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PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

SEPTEMBER 2023

Greetings to our membership, and a hearty welcome to fall weather. Fall generally offers some of the best flying weather of the year, not only with moderate temperature and light winds, but the colorful foliage offered by mother nature can often be spectacular! So, integrate all of this into your plans, and join us in the flying fun, and amazing views.

Fall also marks the beginning in earnest of the swap meet season. At least two have already happened, with a lot more on the horizon. Check out Slack, as most of them are posted there, and you can make plans to car pool to those meets that are a bit distant. Club officers often find bargains there on new items that fit well into our club Christmas Auction at the end of the year. So, it would be a good time for you to make your thoughts known regarding items you would like to see at our auction. Even a simple “more batteries, more tools, more building supplies” would be very helpful. Of course, specific requests would also be considered. Example: 3S and 4S batteries.

As we look back at our year thus far, we can be thankful for many things, especially our increase in membership, and our financial situation. We can and should be proud of this as some of our neighboring clubs are experiencing declining membership and revenue. This does not happen by accident! So, a big thank you for support and contributions, AND participation!

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that our FRIA application was approved earlier this month. This means that anyone flying at our field does NOT need a transponder. A big thank you to Jeff Cowan, Peter Fales, and Tom Camp for their efforts to make this happen so quickly!

See you at the field!

Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report August 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance August 1, 2023	\$1,331.88	\$3,957.90	\$5,289.78	
Income:				
Dues		55.00	55.00	Welcome, Darrell & Arjav!
Swap	30.00		30.00	Pile O'Stuff revenue so far.
Total Income	30.00	55.00	85.00	
Total Cash Available	\$1,361.88	\$4,012.90	\$5,374.78	
Expenses:				
Swap	20.00		20.00	Balsa Box.
Total Expenses	20.00	-	20.00	
Balance August 31, 2023	\$1,341.88	\$4,012.90	\$5,354.78	

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 – August 29, 2023

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 15 members in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided. The July 25 meeting minutes were approved as published in the July Newsletter. The July financial report was read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Safety	Good discussion regarding the need to fly from the flight stations and requiring those who fly FPV (first person view, i.e., with goggles) to have a spotter. Potential loss of FRIA (FAA-Recognized Identification Area) status is a very good reason not to just “look the other way”. Polite intervention was a recommended approach to those unaware of these rules, even offering to spot for an FPV flyer.
Forest Preserve	Tom Camp to request the Forest Preserve add a sign to fence opening near the shelters mentioning the need for permits to fly at the field, just like the sign at the east end of the field
Publicity	No discussion
Raffle	No raffle this month
Newsletter	Ray Luchetti discussed again the need to get back to publishing fun fly details in the newsletter, both descriptions of the events to come as well as outcomes from fun fly events
Website	All good, per Mike Pettinger
Library	No news
Instruction	Mick Pfeifer mentioned they could use a bit of help with instruction on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons
Fun Fly	Next fun fly scheduled for Saturday, September 16 - Qualification Day

Old Business:

- **Our field now has FRIA Status!** Special thanks to Jeff Cowan for processing our application.

New Business:

- A discussion was held regarding FRIA status for the Greene Valley slope-soaring site. Because there was no awareness of whether a FRIA for the site had already been applied for, it was agreed to defer the topic to a future meeting.

New Members & Guests:

The club welcomed Darrell Zeri and Arjav Jain as new members.



Meeting Minutes

Jeff Cowan



Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

Amazingly, there was no demolition of aircraft for the month of August!

Show and Tell:

Arjav Jain Foam board design that took all the washers in the impound stand to balance!

Arsh Saxena “Cessna 152 – like” foam board plane.

Raffle:

No raffle was held this month.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 26, 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.**



August 29th Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Arsh Saxena – Foam Cessna 152.

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August 29th Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Arjav Jain – Self designed plane constructed from foam board.



Shots at the Field

September 2023

Dave Cairns



Kirk Alvey's Extra 300.



Darrell and Kirk.



Ray Luchetti and Four Star 60.



Shots at the Field

September 2023

Dave Cairns



Dennis Grillo and Phoenix 2.



Dave Cairns flying his Ultra Stick.

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Aero Club



Fox Valley Aero Club Festival of Flight Joe Bartek



The Fox Valley Aero RC Club held their Festival of Flight on Sunday, September 10 this year and enjoyed good weather, with a high of 80 F and moderate winds. There were 2 Giant Scale aerobatic planes flown in fine 3D style by expert pilots, as well as some jets left over from the Fox Valley's Invitational Jet Tournament held just before the festival. The local gaggle of WWII Warbirds, 6 in all, put on a good show as well. The flight line was packed with more planes than could ever fly in one day. The Fox Valley Club made sure spectators were well fed, from an Italian Food Truck on the premises.

I took quite a few pictures and made up an Album on the Flickr photo publishing site:

[2023 Fox Valley Festival of Flight | Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/135667368@N08/albums/72177720311128713) =
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135667368@N08/albums/72177720311128713>

Some of those pictures are shown here:

Lazer Aerobatic plane



Lazer doing 3D maneuvers



1/3 Scale Sopwith Pup



Woodland Aero Modelers

End-Of-Season R/C Swap Meet!



Saturday, Oct 7, 2023, 8am to Noon, at Trinity Lutheran School, 11503 German Church Rd, Burr Ridge, IL, 60527. Entry is \$5, but *FREE* for kids 12 and under. Coffee, doughnuts and soda available. Fill out a door-prize form, for a chance to win a FREE brand-new R/C model as 1st prize!



The door prize will be drawn at 11:30, but there is no need to be present to win it! Note, we will also have a 50/50 cash raffle, which will be drawn at 11:00.

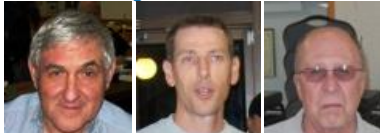
PLEASE NOTE THIS COVID CHANGE: Same as last year, we won't be using the Trinity school entrance foyer. **EVERYONE** must use the NORTH or SOUTH gym entrance to access our Swap Meet in the gym.

Vendors, for tables, please contact Ed Miller before Sept 30th, at 630-745-1102 or email edwjmillar@yahoo.com. Send checks, payable to Woodland Aero Modelers, to 2647 Newport Drive, Naperville, IL, 60565. Tables are \$12 before Sept 18 or \$15 payable at the door, subject to availability. The lower-level, rear doors will open for vendors at 7:00am. Table prices do not include the \$5 admission fee. AMA Sanction #8863. ADA-Compliant Entrance at vendor's door.

www.WoodlandAeroModelers.ORG



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 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.

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Prop Masters Organization & Contact Information

Board of Directors/Officers

Position	Name	Email address
President	Mick Pfeifer	president@propmastersrc.org
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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
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 September 26th. at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.