



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

MAY, 2024

May has finally arrived, along with promise of good weather and flying conditions! Hope everyone is as pleased as I am!

In the past month, we have been working with Dennis Miendersma regarding Prop Master presence at the Clow airport Cavalcade of Planes. Our area has been slightly downsized, but is in a better location within the hangar. This event will be held June 1 and 2 at Clow. Volunteers are needed to help staff our tables, so contact me, Tommy or Pete Fales if you would like to help.

After our last club meeting, we had a Board of Directors meeting at the church. There will be significant changes in training, and in personnel supporting club training, the nominating committee, fun fly program and others. This will be presented to the membership in our upcoming May club meeting.

Flight training is now in full swing. Anyone wishing to upgrade their skills, as well as new and prospective members, are encouraged to contact Peter Fales to make arrangements.

Also in May, we presented our donation from proceeds from the Snag-A-Deal Auction to the church. Also, we are planning to change the day of the 2025 Auction from a Tuesday night to a Saturday morning. Tentative date for the 2025 Auction is Saturday morning, March 29 at fellowship hall.

With the weather continuing to improve, I look forward to seeing everyone at the airfield soon! Its always exciting at the beginning of the year to see the new planes and equipment that our members have built, rebuilt, or otherwise procured during the winter months. Get ready for some maidens!

Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance April 1, 2024	\$1,836.93	\$4,277.90	\$6,114.83	
Income:				
Dues	80.00		80.00	42 paid members to-date.
Swap	162.00		162.00	Snag-A-Deal post-auction sales.
Total Income	242.00	-	242.00	
Total Cash Available	\$2,078.93	\$4,277.90	\$6,356.83	
Expenses:				
Field Maintenance		140.70	140.70	(5) Windsocks.
Swap	215.00		215.00	Snag-A-Deal Dinner & Donation.
Board Expenses	341.57		341.57	Go-Daddy renewal, & name tags.
Improvements		567.66	567.66	(4) New Starting Benches.
Total Expenses	556.57	708.36	1,264.93	
Balance April 30, 2024	\$1,522.36	\$3,569.54	\$5,091.90	

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer

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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 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 30, 2024

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 25 members and 1 guest were in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided. The March 26 meeting minutes were approved as published in the April Newsletter. The April financial report was read and approved.

Dennis Miendersma (EAA and Palos RC Club member) spoke to the club about Cavalcade of Planes event coming up June 1-2. Briefed club on some changes that could impact Prop Masters RC club participation at the event. Planning still ongoing with updates forthcoming.

Tom Camp made a brief announcement about his health and the need to pull back on his club responsibilities.

Committee Reports:

Safety	Mike Pettinger: Discussed need for sun protection and hydration at the field.
Forest Preserve	Tom Camp: Nothing new to report.
Publicity	Harlan Davis: Submitted promotional post to Next Door app. Already received several replies, one serious.
Raffle	Harlan Davis: Described items included in the night's raffle.
Newsletter	Ray Luchetti: Great newsletter this month with lots of contributions. Well received.
Website	Mike Pettinger: All good. Continuing to receive requests from the public.
Library	Bill Hickey: Library content list on Slack has been updated.
Instruction	Nothing to report. Will be a main topic of discussion in upcoming board meeting.
Fun Fly	Jack MacPherson/David Engel: Timed flight fun fly scheduled for Saturday 5/4 1:00 PM. Details will be provided in Slack.

Old Business:

- Safety Bench Replacement: The club thanked Darrell Zeri for building and installing 4 new safety benches at the field. Great work Darrell! Thanks also to Peter Fales for the 3D printed post caps installed on the benches.

New Business:

None.

New Members & Guests:

The club welcomed new members Matt Vosmik and Alex Dribinsky, and guest Dennis Miendersma.



Meeting Minutes

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Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

SAD patch awarded to Arjav Jain who recently put his Timber into a tree after control loss. Jim Mendygral also reported a mishap at Argonne Labs due to an apparent radio signal loss.

Show and Tell:

Darrell Zeri YS .61 glow engine with tuned pipe
Dave Engel F9F Cougar plane ARF by Freewing, EP, grey
Mick Pheifer VK control-line plane RTF by Brodak, GP (McCoy .29), white/red/blue
Peter Fales Bloody Baron foam plane built from plans by Flight Test, EP, white/black
Peter Fales e-timer for electric control-line, home built (ATTiny85)

Raffle:

Raffle presented by Harlan Davis. Included a Hitec 2x50 multi-charger, motor mount, 30A ESC, multi-tool, tubing bender set, yellow covering film, and CA glue.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 28, 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

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

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



April 30th. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Darrell Zeri – YS 61 Glow engine with tuned pipe.



Dave Engel – F9F Cougar by Freewing.



Mick Pheifer – VK Control line plane by Brodak.

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April 30th. Meeting Photos

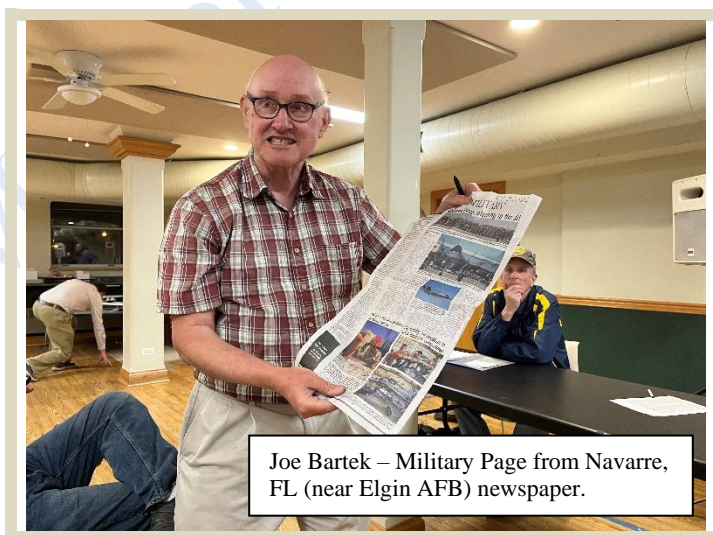
Ray Luchetti



.Peter Fales – Bloody Baron built from Flite Test plans.



Peter Fales – E timer for electric control line planes.



Joe Bartek – Military Page from Navarre, FL (near Elgin AFB) newspaper.



May 4th. Fun Fly Report

Timed Flight

Dave Engel



Report

The results for the timed flight fun fly are as follows:

Place	Pilot	Points
1 ST .	Jim Mendygral	60
2 ND .	Pete Fales	50
3 RD .	Dave Engel	40
4 TH .	Bill Hickey	30
5 TH .	Darrell Ziri	20
6 TH .	Dave Cairns	20

It was a very nice day and I enjoyed helping Jack out.

Dave Engel

Fun Fly Pictures by Dave Cairns





May 4th. Fun Fly Report

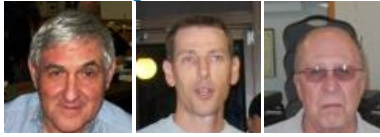
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Fun Fly Committee



2024 Calendar

Date	Event Type	Event Details	Notes
January 1 st .	Special Event	Polar Bear Fun Fly	
January 30 th .	Monthly Meeting	Annual Christmas/Points Auction.	
February 3 rd .	Special Event	Pop-up Fun Fly	
February 27 th	Monthly Meeting		
March 19 th .	Special Event	Snag-A-Deal Auction	
March 26 th .	Monthly Meeting		
April 30 th .	Monthly Meeting		
May 4 th .	Special Event	Timed flight Fun Fly	
May 28 th .	Monthly Meeting		
June 1st & 2nd	Special Event	Clow Cavalcade of Flight	First weekend of June

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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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Board/At Large	Ray Luchetti	board@propmastersrc.org
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Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday May 28th. at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.