



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

SEPTEMBER, 2024

We are now officially in the Fall months! Generally, good flying weather, so let's make it happen!

This past month has been busy. Lots of activity at the airfield due to many days of great flying weather. Training continues at a high level of activity at least 2 days a week. Many thanks to those who assist in this very worthwhile activity!

This month, we participated in a glider and soaring event held at the Barnstormers flying field. Although we did not score well in the events, it was a nice day for all, and we picked up a few pointers from their membership. We are working on a date for a reciprocal event at our field.

We also maiden and test flew Tommy's AL 737 at Pratt's Wayne Woods. It was very successful and many thanks to Darrell Zeri for his work on the plane and skilled flights!

This month, we received a donation of airplanes from a former member. At least 7 built and flown planes were donated, and you will see them in future auctions or raffles at our club meetings.

We are now in the process of procuring items for our annual Christmas Auction. Please give some thought regarding what items you would like to see in the auction, and we will keep this in mind as we search for useful and wanted items. Contact me or any other officer with your ideas!

Keep safe, keep healthy, and see you at the next meeting Sept 24th!

Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report August 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance August 1, 2024	\$1,516.96	\$3,791.53	\$5,308.49	
Income:				
Dues		40.00	40.00	58 paid members to-date.
Brand	10.00		10.00	Hat sale.
Total Income	10.00	40.00	50.00	
Total Cash Available	\$1,526.96	\$3,831.53	\$5,358.49	
Expenses:				
Field Maintenance		325.21	325.21	Striping pain, (2) Canopy covers, "Permittees" sign. (2) Canopies.
Board Expenses	62.89		62.89	Tommy's poster, easel, markers.
Total Expenses	62.89	325.31	388.10	
Balance August 31, 2024	\$1,464.07	\$3,506.32	\$4,970.39	

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 – August 27, 2024

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Central St, Naperville IL. 22 members and 2 guests were in attendance. President Mick Pfeifer presided.

Mick shared the invitation we received to the Barnstormers Glider Fun Fly on Sept 15 - more discussion will be forthcoming. For those who might be interested, the FVAC tailgate swap meet is the day before on Sept 14.

The July 30 meeting minutes were approved as published in the August Newsletter. The August financial report was read and approved. Bill Hickey asked folks to submit updates or additions to the emergency contact list. Bill Hickey asked for approval to buy two more popups. A motion to do so passed. Bill asked whether we should change the combination on the stand and, if so, what should it be? After a brief discussion, the consensus was that we should just keep the same code for now.

Committee Reports:

- Safety** Mike Pettinger/Dave Cairns: Some discussion about prop safety after Bill's recent accident - basically reiterating what was in his updated newsletter article. The club recommendation is not to fly unless another member is present. Chris Hopwood recommends always checking control surfaces before flight. He nearly lost a plane recently when he took off with the ailerons disconnected. SAD patch recipients, Pete Fales and Mick Pfeifer, discussed their unfortunate run of training accidents. Some due to mechanical failure, some to instructor error.
- Forest Preserve** Mick Pfeifer has agreed to take on the position of Forest Preserve liaison. He is planning to attend the district board meeting on September 3. Dave Engel mentioned that he had a discussion with the folks that mow the field to ask if the weed line could be moved back. They did that!
- Publicity** Harlan Davis: Harlan has created an article describing the Bielecki memorial flight and will be sending it to the AMA for possible publication.
- Raffle** Harlan Davis: Raffle content: Timber UMX, 72MHz radio with four servos, fuel, and some other small items.
- Newsletter** Ray Luchetti: The recent newsletter included a number of photos, and a submitted article on prop safety.
- Website** Mike Pettinger: Latest newsletter is posted.
- Library** Bill Hickey: Other than the simulator, there has been little interest in the library for some time. One suggestion is to donate it to a library or another club, but the suggestion was made to offer the contents to members first. Bill said he will bring it in next month.
- Instruction** Pete Fales: Flight training has been keeping the instructors busy. We have done a bunch of demo flights, a few that have come back a second time, and around a half-dozen that seem to be serious. Thanks to everyone that has been stepping in to help!



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Fun Fly Dave Engel: Proposed Fun Fly for September 14 has been postponed due to other activities that weekend (FVAC swap, and Barnstormers meet). New date to be announced when rescheduled.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

New Members & Guests:

The club welcomed guests Kirk Alvey and Ray Luchetti's wife Joyce.

Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD):

A SAD patch was awarded to Pete Fales and Mick Pfeifer for their unfortunate run of training accidents.

Show and Tell:

Mick Pfeifer Collection of vintage engines, some in original hobby store packages
Arsh Saxena Squall Phase 3 EDF from Alex Dribinsky
Alex Dribinsky Fun 51 profile plane, yellow/black, Tower Pro 45
Darrell Zeri E-Flite Corsair, blue with hand-painted highlights. Flies great on a 4S-3200
Pete Fales Locator beacon compatible with our Com-Spec locator. Recently used for a successful "find".

Raffle:

Max Janda took home the Timber UMX.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 24, 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.



August 27th. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Mick Pfiefer – Collection of vintage engines.



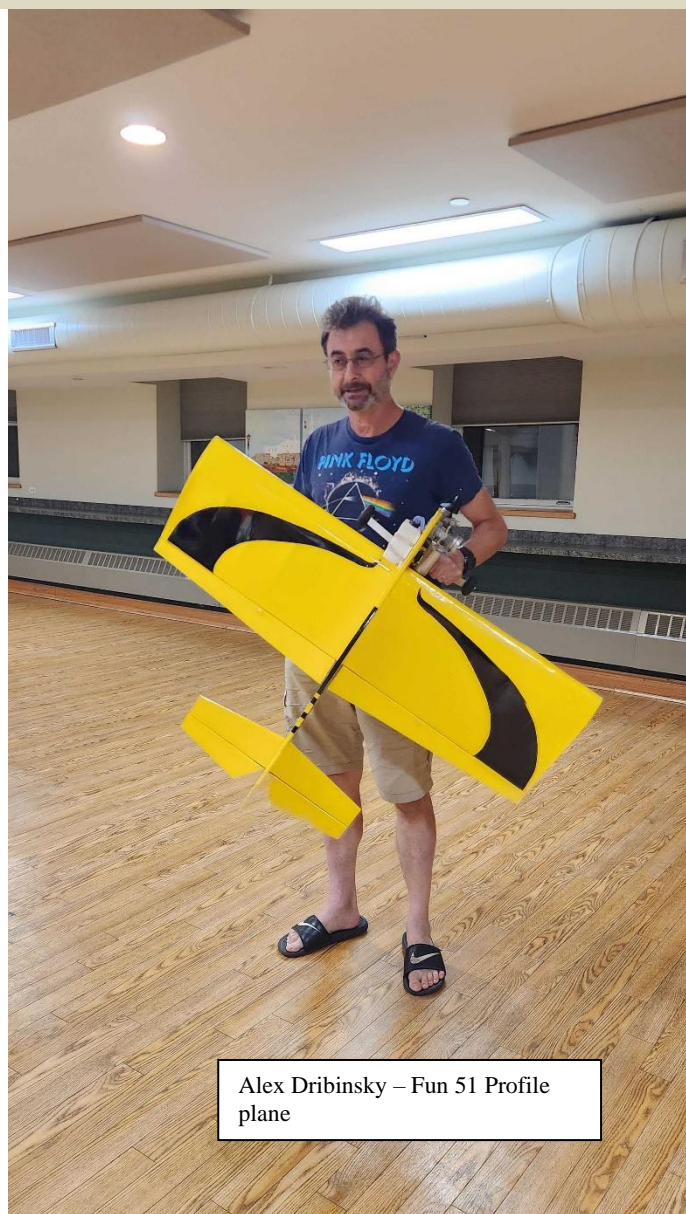
Arsh Saxena – Squall Phase 3 EDF.

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Alex Dribinsky – Fun 51 Profile plane



Darrell Zeri – E-Flite Corsair.

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Pete Fales - Locator Beacon.

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Shots at the Field

September 2024
Dave Cairns



Prop



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Forest Preserve Officer putting the cuffs on Dave Engel.





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 1st & 2nd	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		

Prop Masters



Prop Masters Organization & Contact Information

Board of Directors/Officers

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

Next meeting Tuesday September 24th. 7:30 PM at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, Fellowship Hall.