the night's raffle.
Newsletter	Ray Luchetti: Nothing to report.
Website	Mike Pettinger: All OK. Snag-A-Deal and latest newsletter added to the site.
Library	Bill Hickey: The library contents will be posted on Slack. (We need to re-post that periodically because our Slack subscription only lets us see content from the last 90 days)
Instruction	Tom Camp: Hoping to start the regular instruction program in April.
Fun Fly	Weather looks marginal for this Saturday, but we may try to do something if the weather permits. Several students are also interested in flying.

#### **Old Business:**

- Snag-A-Deal: Will be held on March 19 this year. We've expanded publicity and expecting (hope for?) a good turnout both for attendees and items to sell, so we will need to move quickly to get it all done.
- Benches: Jeff Cowan has come up with a design for replacement benches, including a ¼ scale model that we hope to show at a future meeting. Once approved, we plan to build four new benches for the east end of the field.



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### New Business:

Jack has been in contact with Ernie (Barnstormers). They were asking about having another event with the micro-Bird of Time gliders, and we encouraged him to pursue that.

### New Members & Guests:

Welcomed guests Carl Wacker, Pugal Velu, and his daughter Ohviya.

### Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

Nominees included Arjav's Dura-Plane (lost radio and flew into the ground at the east side of the field), and Pete's 4-star (lost sight of it by flying into the low sun, and then flipped due to high winds and flew into the ground). SAD patch was awarded to Arjav.

### Show and Tell:

- Dave Engel      Great Planes Super Aeromaster designed in 1966. Value Hobby covering works great!
- Mick Pfeifer      Advance 25e was a bargain from the FVAC swap meet. Dave Cairns helped with vinyl logos.
- Peter Fales      Tiny Swann Helicopter - looking for help with battery problem
- Chris Hopwood      Extreme Flight 60-inch Gamebird
- Tommy Camp      FW450 Helicopter with Gyro and GPS. Also 3d-printed exhaust cones for the 737 project.

### Raffle:

Raffle presented by Harlan Davis. Included a plane, socket set, books, and some glue.

### Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 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](mailto: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](http://www.propmastersrc.org).



# Shots at the Field

March 2024  
Dave Cairns



## Snag-A-Deal Auction March 19, 2024





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## Meeting Photos

February 27, 2024



Dave Engel – Great Planes  
Aeromaster built from a kit.



Mick Pfeifer – Advance 25e.



Peter Fales – Tiny Swann  
helicopter.

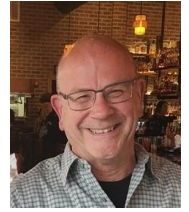


Chris Hopwood – Extreme Flight 60”  
Gamebird.



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Tom Camp – FW450 Helicopter.



Tom Camp – 3D printed Exhaust cone for 737 project.

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# Prop Masters Organization & Contact Information

## 2024 Calendar

Date	Event Type	Event Details	Notes
January 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Special Event	Polar Bear Fun Fly	
January 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Monthly Meeting	Annual Christmas/Points Auction.	
February 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Special Event	Pop-up Fun Fly	
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting		
March 19 <sup>th</sup> .	Special Event	Snag-A-Deal Auction	
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting		
June 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Special Event	Clow Cavalcade of Flight	First weekend of June





# Prop Masters Organization & Contact Information

## Board of Directors/Officers

Position	Name	Email address
President	Mick Pfeifer	president@propmastersrc.org
Vice President	Peter Fales	vice-president@propmastersrc.org
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Board/At Large	Esther Bourassa	board@propmastersrc.org
Board/At Large	Ray Luchetti	board@propmastersrc.org
Board/At Large	Harlan Davis	board@propmastersrc.org

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### **Fun Fly**

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Dan Nosek

Dennis Grillo

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Harlan Davis

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Harlan Davis

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Dave Cotton

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Mick Pfeifer

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Harlan Davis

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Mick Pfeifer

Ron Monsen

Mike Pettinger

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Mike Pettinger

### **Newsletter Editor**

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Ray Luchetti

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Tom Camp

Dave Engel

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815-439-1477

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2207 Plainfield Road  
Joliet, IL 60435  
815-741-0043

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

**Strictly R/C**  
7713 West Lawrence Avenue  
Norridge, IL 60706  
708-456-9100

**HobbyTown USA**  
341 N. Randal Rd.  
Batavia, IL 60510  
630-587-1256

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.