



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

MAY, 2023

Welcome to the month of May, Prop Master members! May includes Mother's Day, and Memorial Day, and warming temperatures. So, I hope all of you have enjoyed all three so far!

The Bird of Time event with the Barnstormers is proceeding nicely. A few of the birds have yet to be completed, but the Barnstormers held a preliminary event last week which was both enjoyable and helpful. The competitive event will be held in a few weeks from now, weather permitting of course.

Earlier this month, we had a Board Meeting at the church. One of the things we discussed was Fun Fly Events. We all agree that Jack McPherson is doing a great job, and he will continue to be the Fun Fly Chairman. We decided to emphasize this tradition even more and try to get a better turnout. You will see a few changes along the way, and a resurrection of some events that were favorites in the past, so stay tuned.

Also, training season has now officially begun. There is no change to the schedule as we will continue to offer training each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. However, we will also offer other specialized training, that will include pattern flying and aerobatics. So even if you just want to brush up on your skills, come on out and have some fun!

Hope to see every one of you at the field soon!

Your President,

Michael D. Pfeifer





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report April 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance April 1, 2023	\$1,582.15	\$3,908.86	\$5,491.01	
Income:				
Dues	80.00	50.00	130.00	Dues are due!
Total Income	80.00	50.00	130.00	
Total Cash Available	\$1,662.15	\$3,958.86	\$5,621.01	
Expenses:				
Swap	232.71		232.71	Church donation & dinner.
Board Expenses	309.41		309.41	Google/GoDaddy, badges, cards.
Total Expenses	542.12	-	542.12	
Balance April 30, 2023	\$1,120.03	\$3,958.86	\$5,078.89	

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer

treasurer@propmastersrc.org

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. The membership form is on the Prop Masters R/C Aero Club website and also included with this newsletter.

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 – April 25, 2023

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 15 members and 3 guests in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided. Mick reviewed the Snag A Deal auction. Thanks to the auction team (Mick Pfeifer, Peter Fales, Dave Cairns, Dan Nosek, Tom Camp, and Randy Johnston) and others involved for their efforts in making it such a success. The February 28 meeting minutes were approved as published in the April Newsletter. The April financial report was read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Safety	Mike Pettinger: Discussed first of season checks for required permits, model airworthiness, battery condition, airspace authority/approval, etc. Dave Cairns: Reminder of need to update emergency contact info at the field. Jeff Cowan: Provided a FRIA update.
Forest Preserve	Tom Camp: In process of reaching out to Forest Preserve to discuss a variety of needs at the field.
Publicity	No report.
Raffle	Harlan Davis: Described items included in the night's raffle.
Newsletter	Ray Luchetti: Doing well. Lots of great pics from Dave Cairns. Thanks Dave!!
Website	Mike Pettinger: All good.
Library	Bill Hickey: Reviewed content.
Instruction	Tom Camp: Will start training when weather stabilizes.
Fun Fly	Jack MacPherson: Monitoring weather for next opportunity. Next up is washer drop.

Old Business:

- Dave Engel: Reminded members that Forest Preserve does not allow model rocket launches at the Springbrook model aircraft field.

New Business:

- Tom Camp: Discussion underway with Clow airport manager to establish an agreement to co-exist with Springbrook Model Aircraft Field.

New Members & Guests:

Club welcomed guests Randy and Reed Hallum, and Musa O.

Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

Tom Camp lost radio contact with a plane shortly after take-off, even after performing a radio check prior to the flight. Plane was a total loss. Likely cause was a failed receiver.



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Show and Tell:

David Engel Curtis Robin, kit by Old School Model Works, GasP, orange/blue

Jack MacPherson Micro Bot glider, kit, yellow/red

Randy Johnston paper airplane, EP/RC kit

Mike Pettinger construction technique, homebuilt airfoil

Dave Cairns Dura Plane trainer by Great Planes, GP, OS .40, black/white

Ron Angel LIPO sack, and 360 degree LED

Mick Pfeifer OS .46 mounting jig, wooden, and battery powered mini-chainsaw

Raffle:

Raffle presented by Harlan Davis. Included Tower Hobbies Mini Uproar EP ARF, Edge 540 .46 size GP ARF, SkyRC iMax B6AC V2 balance charger/discharger, Stanley toolbox, Stanley plier set, wrench set, CA glue.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 30, 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.**



April 25th. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Ron Angel – LIPO sack & 360 degree LED.



Dave Caines – Dura Plane trainer.



Dave Engel – Curtis Robin, built from a Old School Model Works Kit.



Randy Johnston – Paper airplane kit.



April 25th. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Jack MacPherson – Micro Bot glider.



Mike Pettinger – Homebuilt airfoil.



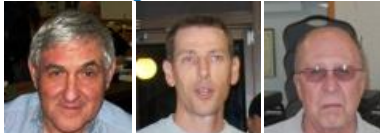
Mick Pfeifer – OS 46 mounting jig.



Mick Pfeifer – Battery powered mini chainsaw.



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 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

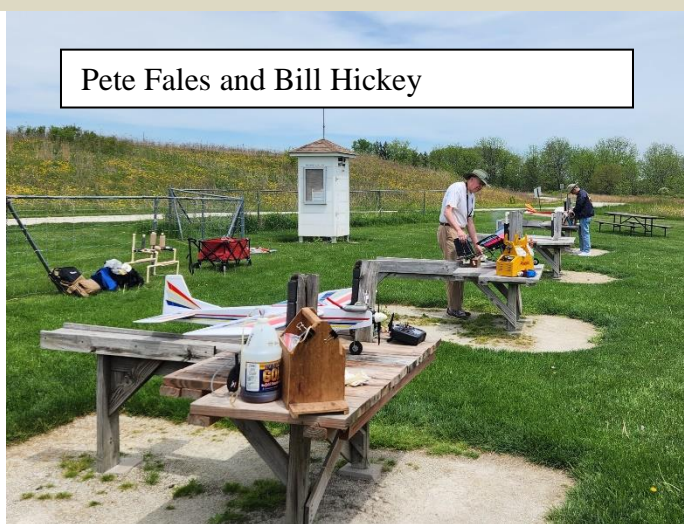


Shots at the Field

April/May 2023
Dave Cairns



Jeff Cowan and Four Star 40.



Pete Fales and Bill Hickey



Bill Hickey landing Alpha



Pete Fails loops Ultralite

Prop Masters



Jim Richmond Open

Joe Bartek



2023 Jim Richmond Open West Baden Springs Hotel, Indiana April 1-3

A world class contest for indoor free flight planes was held within a 300 mile drive of Naperville. There were 27 pilots competing in 10 classes that are described in the AMA rulebook. Wing spans ranged from 7 to 22 inches. Minimum airframe weights ranged from 1.5 to 7.5 grams.

www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/Indoor_Free_Flight_2022-2023.pdf

The flying site in the 200 foot diameter atrium, over 60 feet high, is ample for the 25 minute flights of the 22 inch wing span F1D planes, and is much more comfortable than the Salt Mine in Romania where the world championships for these planes was held last year. (March 2023 Model Aviation, p.18). There were 3 World Champion F1D fliers competing at West Baden. Results are available at <https://bongeagles.org/2023-jim-richmond-open-contest-results/>

Atrium of West Baden Springs Hotel



F1D plane climbing



There were easier to build and simpler to fly planes at the meet, like the P-18 which uses a commercial plastic prop and has a minimum air frame weight of 7.5 grams. Experts like John Kagan and Brett Sanborn can get them to fly for 3 or 4 minutes, and duffers like me can have fun with a 1 minute flight that reaches the rafters.

John Kagan's P-18 up high



Joe Bartek's P-18



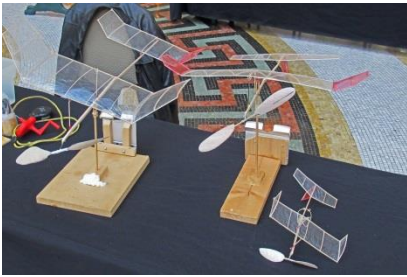


Jim Richmond Open

Joe Bartek



LPP, EZ B and MiniStick



Limited Penny Plane in Flight



The contest was arranged by Dave Lindley, who runs Indoor Free Flight Supply in Lisle and who was featured in an “I am the AMA” article in the March 2023 Model Aviation. Rey Mazzocco was Contest Director.

Prop Masters R/C 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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2207 Plainfield Road
Joliet, IL 60435
815-741-0043

HobbyTown USA - Orland
15551 South 94th Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-349-8697

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

HobbyTown USA – St. Charles
2061A Lincoln Highway (St Rte. 38)
St. Charles, IL 60174
630-587-1256

Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday May 30th. at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.

Prop Masters R/C Aero Club Membership Application

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

AMA #: _____

In addition to Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership, a valid DuPage Forest Preserve Permit and Federal UAS registration is needed to fly at the Springbrook Prairie Model Airplane Field. The Club will gladly explain and assist with these requirements.

Please Choose Between:

- Youth Membership (Age 1 to 21): \$15.00,
- Full Membership (Age 22 or Older): \$40.00, or
- Family Membership (Two or more living at the same residence): \$50.00

Additional Member Name(s): _____

Additional Member AMA #: _____

There are two ways to pay your dues:

1. via personal check payable to **Prop Masters R/C Aero Club**

Please mail check to Treasurer – Prop Masters R/C Aero Club
305 White Oak Drive
Naperville, IL 60540

2. or via **PayPal** payment to “treasurer@propmastersrc.org”

Please make PayPal payments as “Personal” (that is, no fees to Club) and also email your application form to treasurer@propmastersrc.org

DUES SHOULD BE PAID BY April 1st,

dues paid after October 1st carry over to following year.