



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

DECEMBER, 2024



Wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!

Just a reminder of our next club meeting, Tuesday 1/28 at 7:30 PM. This meeting is our Christmas Celebration and Auction, the opportunity to spend all those club points you've been earning in 2024. As usual, we are meeting in Fellowship Hall at Community UMC, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL 60540.

Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report

November 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance November 1, 2024	\$998.94	\$3,646.32	\$4,645.26	
Income:				
Dues	280.00	55.00	335.00	Dues for 2025.
Total Income	280.00	55.00	335.00	
Total Cash Available	\$1,278.94	\$3,701.32	\$4,980.26	
Expenses:				
Year-End Auction	278.63		278.63	Don't open until 1/28/25.
Swap	20.00		20.00	Snag-A-Deal ad.
Total Expenses	298.63	-	298.63	
Balance November 30, 2024	\$980.31	\$3,701.32	\$4,681.63	

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 new

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 – November 26, 2024

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 17 members were in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided.

Mick raised the need for a single point of contact for the club's participation in Cavalcade of Planes event in 2025. Deferred to new business discussion later.

Decision made to cancel December meeting due to it being Christmas Eve. No meeting in December.

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

Committee Reports:

Safety	Mike Pettinger: Led discussion of safety equated to risk management, hazard management, mitigation strategy, and framework for ongoing safety discussion at future meetings.
Forest Preserve	Mick Pfeifer: Still no FP contact.
Publicity	Mick Pfeifer: Discussed 3/29/25 Snag-A-Deal promotion.
Raffle	No raffle.
Newsletter	Ray Luchetti: OK.
Website	Mike Pettinger: OK.
Instruction	Peter Fales: Training is done for the season.

Old Business:

- Bill Hickey: 2025-year club dues are now due.

New Business:

- Mick Pfeifer: Donations needed for upcoming Snag-A-Deal auction.
- Mick Pfeifer: Discussed building plans for winter. Will create a new channel on Slack to track these new projects. Will review progress in the spring.
- Bill Hickey: A new option for an online sales site for club swag has been found. Discussed. Members liked the idea of pursuing it further. Bill will provide an update on progress.

New Members & Guests:

None.

Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

None.



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Show and Tell:

- Dan Nosek biplane (unknown make/model), .40 GP, blue/yellow
- Darrell Zeri F4U Corsair 60" ARF plane by Top Flight, 1.20 4-stroke GP, blue/yellow
- Peter Fales electronics: LED strip lights/controller from a Night Radian plane
- Alex Dribinsky DeHavilland DH-89 Dragon Rapide 42" plane kit by Dumas Aircraft, EP
- Mick Pfeifer .40 GP engine disassembly demonstration

Raffle:

No raffle.

Closing:

The next meeting (end-of-year/Christmas auction) will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 Central St, Naperville IL. No meeting in December.

Newsletter Contributions

Send newsletter contributions to the
Newsletter Editor at
editor@propmastersrc.org

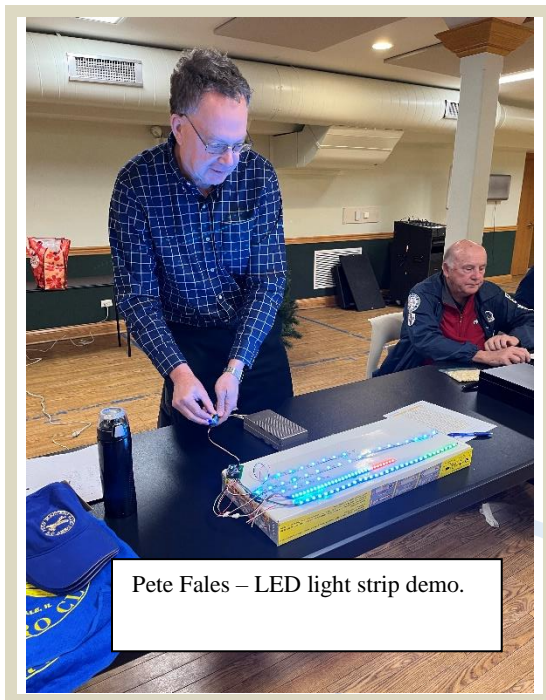
The deadline for submissions is the second
Tuesday of the month.

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



November Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Pete Fales – LED light strip demo.



Dan Nosek – Bi Plane, 40 size glow.



Darrell Zeri – F4U Corsair, Top Flight kit.



November Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



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Club



Alex Dribinsky – DeHavilland
DH-89 Dragon Rapide.



Mick Pfeifer – 40GP engine
disassembly demo.

Prop Masters



Shots & Safety at the Field

December, 2024

Dave Cairns



December???



Safety at the field.

Safety should always be on our minds, and in our actions at the field. The following is borrowed from the R/C Modeler Magazine Flight Training Course, and adjusted for today's equipment.

Here are some DOs and DON'Ts you should follow when operating your models.

- DO ensure that your batteries are fully charged for the flights you will be making, including the transmitter, receiver pack, and flight batteries.
- DO perform range checks on new models.
- DO turn on your transmitter first before powering the plane.
- DO check proper control surface operations before every flight.
- DO ask for help from an experienced flyer if you are a beginner, or feel unsure of an action you plan to take.
- DO clear the field quickly after landing so any other flyers can safely access the field, if needed.
- DO stay clear of the areas to the front and sides of a spinning propeller. Failed propellers can travel in unexpected directions.
- DO announce your intentions, such as TAKING OFF, LANDING, ON THE FIELD, DEAD STICK, etc. so that others in the area are aware of your movements.
- DO fly the pattern approach for landing. Join the pattern safely to avoid cutting off any other planes.
- DO takeoff and land in the same direction as the pattern flyers.
- DO fly aerobatics in a safe airspace outside of the pattern if other planes are in the air.

- DO NOT taxi onto the runway if another plane is on approach or low pass.
- DO NOT fly over people, the pits, or behind the flight line. If you do, call out HEADS UP so others can be alerted to your situation.
- DO NOT abuse the AMA or Forest Preserve safety rules as posted at the field.

The majority of these suggestions are common knowledge and common sense, but it never hurts us to get reminded of some of the basics of safety around our hobby. Safety begins with YOU!

Dave Cairns



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 25 th	Monthly Meeting		
May 28 th	Special Event	Timed flight Fun Fly	
June 1st & 2nd	Special Event	Clow Cavalcade of Flight	Participation cancelled.
July 30 th	Monthly Meeting		
August 27 th	Monthly Meeting		
September 14 th .	Fun Fly	Bring anything you fly and impress the judges. From 11am to 2pm.	
October 20 th .	Special Event	Celebration of life for Tom Camp at the field.	
November 26 th .	Monthly Meeting		
December 31st	Monthly Meeting		Meeting falls on Holiday and has been cancelled.

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	



Prop Masters Organization & Contact Information

Board of Directors/Officers

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Orland Park, IL 60462
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Norridge, IL 60706
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Batavia, IL 60510
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Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday January 28, 2025 at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE MEETING