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PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

MARCH, 2025

Greetings fellow members! I hope this edition finds everyone happy, healthy, and clamoring to get those winter projects up and into the air!

The BIG NEWS this month is that our Annual Snag-A-Deal public auction will be held at the church this coming Saturday morning, March 29. Doors open to the public at 8:00 a.m., and the auction begins at 9 a.m. Anyone planning to make donations to the club table, either bring the items to our club meeting Tuesday evening, or make arrangements with an auction attendee to bring them. Also, you can just bring your items and sell them yourself! I'm looking forward to a better turnout this year, because we have changed the date from a Tuesday night to a Saturday morning.

As the flying season approaches, I'm publishing our annual reminders of things to do before your next flying day:

1. Check your permit status, both from the Forest Preserve, and the FAA.
2. Make sure your club membership dues are current.
3. Make sure your AMA membership is current.
4. Do a pre-flight inspection of your aircraft or other flying machine. Check to make sure its airworthy. Safety First!
5. Cycle and check your NiCad/NMH batteries, and inspect the battery and connectors on LiPo's
6. Check your transmitter, and do a range check at the field if appropriate.
7. Check your fuel for clarity. Check tubing, fuel pump and starter motor for functionality.
8. Do a quick review of the Park District rules and regulations, and also of the club safety guidelines.
9. Inventory your spare parts, such as glow plugs, props, wing fasteners and that the connectors are clean and in good working order.

Trust me, warmer days with calm wind conditions are just around the corner!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting Tuesday night!

Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report

February 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance February 1, 2025	\$1,286.00	\$3,741.32	\$5,027.32	
Income:				
Dues	120.00	-	120.00	38 members paid to date.
Brand	10.00		10.00	Sold a hat.
Total Income	130.00	-	130.00	
Total Cash Available	\$1,416.00	\$3,741.32	\$5,157.32	
Expenses:				
Swap	107.35		107.35	Snag-A-Deal flyers, tickets.
Board Expenses	215.00	43.08	258.08	AMA charter & insurance, badges.
Total Expenses	322.35	43.08	365.43	
Balance February 28, 2025	\$1,093.65	\$3,698.24	\$4,791.89	

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer

305 White Oak Drive Naperville, Illinois 60540

treasurer@propmastersrc.org

We Are Collecting Dues for 2025

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.



Meeting Minutes

Jeff Cowan



Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2025

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 29 members were in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided.

The January 28 meeting minutes were approved as published in the February Newsletter. The February financial report was read and approved.

Mick Pfeifer and Dave Cairnes gave an update on detailed planning for the upcoming Snag-a-Deal auction to be held at the church Saturday, March 29, 9:00 AM. Doors open at 8:00 AM. Volunteers to help requested. Presale of items will be discouraged and deemphasized this year.

Committee Reports:

Safety	Mike Pettinger: Continued discussion of safety equated to risk management, hazard management, mitigation strategy. We chose and focused on our first 2 hazards, visitors invited onto the field by club members, and moderate to strong crosswinds. It was a very engaging first attempt at the framework Mike introduced at our last full meeting in November.
Forest Preserve	Mick Pfeifer: Nothing to report.
Publicity	Mick Pfeifer: Snag-a-Deal flyers have been distributed to local hobby shops. Discussed the use of social media (e.g. Facebook) as another publicity method. Dave Cairnes to make a proposal for how this would work.
Raffle	Harlan Davis: Raffle in good shape for another 10-12 months. Previewed contents of this evening's raffle.
Newsletter	Ray Luchetti: OK.
Website	Mike Pettinger: OK.
Library	Bill Hickey: Nothing to report.
Instruction	Peter Fales: Training interest is already building. April-May likely start for training. Will no longer be committing to fixed training days. Rather, will schedule instructors with students upon request. Need more instructors.
Fun Fly	Jack McPherson: Dependent on weather. Will post opportunities on Slack as they arise, with as much notice as extended weather forecasts offer.
Picnic	Mick Pfeifer: Let's have one! Discussed and decided to have it at the field. Detailed planning forthcoming.

Old Business:

- Bill Hickey: Logoed club items for sale. See Bill if interested.



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New Business:

None.

New Members & Guests:

None. The largest member attendance (29) in years!

Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

None.

Show and Tell:

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| Bill Hickey | Hal deBolt Custom Live Wire Bipe kit, .60 glow powered, purple/gold. |
| Dave Engel | King Cobra kit by SIG, .60 glow powered, red/white/blue. |
| Darrell Zeri | SonicModell Baby AR, Wing Pro, EPP FPV, PNP kit, black. |
| Pete Fales | Freewing Rebel V2 70mm EDF Sport Jet, PNP, white/red. |
| Dave Cairns | customized field box for EP flying |
| Max Janda | 4-Star 60 plane kit by SIG, wing build. |
| Dan Nosek | Hobbico Trainer, .40 glow powered, donation to club. |

Raffle:

Slot Machine, OS .46 FX glow engine, prop spinners, servo extension cables, servos, Hobby Poxy, LiPo battery.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 Central St, Naperville IL.

Newsletter Contributions

Send newsletter contributions to the
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editor@propmastersrc.org

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

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February Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



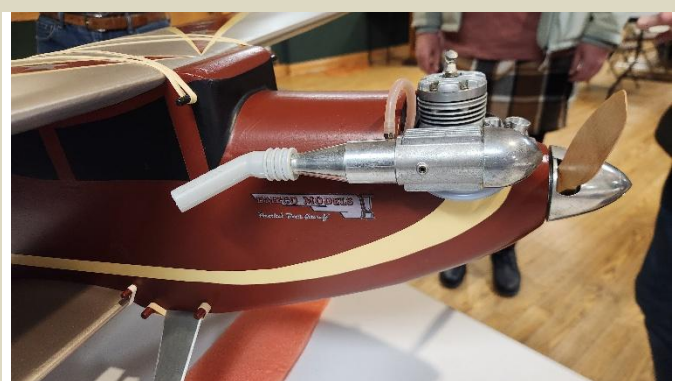
Photos by Dave Cairns



Dave Engel – 60 Glow powered King Cobra built from Sig kit.



Bill Hickey – Hal Debolt Live Wire biplane built from a kit.



Close up of Live Wire.



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Darrell Zari – Sonic Models Baby Wing Pro.



Dan Nosek – Hobbico Trainer 40 Glow powered.

Prop



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Freewing Rebel V2 70MM EDF.



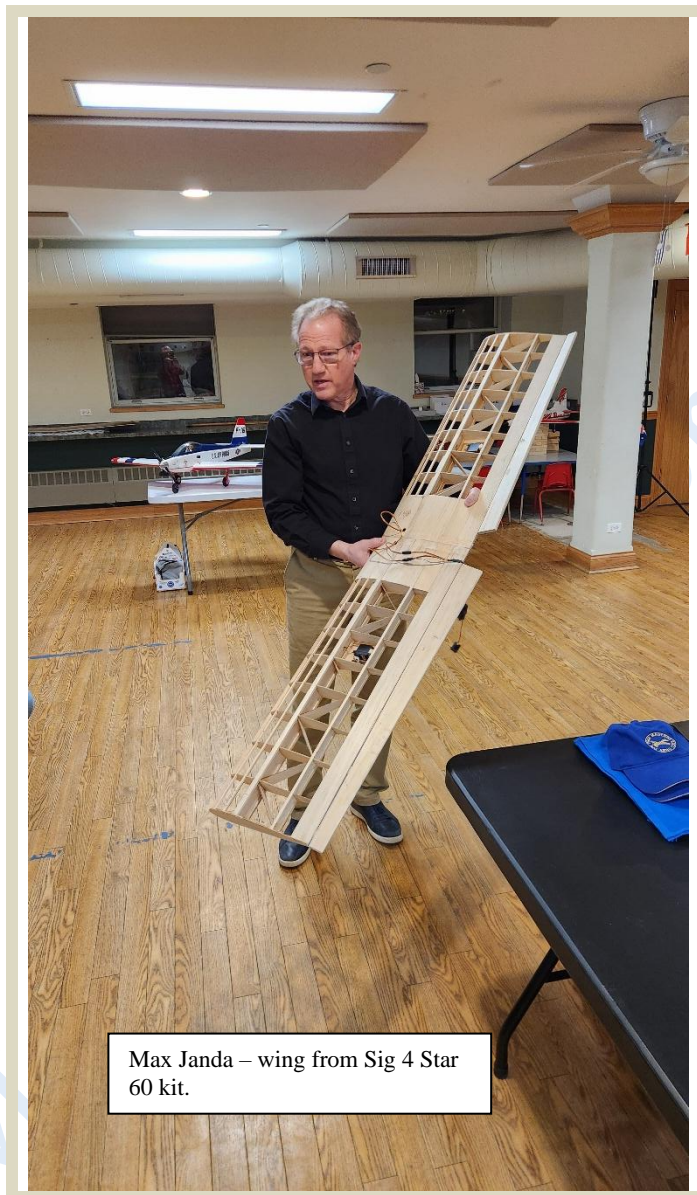
Dave Cairns – Customized field box.

Prop



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Max Janda – wing from Sig 4 Star 60 kit.

Prop Masters

RC Aero Club



Club Calendar

2025 Calendar

Date	Event Type	Event Details	Notes
January 28 th .	Monthly Meeting		Annual Christmas Auction at the meeting.
February 25 th .	Monthly Meeting		
March 25 th .	Monthly Meeting		
March 29 th .	Special Event	Snag-A-Deal Auction	
April 29 th .	Monthly Meeting		

Newsletter Contributions
Send newsletter contributions to the
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editor@propmastersrc.org

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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
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Board/At Large	Ray Luchetti	board@propmastersrc.org
Board/At Large	Harlan Davis	board@propmastersrc.org

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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
341 N. Randal Rd.
Batavia, IL 60510
630-587-1256

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

Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday March 25, 2025 at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.



Snag-a-Deal !

Prop Masters RC Auction

Saturday, March 29th

Join us for an exciting and fun evening...take this opportunity to clear out some of your RC surplus, or add RC items you might need or simply desire. While primarily about Model aircraft/drones and equipment, any RC related items are welcome.

Community United Methodist Church
20 N Center St.
Naperville, IL 60564

Use the Center Street entrance on the west side of the building.

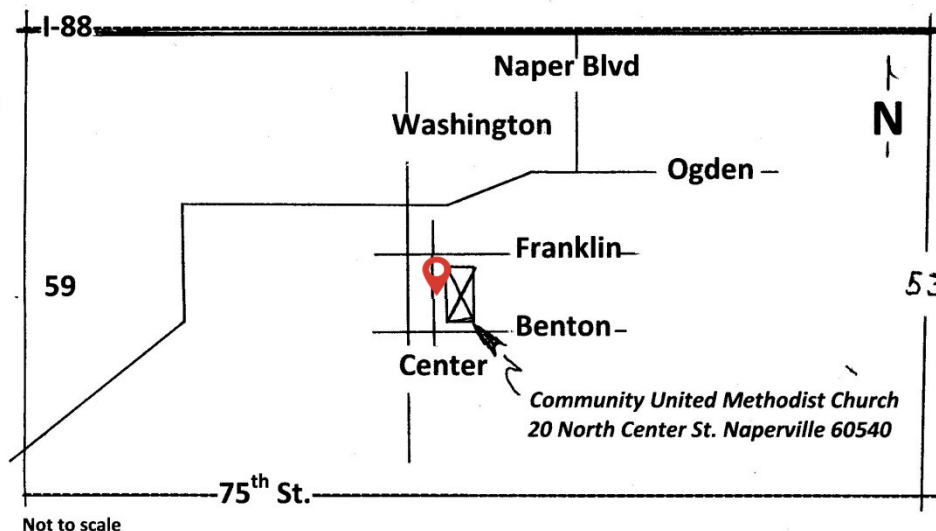
Doors will open at 8:00 AM, auction will start at 9:00 AM.

Buyers and sellers: \$5.00 entry fee. Children under 12 free. Sellers: \$1.00 for each of the first 15 items to be sold. The maximum a seller will pay for entry is \$20.00 no matter how many items you bring to auction.

Water, pop, coffee and light snacks will be available for purchase.

Visit our web site at <https://propmastersrc.org/auction> for the most up to date information, or email auction@propmastersrc.org.

You are responsible for protecting the value of your item. If the bidding price is not high enough, it is up to you to bid it up. All sales are final, and money exchanges are between the buyer and seller directly. All proceeds from the sale go to the seller. The club will not be handling the money for the transaction.



HOW DOES THE AUCTION WORK?

Both buyers and sellers pay \$5 to enter. (kids under 12 free).

Sellers pay an additional \$1 for each item up for auction, up to a maximum of \$20 including entry fee. Example: A seller brings 8 items for auction, total entry fee is \$13. A seller brings in 25 items, total entry fee is \$20.

Upon entry, Sellers are given a matching pair of tickets, similar to raffle tickets. The seller keeps 1 ticket, the other must be attached to the item up for auction.

The items are placed on a display table, and when sold, the buyer and the seller get together and when payment is completed, the seller gives the buyer the other ticket. The buyer then keeps both tickets, ready to display them upon leaving the premises. **BOTH TICKETS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE THE ITEM CAN BE REMOVED** from the premises. It is the responsibility of the buyer and the seller to get together as there is **NO PERCENTAGE OR ANY OTHER FEE** due to PropmastersRC club. Payment is a direct transaction between the buyer and the seller.

Prop Masters R/C Aero Club Membership Application

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

AMA #: _____
(required)

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 “Friends & Family” (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 the following year.