



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

JUNE 2025

Welcome to summer!

Flying weather is getting more and more unpredictable, however we have had a few good days already. Hope it gets better!



On June 7 and 8, Propmasters participated in the Clow airport Cavalcade of Planes. Both the weather and the attendance was good. We had a nice spot on hangar 3 and set up 3 flight simulators which were well received and utilized by the crowd. We also displayed about 5 RC model airplanes. To say the least, showing people how to fly on the simulator kept 2 or 3 of us very busy! This proved to be a good introduction to our club, and several people showed a sincere interest in joining our introductory Flight Assistance program. Many thanks to those members who participated, especially Max Janda who spearheaded this effort. Ron Monson, Pete Fales, Max and others contributed to the success of this event.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, June is National Safety Month. We can never say enough about SAFETY! Propmasters has had a sterling safety record throughout its existence, and one of our goals is to keep it that way! But how? Some basic keys to maintaining and even improving our safety record, are things like awareness, engagement, practicing and forming good safety habits, and especially, indoctrination of new members and visitors to our airfield. Safety in our hobby, and also in our everyday life, comes first and is a priority. So just a final reminder to everyone, make sure any and all new members and guests are indoctrinated into our safety culture. It only takes a few minutes, this should be one of our safety habits!

Lastly, it has been one year now since the passing of Tom Camp, not only a previous president, but also a treasured friend. Let's make sure to keep him and other members who have passed in our memory banks forever!

Your President,

Michael D. Pfeifer



Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report

5/01/2025 thru 5/31/2025

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance 03/01/2025	\$2095.28	\$3705.42	\$5800.70	
Income:				
Dues	80.00	133.80	213.80	49 members paid to date
Total Income	80.00	133.80	213.80	
Total Cash Available	\$2175.28	\$3839.22	\$6014.50	
Expenses:				
Field maintenance		(116.28)	(116.28)	Striping, and insect spray
Board Expenses	(98.00)		(98.00)	State charter & Google Drive
Total Expenses	(98.00)	(116.28)	(214.28)	
Balance 03/31/2025	\$2077.28	\$3722.94	\$5800.22	

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 –May 27, 2025

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 15 members and 2 guests were in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided.

The April 29 meeting minutes were approved as published in the May Newsletter. The May financial report was read and approved.

Max Janda and Dennis Miendersma (EAA and Palos RC Club member) briefed the club on club participation plans for upcoming Cavalcade of Planes event scheduled for June 7-8. Planning to be completed via Slack.

Committee Reports:

Safety	Mick Pfeifer: Lessons learned from falling from an unsecured ladder. He's OK! Bill Hickey: Raised concern and discussion about more frequent flight line incursions. Led to action item to get a write up mailed out and placed in the newsletter reminding our members of this danger and safety rules we should all be following and communicating to prevent incursions. Dave Cairns: Reminded everyone to send updates to the emergency contact list to Bill Hickey so he can keep this important document updated and available on Slack.
Forest Preserve	Mick Pfeifer: Keely Doran, our new FP liaison, has been in contact. Will be attending a future club meeting to get to know us.
Publicity	No report.
Raffle	Harlan Davis: Previewed contents of the evening's raffle.
Newsletter	Dave Cairns: All good. Have received comments from members. Keep the feedback coming!
Website	Jeff Cowan: All good.
Library	No report.
Instruction	Peter Fales: Really busy. With summer break coming up for our young students, we may be able to start doing some training during the week.
Fun Fly	Mick Pfeifer: With Jack MacPherson unavailable, discussed committee lead position.
Picnic	No report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.



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New Members & Guests:

Club welcomed guests Jason Beckman and Dennis Miendersma.

Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

Arjav Jain lost control and lost plane somewhere in SW corner of field. Jason Beckman had a couple mishaps, including a total loss due to losing orientation. Pete Fales had an orientation mishap with his EDF jet "test platform". Jason Beckman took home the SAD patch this month.

Show and Tell:

Mick Pfeifer K&B .40 glow engine, after cleanup. We saw the "before" condition last month.
Darrell Zeri YS 120 4-stroke glow engine. Acquired from a \$60 plane & engine auction purchase.
Peter Fales 3D printed insert for electric starter.
Bill Hickey Wankel engine mount. 3D printed Betty Boop doll figure for Big Corby plane.
Chris Hoekstra Electric motor test rig with power and thrust instrumentation.

Raffle:

60" Ugly Stik plane w/.40-45 size Magnum glow engine, tail wheel kit, glow fuel tank, 1.25" spinner, battery checker, 6" servo Y harness, glow starter, nut driver (glow plug), book (Morgan's Aviation Hall of Fame. Plane went to Jason Beckman.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 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.



Shots at the Field

Dave Cairns



May Show 'n Tell



Chris H. shows his engine test stand with wattmeter and thrust gauge.



Mick shows another restored engine.



Shots at the Field

Dave Cairns



Darrell shows an engine score from the Snag a Deal auction.



3D printing is booming. Pete show his battery mount and starter cone insert.



This pilot figure is large!



Bill's 3D printed and highly detailed painted Betty Boop pilot figure.



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Dave Cairns



Somebody managed to get a rare picture of Dave C. out from behind the camera.



Instruction continues to be well-attended. New members and students are keeping the trainers busy.





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Dave Cairns



Cavalcade of Planes

Prop Masters had a display at this years COP. A big Thank You to everyone who helped to organize, setup, attend, and tear down the event. The weather was great this year and lots of interest was shown in our hobby. The full scale planes weren't too shabby either!





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SAD Days

June saw many flights that ended with unplanned disassembly or damage.
We hope those that can be fixed will be back in the air soon.



Dave C.'s Ultra Stick found the trees after a high speed first flight on 4S.

Not sure of the story on this one.





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Bill salvages the good parts before recycling the remainder.



Dennis G lost this plane, which was recovered by Chris and Jason.



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Dave Cairns



Dave figures that a little tree trimming will make the flying safer for the next guy!



Recovered planes, two in one day. Only to be scooped up and never seen again 😞



Club Calendar

2025 Calendar

Date	Event Type	Event Details	Notes
Jan 28	Monthly Meeting		Annual Christmas Auction at the meeting.
Feb 25	Monthly Meeting		
March 25	Monthly Meeting		
March 29	Special Event	Snag-A-Deal Auction	
April 29	Monthly Meeting		
May 27	Monthly Meeting		
June 24	Monthly Meeting		
July 29	Monthly Meeting		

Newsletter Contributions

Send newsletter contributions to the Newsletter Editor at
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Visit the Prop Masters R/C Club Web Site at www.propmastersrc.org

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Position	Name	Email address
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Our Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

7:30pm at:

United Methodist Church
20 N Center St.
Naperville, IL 60540
In Fellowship Hall

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.