



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

FEBRUARY, 2025

Its already February! And so far, the weather has not been kind to us. It will make us more appreciative of the better days ahead. February also marks the beginning of the swap meet season. A place to go for bargains or other items needed to complete our winter projects. At the very least they are fun to attend and talk to members from other clubs. The big news at this time is our 3rd annual Prop Masters **Snag-a Deal Auction** which will be held at the church on Saturday morning, March 29.

We have changed the time from previous years, and are anticipating a larger crowd, and better participation. Our core group had a planning meeting last week, and we are working on preparations. Already, we have received significant donations from members, and also, from non-members, which include at least four RTF airplanes in good condition, a few new in box kits, and a lot of miscellaneous building items including fuel, tools, pilots, canopies, wheels, propellers, and landing gear. I expect we will have as many or more items than we did last year. So, box up all of your unneeded and unwanted stuff and either sell it or donate it to the club table. All the proceeds go to the club. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

Drinks and light refreshments will be available, and we expect a fun and exciting time for all! Anyone who would like to volunteer to help make this another first-class event should contact me, or Dave Cairns. We could use some help in setting up, and other activities.

Please refer to the documents attached for more information.

Your President

Michael D. Pfeifer





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report

January 1, 2025 to January 31, 2025

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance January 1, 2025	\$600.31	\$3,701.32	\$4,301.63	
Income:				
Dues	710.00	40.00	750.00	Dues for 2025.
Total Income	710.00	40.00	750.00	
Total Cash Available	\$1,310.31	\$3,741.32	\$5,051.63	
Expenses:				
Year-End Auction	24.31		24.31	
Total Expenses	24.31	-	24.31	
Balance January 31, 2025	\$1,286.00	\$3,741.32	\$5,027.32	

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

Jeff Cowan



Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2025

The annual Christmas Auction was held at the regular meeting on January 28, 2025. The usual business portion of the meeting was postponed until the next meeting on February 25, 2025.

Jeff Cowan, Secretary

Propmasters R/C Aero Club



Club Calendar

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	

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.**



Shots at the Field

January - February, 2025

Dave Cairns



Polar Bear Club January 1, 2025



The Polar Bear Club had a meeting on January 1, 2025 at the field.

In attendance were: Bill Hickey, Darrell Zeri, Chris Hopwood, Ester Bourassa, Dave Carins and Peter Fales.

Pictures from our Annual Christmas Auction January 28, 2025

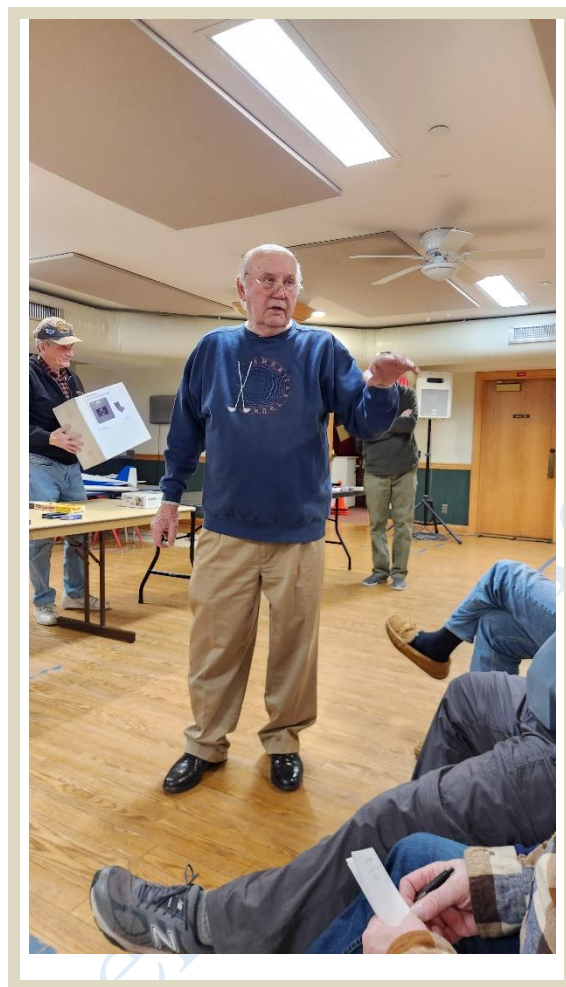




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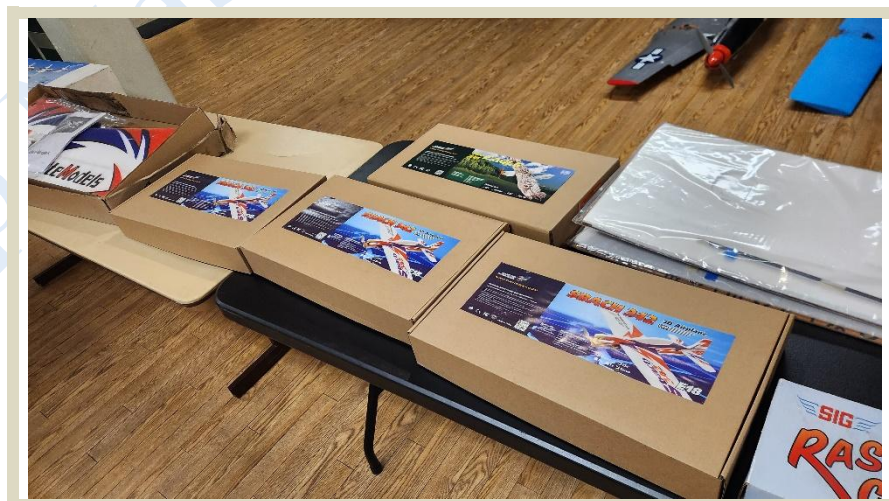
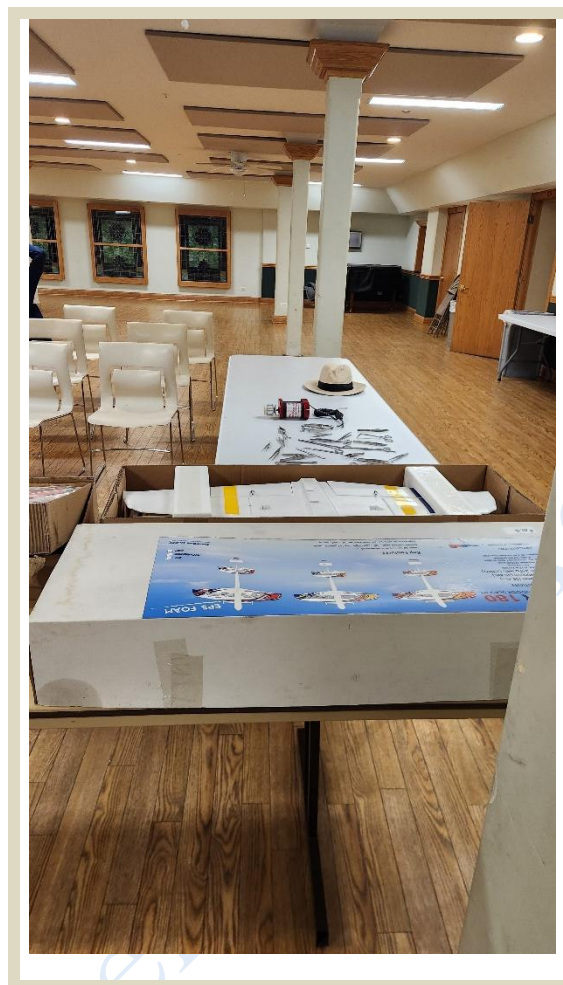




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Snag-a-Deal !

Prop Masters RC Auction

Saturday, March 29th

Join us for an exciting and fun evening...take this opportunity to clear out some of your RC surplus, or add RC items you might need or simply desire. While primarily about Model aircraft/drones and equipment, any RC related items are welcome.

Community United Methodist Church
20 N Center St.
Naperville, IL 60564

Use the Center Street entrance on the west side of the building.

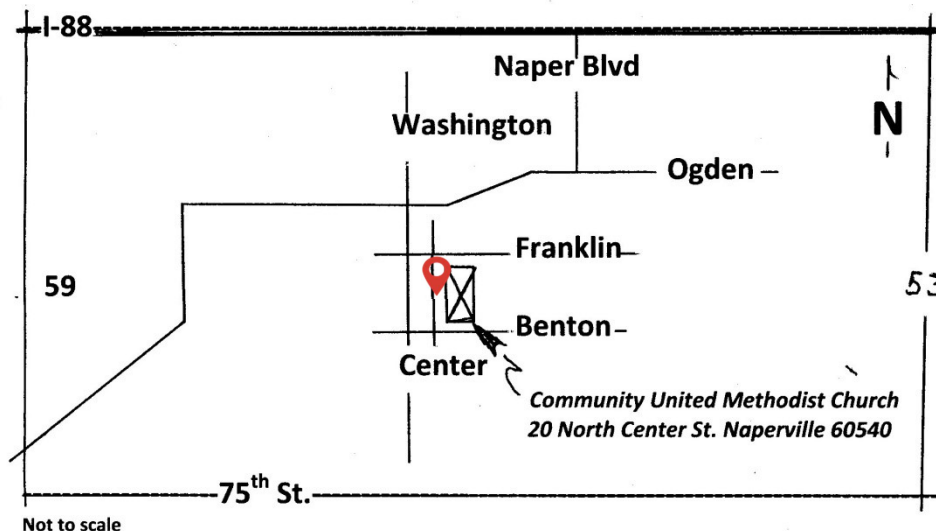
Doors will open at 8:00 AM, auction will start at 9:00 AM.

Buyers and sellers: \$5.00 entry fee. Children under 12 free. Sellers: \$1.00 for each of the first 15 items to be sold. The maximum a seller will pay for entry is \$20.00 no matter how many items you bring to auction.

Water, pop, coffee and light snacks will be available for purchase.

Visit our web site at <https://propmastersrc.org/auction> for the most up to date information, or email auction@propmastersrc.org.

You are responsible for protecting the value of your item. If the bidding price is not high enough, it is up to you to bid it up. All sales are final, and money exchanges are between the buyer and seller directly. All proceeds from the sale go to the seller. The club will not be handling the money for the transaction.



HOW DOES THE AUCTION WORK?

Both buyers and sellers pay \$5 to enter. (kids under 12 free).

Sellers pay an additional \$1 for each item up for auction, up to a maximum of \$20 including entry fee. Example: A seller brings 8 items for auction, total entry fee is \$13. A seller brings in 25 items, total entry fee is \$20.

Upon entry, Sellers are given a matching pair of tickets, similar to raffle tickets. The seller keeps 1 ticket, the other must be attached to the item up for auction.

The items are placed on a display table, and when sold, the buyer and the seller get together and when payment is completed, the seller gives the buyer the other ticket. The buyer then keeps both tickets, ready to display them upon leaving the premises. **BOTH TICKETS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE THE ITEM CAN BE REMOVED** from the premises. It is the responsibility of the buyer and the seller to get together as there is **NO PERCENTAGE OR ANY OTHER FEE** due to PropmastersRC club. Payment is a direct transaction between the buyer and the seller.



Prop Masters Organization & Contact Information

Board of Directors/Officers

Position	Name	Email address
President	Mick Pfeifer	president@propmastersrc.org
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Support your local Hobby Shop

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

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

Strictly R/C
7713 West Lawrence Avenue
Norridge, IL 60706
708-456-9100

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

Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday February 25, 2025 at the United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL, 60540, 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.