



# PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

OCTOBER 2023

Greetings everyone!

October is here, which brings us displays of spectacular foliage, creepy critters, along with a few top-quality flying days. Looking ahead, good flying days will be fewer and fewer, so be ready when we are blessed with one of them.

Maybe some of you are like me, and have a winter project tucked away in a far corner, just waiting to get your attention. I have three! Get organized get going!

As mentioned previously, we are in the process of purchasing items for our Club's Christmas Auction, which will likely be held at our January 2024 club meeting night. Please, any suggestions you may have will be considered, and your feedback is always helpful! Make your thoughts known to any club officer. We want to have items available that YOU would like to see. At this point, we are about 50% complete with our purchases.

A final word on safety: lawn chores this time of year can be strenuous, so work at a pace you can tolerate, wear gloves and safety glasses, and just be careful!

I am looking forward to seeing good attendance at our Halloween night club meeting! Wear a costume if you want!

Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer





# Financial Report

## Bill Hickey



### Financial Report September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance September 1, 2023	\$1,341.88	\$4,012.90	\$5,354.78	
Income:				
Total Income	-	-	-	
Total Cash Available	\$1,341.88	\$4,012.90	\$5,354.78	
Expenses:				
Total Expenses	-	-	-	
Balance September 30, 2023	\$1,341.88	\$4,012.90	\$5,354.78	

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer

305 White Oak Drive Naperville, Illinois 60540

[treasurer@propmastersrc.org](mailto:treasurer@propmastersrc.org)

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](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 – September 26, 2023

#### **Opening:**

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 19 members in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided. The August 29 meeting minutes were approved as published in the September Newsletter. The September financial report was read and approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Safety	Mike Pettinger: FAA delayed RID enforcement by 6 months. Ron Angle: Broadcast modules that are currently available typically have a 3-month order lead time. Plan accordingly.
Forest Preserve	Tom Camp: Will inform FP of FRIA status and request some type signage at field site, and maybe on website, to publicize FRIA status.
Publicity	No report.
Raffle	Harlan Davis: Described items included in the night's raffle.
Newsletter	Ray Luchetti: Ok.
Website	Mike Pettinger: Ok.
Library	Bill Hickey: "The World of Model Aircraft" newest addition to library.
Instruction	Tom Camp: Regularly scheduled training done for the season. We are still accepting special scheduling requests for training, pending weather and instructor availability.
Fun Fly	Bill Hickey reported the qualification day fun fly was unattended. Suggested we stop scheduling fun fly events due to apparent lack of interest—at least for a while. Discussion followed with a variety of comments, including an impromptu vote to go back to a fixed schedule, i.e., first Sunday following each meeting date with no makeup dates for bad weather. Board to review before next flying season.

#### **Old Business:**

None.

#### **New Business:**

- Mick Pfeifer: Some discussion around next Christmas auction.

#### **New Members & Guests:**

None.



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### Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

Mick Pfeifer crashed his Zepher. Hand launched, initial climb, then dove in. Possibly caused by in-flight battery disconnection. Peter Fales crashed his Chipmunk. Became uncontrollable after takeoff. Required some quad/camera reconnaissance to locate it. Possibly caused by unnoticed structural damage. Both Mick and Peter got a SAD patch for their stories.

### Show and Tell:

- Mick Pfeifer      Easy Star ARF EP plane by Multiplex, white/blue.  
Joe Bartek        P-30 free flight: Tail Firster 2+ rubber powered kit by BM Jr, orange/red.  
Randy Johnston   F-14 Tomcat RTF EP by E-Flite, gray.  
Peter Fales        EZ ID RID broadcast module by Flight Test.  
Jeff Cowan        Variety of antique gas and glow engines.

### Raffle:

Raffle presented by Harlan Davis. Included F4U Corsair plastic model kit, Tower Hobbies .75 glow engine, (2) 2200 LiPo batteries, "How to" books, glue.

### Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 Central St, Naperville IL.

#### Newsletter Contributions

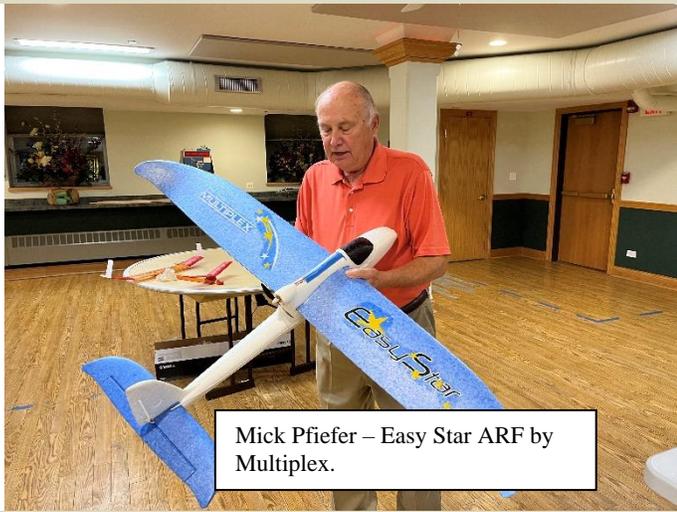
Send newsletter contributions to the  
Newsletter Editor at  
[editor@propmastersrc.org](mailto:editor@propmastersrc.org)

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



# September 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting Photos

## Ray Luchetti



Mick Pfiefer – Easy Star ARF by Multiplex.



Joe Bartek – P-30 free flight plane.



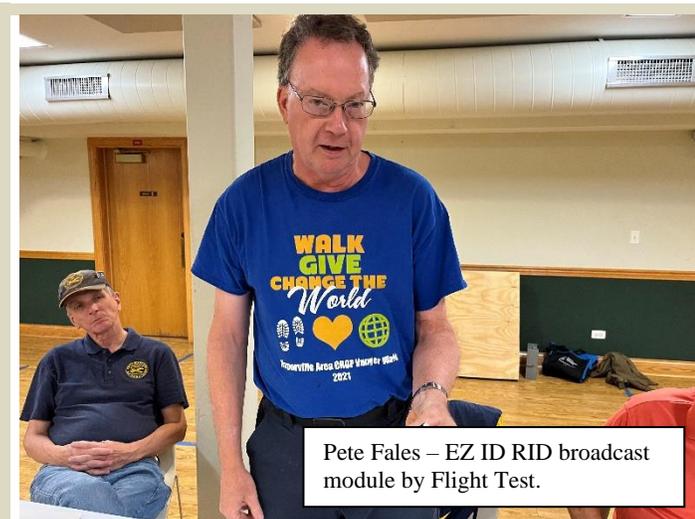
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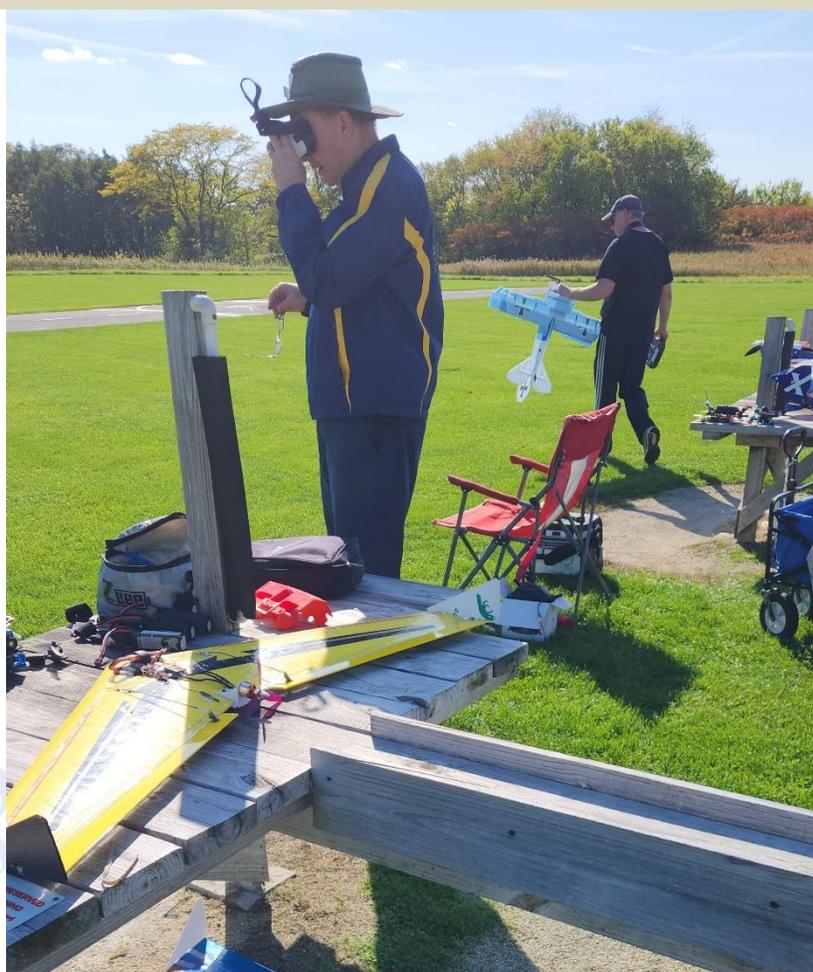


# Shots at the Field

October 2023  
Dave Cairns



Bill and Pete were flying Zagi's





# Shots at the Field

October 2023  
Dave Cairns



Scott flying FPV.



John (non-member) flying.



## St. Charles Hobby Town new location

Joe Bartek



**Joseph Bartek** <j.bartek@sbcglobal.net>

To: Luchetti, Ray

Sat, Oct 21 at 4:16 PM

Hi Ray

I see you have the new address for the Hobby Town USA in the Newsletter. I made an exact copy today.

[341 N Randall Rd, Batavia, IL 60510](#)

After some wandering, I found the place today. I wonder if you might want to put a note in the newsletter describing the location. Finding it by the number is bad. I used Bing to help with landmarks.

"Hobby Town USA recently moved a short distance from St. Charles to Batavia, south on Randall Road. It is located on the West side of Randall, South of Fabyan Parkway. It is between Hobby Lobby on the North and Kohl's to the South. The closest "Big Box" is Office Max. Menards is across Randall, on the East side of the road."

It is hard to see from Randall Road because of the setback. Best to look for the Hobby Lobby sign at the entrance to the plaza.

Good thing I looked at the website before I started out. I don't e-navigate in the car.

Enjoy

Joe

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## Fun Fly Committee



### 2023 Calendar

Date	Event Type	Event Details	Notes
January 31 <sup>st</sup> .	Monthly Meeting	Annual points auction at the meeting	<b>Spend your points!</b>
February 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Monthly Meeting		
March 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Monthly Meeting	Prop Masters Snag-A-Deal Auction	<b>Time to get rid of your extra stuff and buy more!</b>
April 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Monthly Meeting		
May 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Monthly Meeting		
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> . & 4 <sup>th</sup> .	Special Event	Clow International Airport Cavalcade of Planes.	
June 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Fun Fly	Climb & Glide.	
June 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Monthly Meeting		
July 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Fun Fly	Washer drop.	
July 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Monthly Meeting		
August 19 <sup>th</sup> .	Special Event	Contest with the Barnstormers, bean counter contest, August 19 <sup>th</sup> at our field.	<b>Cancelled</b>
August 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Monthly Meeting		
September 16 <sup>th</sup> .	Fun Fly	Qualification Day.	<b>Postponed, to be rescheduled.</b>
September 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Monthly Meeting		
October 7 <sup>th</sup> .	Special Event	Woodland Aero Modelers' annual swap meet.	
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Monthly Meeting		
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting		
December 26 <sup>th</sup> .	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
Vice President	Peter Fales	vice-president@propmastersrc.org
Treasurer	Bill Hickey	treasurer@propmastersrc.org
Secretary	Jeff Cowan	secretary@propmastersrc.org
Safety Officer	Mike Pettinger	safety@propmastersrc.org
Board/At Large	Tom Camp	board@propmastersrc.org
Board/At Large	Dave Engel	board@propmastersrc.org
Board/At Large	Esther Bourassa	board@propmastersrc.org
Board/At Large	Ray Luchetti	board@propmastersrc.org
Board/At Large	Harlan Davis	board@propmastersrc.org

## Committees:

### **Fun Fly**

**funfly@propmastersrc.org**

Jack Macpherson, Chairman

Dan Nosek

Dennis Grillo

### **Publicity**

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Harlan Davis

### **Nominating**

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Tom Camp, Chairman

Dave Cotton

### **Raffle**

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Harlan Davis, Chairman

Mick Pfeifer

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Harlan Davis

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Tom Camp, Chief Flight Instructor

Mick Pfeifer

Ron Monsen

Mike Pettinger

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Harlan Davis

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Bill Hickey

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Mike Pettinger

### **Newsletter Editor**

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Ray Luchetti

### **Air Show**

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Tom Camp

Dave Engel

Visit the Prop Masters R/C Club Web Site at <http://www.propmastersrc.org>

**Support your local Hobby Shop**

**Leisure Hours Hobbies**  
16300 South Lincoln Highway (US Rte. 30)  
Plainfield, IL 60568  
815-439-1477

**Walt's Hobby Shop**  
2207 Plainfield Road  
Joliet, IL 60435  
815-741-0043

**HobbyTown USA - Orland**  
15551 South 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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 October 31<sup>st</sup>. 7:30PM at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.