



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

OCTOBER, 2024

The Prop Masters held a Celebration of Life in honor of Tom Camp at our field on October 20, 2024. The event was very well attended and included Tommy's wife Patti and many other family members, co-workers, and friends. It was a great tribute to Tommy.

Central to our gathering was Tommy's scale model of a Boeing 737 AL37 which he was not able to finish building but had requested that the club take on and complete his project. Darrell Zeri completed assembly of the aircraft making sure it was airworthy and had several successful test flights. We had planned to fly the airplane on Sunday but that was cancelled due to very strong cross winds at the field that day.

Tommy was a great friend to us all, always willing to help and had spent countless hours instructing new members to fly. He will be missed by us all. Below are some pictures taken at Tommy's Day of remembrance.





President's Letter Continued





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Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report September 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance September 1, 2024	\$1,464.07	\$3,506.32	\$4,970.39	
Income:				
Dues		50.00	50.00	60 paid members to-date.
Swap	90.00		90.00	Transmitter, Tiger Moth.
Brand	20.00		20.00	Hat sales.
Total Income	110.00	50.00	160.00	
Total Cash Available	\$1,574.07	\$3,556.32	\$5,130.39	
Expenses:				
None				
Total Expenses	-	-	-	
Balance September 30, 2024	\$1,574.07	\$3,556.32	\$5,130.39	

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 – September 24, 2024

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 16 members, 4 new members, and 1 guest were in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided.

Mick raised attention to the monthly raffle needing more participation to balance the costs. Harlan gave a summary of how it is managed and funded.

The August 27 meeting minutes were approved as published in the September Newsletter. The September financial report was read and approved. Bill Hickey summarized effort to get club members to full AMA membership compliance. Mick Pfeifer discussed potential schedule for Tom Camp Honor Flight. Between 10/13 and 10/20 options, 10/13 seemed to be preferred.

Committee Reports:

Safety	Mike Pettinger/Dave Cairns: Discussed safe uses buddy box cords, neck straps, etc. While training, be aware of who has the controls for the aircraft being carried onto the field. Also discussed recent mid-air collision involving Chris Hoekstra's plane and a non-member's quadcopter.
Forest Preserve	No report.
Publicity	Harlan Davis: Gary Hymes (VP, District 6) received our recent contribution. Due to size and timing, Gary planning to publish in January.
Raffle	Harlan Davis: Reviewed raffle contents which included Lucky Stik plane (.35-.45) kit by ModelTech, book, battery checker, 10x6 props, canopy glue, Easy Tote by Tower Hobbies.
Newsletter	No report.
Website	Mike Pettinger: All good.
Library	Bill Hickey: Decision made to distribute library to interested members. Will keep simulators, passing along to instructors to manage.
Instruction	Pete Fales: Been very busy. 6+ students still engaged.
Fun Fly	Dave Engle: Will try to schedule a pop-up novelty fun fly as weather permits. Fly anything in whatever manner you think can impress the judges.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.



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New Members & Guests:

The club welcomed new members Tilly Broadfield, Emily Cahill, Ron Johnson, Doug Carroll; and guest Kirk Alvey.

Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

A SAD patch was awarded to Chris Hoekstra for an unplanned mid-air collision between his plane and a quadcopter. The plane was downed, while the quadcopter was still able to fly.

Show and Tell:

Mick Pfiefer	VMAX .46 engine.
Darrell Zeri	TwinLiner Twin 40mm EDF jet PNP by XFly Model, EP, white/red
Bill Hickey	Fokker Triplane kit by Gillows, red
Pete Fales	flying wing, home built, EP, blue
Chris Hoekstra	Quik-Ray 500 by Aamco, EP, plan built, red/white
Dave Cairns	U-Can-Do 3D plane by Great Planes ElectriFly, EP, white/red/blue
Chris Hopwood	GoldPower X40 flying wing, EP, orange/blue

Raffle:

Chris Hoekstra took the Lucky Stik, gave to Tilly.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 29, 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.



September 24th. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Photos taken by Dave Cairns



Mick Pfiefer – Vmax 46 engine.



Darrell Zeri – Twinliner EDP jet.



Bill Hickey – Fokker Triplane.



Pete Fales – Flying wing.



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Ray Luchetti



Chris Hoekstra – Quick-Ray 500.



Dave Cairns – U can Do 3d plane by Great Planes.



Chris Hopwood – Gold power flying wing.



2024 Club 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 1 st & 2 nd	Special Event	Clow Cavalcade of Flight	Participation cancelled.
June 25 th .	Monthly Meeting		
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.	Cancelled
September 24 th .	Monthly Meeting		
October 20 th	Special Event	Celebration of life for Tom Camp at the field.	
October 29 th .	Monthly Meeting		



Shots at the Field

October 2024

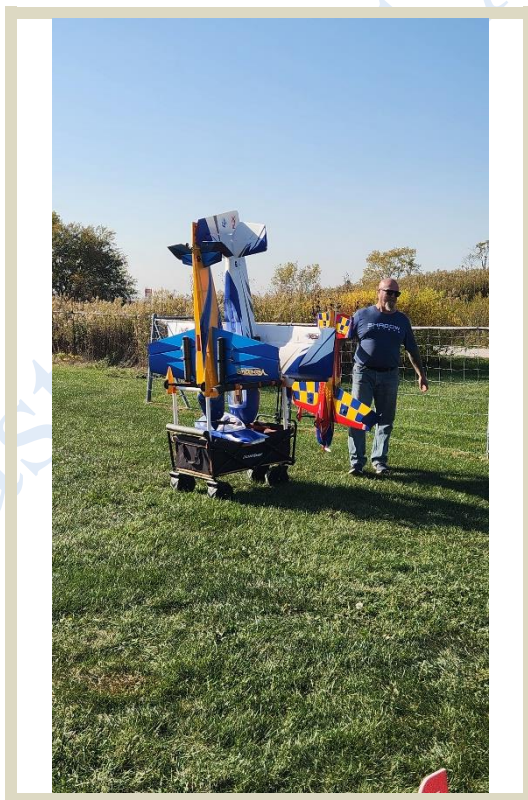
Dave Cairns





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Orland Park, IL 60462
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Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday October 29th. 7:30 PM at the
United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville
IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.