



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

FEBRUARY 2026

President's Message



February 2026 Newsletter

Greetings everyone! February is American Heart Month, so let's all do our part to keep the ticker strong and healthy, so that we can keep happy and flying together without interruption!

February also means yearly swap meets are in full swing now. Fox Valley already had theirs, and there were a lot of good bargains to be had. Attendance seemed to be a bit more than last year. It's also a lot of FUN to attend as well. Going to a swap meet is a good way to keep in touch with neighboring clubs members, and also see what's new in our hobby.

In keeping with this, our own Snag-A-Deal public auction is right around the corner on March 28. If you have not already set aside items you want to get rid of, do it now! Notifications by email and Slack have been posted, so get in gear and get connected. We need everyone to chip in to make sure our 4th annual auction is as successful as they have been in the past. I need not remind you that this auction is a major contributor to our clubs treasury!

Additionally, we will need some volunteers to assist in setup and execution of this event, so make your availability know to us, and we will be happy to have your help!

I look forward to seeing all of your in our next meeting on Tuesday night, February 24 at the church.

Your President,

Michael D. Pfeifer



Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report

12/01/2025 thru 12/31/2025

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance 01/01/2026	\$1,011.26	\$3,565.13	\$4,576.39	
Income:				
Dues	415.00		415.00	2026 Dues-30 members paid YTD
Total Income	415.00	-	415.00	
Total Cash Available	\$1,426.26	\$3,565.13	\$4,991.39	
Expenses:				
Board Expense	(220.00)		(220.00)	AMA Charter & Insurance
Total Expenses	(220.00)		(220.00)	
Balance 12/31/2025	\$1,206.26	\$3,565.13	\$4,771.39	

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer 305 White Oak Drive Naperville, Illinois 60540

treasurer@propmastersrc.org

We Are Collecting Dues for 2026

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.



Photos

Dave Cairns



BUILDERS CORNER

Keeping busy inside during the winter season.

Dave Engel covering and metal working toward completion





Photos

Dave Cairns



Bill overhauls an engine and bench testing it



Prop Masters

hub



Photos Dave Cairns



Swap Meet Finds



Flight Instruction added an electric trainer to the Club Hangar.





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Indoor Flying at The Yard





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Field Photos



This Goosky RS7 Ultra heli barely fits on the picnic table!





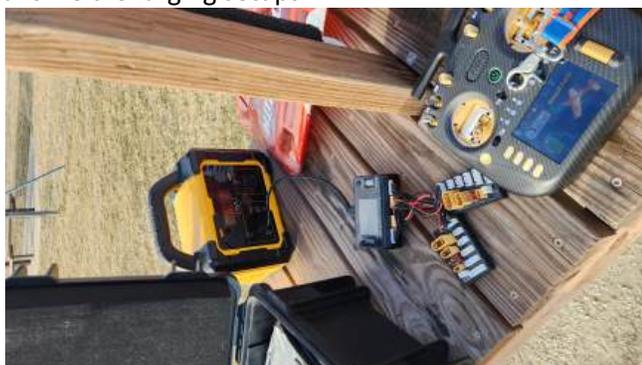
Photos Dave Cairns



Pretty nice for mid-February



Electric flying means Field Charging setups





Club Calendar

2026 Calendar

Date	Event Type	Event Details	Notes
January 1, 2026	Fun Fly	Polar Bear Fly — 12:00 Noon	Fly, then to 75 th St. McDonald's
Jan 27, 2026	Monthly Meeting	Annual Christmas Points Auction at the meeting	Spend those hard-earned points
Feb 24, 2026	Monthly Meeting		
Saturday March 28, 2026	Special Event	Snag-A-Deal Auction	
March 31, 2026	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

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

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Mike Pettinger

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Alex Dribinsky

Dave Cairns

Newsletter Editor

editor@propmastersrc.org

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Visit the Prop Masters R/C Club Web Site at www.propmastersrc.org

Support your local Hobby Shops!!

Leisure Hours Hobbies
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Plainfield, IL 60568
815-439-1477

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

Walt's Hobby Shop
2207 Plainfield Road
Joliet, IL 60435
815-741-0043

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

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Feb 24, 2026 at 7:30pm

Be sure to bring your Show 'N Tell items!

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.