



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

JULY 2024

This newsletter is dedicated to Tom Camp, club president 2017-21.

July 29, 1949 – July 27, 2024



Rest in peace Tommy, your legacy lives on, and our memories of you will last forever!

Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report June 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

| Description | Operating Fund | Field Fund | Total | Comments |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------|------------|---|
| Balance June 1, 2024 | \$1,511.36 | \$3,649.54 | \$5,160.90 | |
| Income: | | | | |
| Dues | 175.00 | 203.80 | 378.80 | 56 paid members to-date, back to pre-pandemic levels! |
| Brand | 10.00 | | 10.00 | Hat sale. |
| Total Income | 185.00 | 203.80 | 388.80 | |
| Total Cash Available | \$1,696.36 | \$3,853.34 | \$5,549.70 | |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Field Maintenance | | 15.70 | 15.70 | Hammer. |
| Board Expenses | 149.73 | | 149.73 | Name badges. |
| Total Expenses | 149.73 | 15.70 | 165.43 | |
| Balance June 30, 2024 | \$1,546.63 | \$3,837.64 | \$5,384.27 | |

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer

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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 – June 25, 2024

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 19 members and 1 guest were in attendance. Vice President Pete Fales presided. The May 28 meeting minutes were approved as published in the June Newsletter. The June financial report was read and approved.

Committee Reports:

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|-----------------|---|
| Safety | Mike Pettinger/Dave Cairns: We're reminded that Dave Cairns has stepped up to increase safety presence at the field as a backup to Mike. Dave led a discussion about unsafe operating practices of the public (non-members) at the field and what to do about it. |
| Forest Preserve | No report. |
| Publicity | Pete Fales: Reported on recent efforts of the club to assist a family around Father's Day to complete and maiden an RC plane built by their late father but never got to fly. The family was both emotional and elated to see it fly, and very appreciative to the club. Club planning on submitting the story to AMA District 6 for publishing in AMA Model Aviation magazine. |
| Raffle | No raffle. |
| Newsletter | Ray Luchetti: All good. |
| Website | Mike Pettinger: All good. Jeff Cowan reported the website is receiving high ratings from GoDaddy with respect to effectiveness and public activity on the site. |
| Library | Bill Hickey: Reviewed Antique Airfield magazine. |
| Instruction | Pete Fales: Flight training has begun. Currently engaged with half dozen students. Training coordination and instructor engagement practices are being reviewed and continue to evolve. New instructors still needed. Please contact Pete if you're interested. |
| Fun Fly | No fun fly this month. |

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

New Members & Guests:

The club welcomed guest and soon to be new member Shaan Manchinasetty.



Meeting Minutes

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Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

SAD patch awarded to Bill Hickey for losing control of his Turbulent, hitting fence and shelter before it stopped. Cause thought to be a servo failure. Dave Cairns also shared his experience attempting to fly his Easy Sport with a low receiver battery. Battery checked out fine before the flight. But after the mishap, he realized it checked too low under a load.

Show and Tell:

Darrell Zeri 540 Edge 48" RTF plane by Extreme Flight, EP, blue/yellow
Dan Nosek Kaos? Kit plane, GP, gray/yellow
Chris Hopwood Senior Telemaster ARF plane by Hobby Lobby (?), GP, white/red
Jeff Cowan XR-61T ARF plane by Precision Aerobatics, EP, red/white/blue, under construction
Joe Bartek R.O.G. free flight plane, Jetco plans, yellow/orange
Arjav Jain Prime foamy kit plane, EP
 UMX Turbo Timber RTF plane by E-Flight
Pete Fales servo monitor by goBILDA

Raffle:

No raffle.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 30, 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.



June 25th. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Darrell Zeri – 540 Edge 48”RTF.



Jeff Cowan – XR-61T by Precision Aerobatics.



Joe Bartek – ROG free flight plane.



Arjav Jain – Prime Foamy kit plane..

Prop Masters



June 25th. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Arjav Jain – UMX Turbo Timber.



Peter Fales – Servo monitor by goBILDA.



Chris Hopwood – Senior Telemaster.



Dan Nosek – Kaos? Kit plane.



Fox Valley Aero Club's Windy City Warbirds and Classics

Joe Bartek



I visited the Fox Valley Aero Club's field on Friday July 12, and they did a great job hosting the Warbirds and Classics Alliance. Weather was warm, but there were plenty fluids available. I thought the star of the show was the Hansa Brandenburg C.I. observation plane with 14 ft wingspan.



For more information about the service of this type in WWI and afterward, see:

[Hansa-Brandenburg C.I - Wikipedia](#) A copy of a painting of the prototype is available on:

[Jan J. Safarik: Air Aces Home Page; Poland - World War I - K. u. k. Luftfahrtruppen & K.u.k. Seeflugwesen \(safarikovi.org\)](#)



You can find more photos I took at the Warbirds show in the Flickr Album that I posted.

[2024 Fox Valley Windy City Warbirds and Classics | Flickr](#)



NOTAMs & TFRs

Dennis Miendersma

At the June Woodland Aero Modelers meeting, John Baderman brought up the subject of NOTAMs (Notice To Air Mission) & TFRs (Temporary Flight Restriction) so I did a little digging. To back up John, I was unable to find an FAA site to sign up. I checked with Clow EAA 461 Chapter president Chad Carlson; he gets TFRs from AOPA (Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association). So, I called the local Chicago FAA FSDO (Flight Standards District Office). They are unaware of a sign-up site. I then contacted AMA and was directed to voice-mail of Chrystal Pearson. Chrystal was out of the office. My return e-mail came from Holly Silvers. The following is from several e-mails.

My questions to Crystal with a reply from Holly: In light of the upcoming DNC Convention, I expect there will be TFRs. What are the criteria within AMA to receive NOTAMs & TFRs? Leader members, club president, CD, etc? Is there a site to sign up to receive them from AMA or FAA?

From Holly: "For TFRs, any AMA member that has an address listed within the area and radius of the TFR should receive an email from AMA Gov Affairs notifying them of any upcoming Presidential (VIP) TFRs/NOTAMs in their area. If you are not receiving these emails, make sure they are not being sent to a junk folder and be sure to add AMA to you 'safe senders' list." In addition from Holly: "Here is a link to the FAA TFR page for your reference - <https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.jsp>. AMA only sends emails out for VIP TFRs with a radius larger than 20 miles, or in special areas such as Wilmington and Rehoboth Beach, DE."

My question to Holly: What e-mail address should we put in our Contact 'Safe-sender' List?

From Holly: "You'll want to add amagov@modelaircraft.org to your safe sender list to receive all of our NOTAM communications. I'd also suggest adding clubs@modelaircraft.org, ama@modelaircraft.org, and ama-publications@modelaircraft.org to the list as well. Additionally, here is where I keep all current VIP NOTAMs listed on AMA's website - <https://www.modelaircraft.org/media-resources/faa-notams.>"

My question to Holly: Who can they contact to receive NOTAM & TFRs?

From Holly: "If they are not receiving them, they will need to contact me and I will get them added to the correct list."

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Dennis Miendersma



Shots at the Field

July 2024

Dave Cairns



Mick flies my EasySport



Bill, Dave & Bruce getting ready to fly.



Chris Hoekstra with his Saber (before).



My Easy Sport resting in a tree.



Shots at the Field

July 2024
Dave Cairns



Darrell's Funtana X



Chris's Saber (after).



Shots at the Field

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Dave Cairns



Alex Dribinsky



Jeff Cowan and grandson.



Pete Fales



Dave Engel



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 | Participation cancelled. |
| June 25 th . | Monthly Meeting | | |
| July 30 th | Monthly Meeting | | |

Prop Masters R/C



Prop Masters Organization & Contact Information

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| Position | Name | Email address |
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Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday July 30th 7:30 PM at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.