



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

APRIL 2025

Presidents Letter

The flying season now begins in earnest! We had a few good flying days already, and the training program is in full swing as well, as we had 7 or 8 guests/students show up on one of the better flying days in March. Pete Fales is doing a fantastic job of planning, scheduling, and implementation of our Introductory Flight Program, which is one of our cornerstones.



The big news for now is that our club sponsored Snag-A-Deal auction was held on March 29. If you recall, our turnout last year was minimal, so we decided to change the venue from a Tuesday night to a Saturday morning. This decision proved to be a good one, as attendance was significantly improved, as was bottom line revenue. Our auction also attracted many more sellers than in the previous years. Some came from as far away as Rockford.

One unfortunate event did happen after the auction was completed. We will fill you in on all of the auction results and action items at our club meeting on next Tuesday night.

So finish up your winter projects, and put them on display at the flying field. Also, give us a briefing on your projects at next meetings Show and Tell!

Our club remains growing and active! One of the keys to our success is membership participation, which remains at a high level, so THANK YOU TO ALL for your participation in club events, meetings, training, competitions, and flying at the field. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer



Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report

3/01/2025 thru 3/31/2025

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance March 1, 2025	\$1,093.65	\$3,698.24	\$4,791.89	
Income:				
Dues	80.00	15.00	120.00	41 members paid to date
Auction Event	1,526.00		1,526.00	Snag-A-Deal total cash
Total Income	1,606.00	15.00	1,621.00	
Total Cash Available	\$2,699.65	\$3,713.24	\$6,412.89	
Expenses:				
Swap	(200)		(200)	Snag-A-Deal initial cash
Brand Items	(76.39)		(76.29)	AMA charter & insurance, member badges
Board Expenses		(7.82)		Postage - badges
Total Expenses	(276.29)	(7.82)	(284.11)	
Balance 03/31/2025	\$2,423.36	\$3,705.42	\$6,128.78	

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

By Jeff Cowan



Meeting Minutes –March 25, 2025

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 25 members were in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided.

The February 25 meeting minutes were approved as published in the March Newsletter. The March financial report was read and approved. Discussed potential field fund use.

Mick Pfeifer reviewed final plans for the upcoming Snag-a-Deal auction.

Committee Reports:

Safety	Mike Pettinger: Continued discussion of safety equated to risk management, hazard management, and mitigation strategy. Used benches and picnic tables as risks on the field as example.
Forest Preserve	Mick Pfeifer: Nothing to report.
Publicity	No report.
Raffle	Harlan Davis: Previewed contents of the evening's raffle.
Newsletter	Ray Luchetti: Ray passing newsletter editor role to Dave Cairns going forward.
Website	Mike Pettinger: OK.
Library	No report.
Instruction	Peter Fales: Already receiving requests for training. Still waiting for weather.
Fun Fly	Jack McPherson: Still waiting on weather.
Picnic	Mick Pfeifer: Mike Pettinger accepted role of chairperson to plan event.

Old Business:

Dave Cairns: Asked about status of Cavalcade of Planes. Max Janda identified as lead.
Max was not present.

New Business:

None.

New Members & Guests:

None.

Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

None.



Meeting Minutes

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Show and Tell:

Bill Hickey	Razor planes (woodworking tools)
Chris Hopwood	Goosky Legend S1 helicopter, EP, pink/black
Dave Engel	Old School Model Works Comet delta wing kit plane, GP .35, burgundy/white
Pete Fales	Value Hobby Easy Stik used as an INAV flight controller test platform
Jeff Cowan	Hanger 9 Ultra Stick 60" ARF plane, GP .82 4-cycle, white/orange
Darrell Zeri	Shrike plane rebuild, .40 GP to EP conversion, red/white/blue
Dave Cairns	Comet kit, Aeronca Chief, rubber powered

Raffle:

40" Hobby Lobby Miss Stik Junior plane kit, E-flite Blade MCX BNF helicopter, prop balancer, servo extension leads, RTV glue, sealing iron, glow starter.

Closing:

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



Meeting Photos

Dave Cairns



Show 'n Tell



Darrell Z. – Shrike restoration & conversion to electric



Chris H. – Goosky S1 heli



Bill H. – wood plane tools



Dave E. – OSMW Comet with .35 engine



Meeting Photos

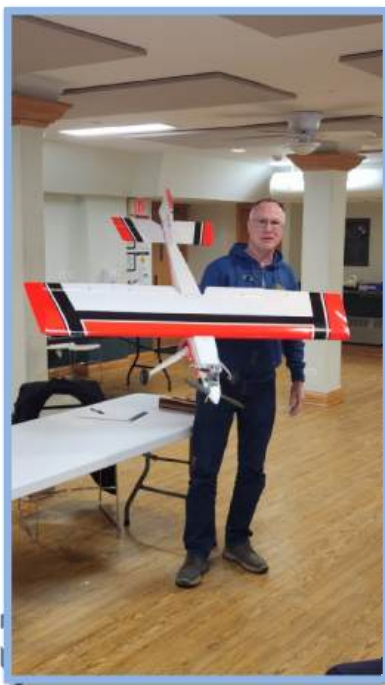
Dave Cairns



Dave C. – Comet Aeronca Chief kit



Pete F. – Easy Stick with INAV system



Jeff C. – Hangar9 Ultra Stick with .82 4S engine



Shots at the Field

March, 2025

Dave Cairns



Spring has Sprung and the flying is good. Get your planes, helis, and drones cleaned up and join the fun at the field. We'll look for you out there. Happy Landings!





Snag-A-Deal Auction

Dave Cairns



Getting donations from Mick's house.
Another sunny day to get this prep work
accomplished.



Auction Day. Lots to chose from!



Snag-A-Deal Auction

Dave Cairns





Snag-A-Deal Auction

Dave Cairns



Your Auction Team - Dave, Dan, Randy, Mick, Pete, & Darrell.
A big THANK YOU to all of the helpers from start to finish.
We couldn't do it without your help.



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		

Newsletter Contributions

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

The deadline for submissions is the second Tuesday of the month. Past Club Newsletters are posted at the club website: www.propmastersrc.org



Prop Masters Organization & Contact Information

Board of Directors/Officers

Position	Name	Email address
President	Mick Pfeifer	president@propmastersrc.org
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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:

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 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.