



# PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

DECEMBER, 2012

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Another fantastic year complete and our club continues to grow. We finished up 2012 with over 75 members. We have some new faces and some old ones returning to the "squadron". We continue to grow as a club nurturing each other's interests and skills. Many exciting technology advances allow more adults and especially children to enjoy R/C flight.

The hobby itself will experience some challenges next year, looming government legislation and an economy that limps along. More people will be turning to old hobbies and starting new ones. I encourage all of you to reach out to family, friends, co-workers and acquaintances and tell them about our hobby. It is not only educational and rewarding but a whole lot of fun! Plus, the cost is relatively inexpensive compared to football uniforms and traveling soccer weekends. Most importantly you are sharing time doing something enjoyable together with those you love.

We have great activities planned and the club Calendar is complete. We will be hosting our 2nd Annual Tailgator Swap show, R/C Flight Introduction Days and many more events. All these events don't happen without volunteers, so please take an active role in the club it's FUN!

Our annual Christmas Auction will be held on Friday, December 28, 2012 (no meeting Tuesday.) We stretched our auction funds and got a lot of great items. Remember to bid your points because they don't carry over to the New Year. Unlike elections, bidding often is encouraged at the auction.

Thanks to the membership for attention to safety and your involvement in the club. Thank You to my Board, Committee Chairs & Members and those that volunteered this year. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated by all. Thanks again to the membership for entrusting me to "pilot" us through 2013.

Have a blessed and safe Christmas, and Happy Holidays to all.



Have Fun, Fly Safe. The Pres





# Financial Report

## Bill Hickey



### Financial Report November 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance November 1, 2012	\$ 397.88	\$3,659.80	\$4,057.68	
Income:				
Dues	520.00	65.00	585.00	2013 Dues coming in!
Brand Items	12.00		12.00	Hat Sale.
Total Income	532.00	65.00	597.00	
Total Cash Available	929.88	3,724.80	4,654.68	
Expenses:				
Xmas Auction	168.68		168.68	Do not open until auction!
Total Expenses	168.68		168.68	
Balance November 30, 2012	\$ 761.20	\$3,724.80	\$4,486.00	

### Attention Members

Dues for 2013 are now being accepted. The regular membership dues are \$40 per year, a family membership is \$55 and a Junior membership is \$15. Checks should be made out to the Prop Masters R/C Aero Club and can be either brought to the next meeting or mailed to:

Bill Hickey

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### **Newsletter Contributions**

Send articles or pictures of interest to the club to:

[newsletter2012@propmastersrc.org](mailto:newsletter2012@propmastersrc.org)

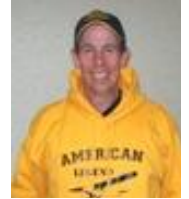
**The deadline for submissions is the second  
Tuesday of the month.**

**Club Newsletters are posted at the club  
website: [www.propmastersrc.org](http://www.propmastersrc.org).**



# Meeting Minutes

## Dave Cotton



### Meeting minutes - November 27, 2012

#### **Opening:**

The meeting held at the Judd Kendall VFW hall, started at 7:28 pm and ended at 8:40 pm. The October meeting minutes were approved as published and the October 2012 Financial Report was approved as presented at the meeting and published in the Newsletter. President Bob Mosinski and the entire Board of Directors were present at the meeting.

#### **Committee**

##### **Reports:**

Newsletter  
Safety

Ray Luchetti stated that the newsletter is doing fine.

Mick Pfeifer reported that the AMA magazine had an article regarding flying field closures due to fire hazards – let's be proactive regarding this issue. The magazine also included a suggestion to remove the propeller on an electric motor when not in use in order to eliminate the possibility of injury if the motor started unexpectedly and some information for wound sealing to prevent bleeding, (medical grade CA). Dave Carlson mentioned that we should watch out for battery voltage drop when flying in cold weather and also be aware that rubber bands lose their elasticity when it's cold.

Fun Fly

Briefly discussed our traditional Polar Bear Fun Fly to be held on January 1, 2013 and the indoor Fun Fly planned for the January meeting.

Forest Preserve

President Bob stated that the impound stand will soon be wrapped for protection during the winter; if anyone has a shrink wrap handle please let Bob know since it makes the job a lot easier.

Website

Dave Carlson mentioned that the website is running well.

Library

Hank Bourassa mentioned that the simulator and some books are available, see him if you're interested.

Instruction

No report.

Fundraising

The Board of Directors will attempt to work out a date with the VFW personnel for the 2013 Prop Masters parking lot swap so we can get it on next year's schedule.

Publicity

Harlan Davis stated that all of the hobby shops are stocked with flyers.

Picnic

No report.

Nomination

The membership nominated the presiding Board to run for their respective offices for the 2013 term year. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership. In accordance with the by-laws the formal election will be held at the December meeting.

Air Show

No report requested.

#### **Old Business:**

Mel Ziska mentioned that the Fox Valley Aero Club will be having their annual swap meet at the Kane County Fair Grounds on February 23, 2013. Vendor tables are cheap and an indoor fly is scheduled afterwards – please bring your AMA card.

President Bob Mosinski reminded the membership to sign up for the Winter Build Project contest to earn those extra points.

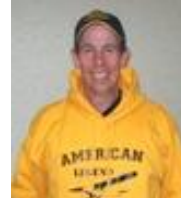
#### **New Business:**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHRISTMAS AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE NEXT MEETING WHICH IS ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 28, 2012. DON'T MISS IT – IT'S A HOOT!



# Meeting Minutes

Dave Cotton



## New Members &

### Guests:

Visitors that were in attendance were Jeff Gittleman (past club president) and new member Ron Engle – thanks for coming to the meeting and checking us out and signing up.

### Lost Horizons:

No Lost Horizons were awarded, but Dan Nosek SMASHED his Striker – right on the runway. What a mess but glue can fix anything.

### Show and Tell:

#### (See photo section)

Mel Ziska	!SQ Quad Copter – Helimax with RTF radio.
Dave Carlson	T-Rex 550 Align kit heli in a red color scheme.
Ray Good	Electric powered Bi-plane ARF by Potenski.
Bill Hickey	Discussion, with samples, of using China Silk as a covering material. The material was adhered with and sealed using water based polyurethane.
Ed Slanina	Electric Stick ARF that Ed won at last year's Christmas Auction.
Mick Pfeifer	McCoy .29 Red Head motor.

### Raffle:

Harlan Davis had a great raffle which included an Ultimate biplane, adjustable vise, electric fuel pump, Sig Superweld glue, and a neck strap. Don't forget to check out the recycle table, a small donation buys a lot.

### Closing:

The next meeting will be held on FRIDAY DECEMBER 28, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Judd Kendall VFW hall.



# November 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting Photos



Ray Luchetti



Mel Ziska - !SQ Quad Copter



Dave Carlson – T-Rex 550 Align heli.



Ed Slanina – Electric powered Stick.



Ray Good – Potenski Bi-Plane.



Mick Pfeifer – McCoy 29.



Bill Hickey – Covering material.



## Fun Fly Committee



### Polar Bear Club Fun Fly

Don't forget our Polar Bear Fun Fly January 1, 2013 10:00 am at the field. If the weather is totally miserable there's always hot coffee at McDonalds.

Dave Engel and the Fun Fly Committee.



### Paper Airplane Spot Landing Fun Fly #1 at the meeting

Our first Fun Fly for 2013 will be indoors at the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be a Paper Airplane Spot Landing Contest. The airplanes will be supplied the Fun Fly Committee and the closest landing to the spot wins. Each pilot will get one practice attempt in order to trim the plane and then the second attempt will be the official flight.

### Remaining 2012 CLUB CALENDAR

Monthly Meeting	Fun Fly Date	Fun Fly Event	Notes
December 28 <sup>th</sup> & Christmas Auction		Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	Moved to Friday.

**We'll that's it for the year, think summer!**





# Fun Fly Committee



## Preliminary 2013 CLUB CALENDAR

(Fun Fly Contests and dates of Special Events are subject to change.)

Monthly Meeting	Fun Fly Date	Fun Fly Event	Notes
	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Polar Bear Fun Fly 10:00 am at the field	
January 29 <sup>th</sup>		Fun Fly #1 Indoor Fun Fly at the meeting - Paper Airplane Spot Landing	
February 26 <sup>th</sup>		Fun Fly #2 Indoor Simulator Fun Fly at the meeting	
March 26 <sup>th</sup> & Winter project judging at the mtg.	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly #3 Bull's Eye Spot Landing	Fun Fly Postponed one week due to Easter.
April 30 <sup>th</sup> & Flight Box Beauty Contest	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly #4 Fast -N- Slow	
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fun Fly #5 Prop Masters 500	
	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fun Fly #6 Barnstormers Contest @ our field	Exact date to Be Determined.
June 25 <sup>th</sup> & Beauty Contest	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly #7 Air Show	
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly #8 Qualification Sunday	
	August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tailgater Swap Meet	Exact date to Be Determined.
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Prop Masters Picnic	Postponed one week due to Labor Day Weekend.
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly #9 Climb-N-Glide	
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fun Fly #10 Crazy-8's	
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fun Fly #11 Old Time Washer Drop	
December 27 <sup>th</sup> & Christmas Auction		Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	Moved to Friday Due to Xmas Eve.



## Hints, Information, Tips and Stuff

Larry Dudkowski



“Let’s all put on our Patient Pants.” Have you ever heard that expression before? It was a new one to me until my daughter starting teaching. My daughter is a substitute teacher and usually teaches the grades 2 through 5. Students at this point in their educational career are not the most patient people in the world. When they want something they usually want it NOW! What does this have to do with flying? Well sometimes we all need to stop and “put on our Patient Pants”. Here’s my story.

A while ago I bought one of those little micro-jet F-86 EDF models from Great Planes. As with all new ‘toys’ I just couldn’t wait to play with it. The more I tinkered with it in the shop, the more I wanted to take it out and fly it. It bugged me that it just sat there all charged up and waiting in the box with nowhere to go. Well the Friday before Labor Day, I took a day off from work. I had some “Honey Do’s” to get done for the weekend. We celebrate my son and my granddaughter’s birthdays over the Labor Day weekend and everyone was coming to my place for a barbeque. Well the weather was warm, there was hardly a cloud in the sky and I had some time on my hands being between “Honey Do’s”, so it looked like a good time to take the little jet out for a quick flight. Besides all of the kids were still in school, so I could just head out to a nearby soccer field. The only drawback was the wind. It was a little on the windy side.

I had read a review of the F-86 Micro Jet in one of the RC magazines and the author noted that it was a little windy when he test flew the F-86 but the model did well in the wind. That was nice to hear. The only problem I have with these little micro models is that in any kind of a wind they are a challenge to fly. I have two mini models, a Cessna 182 and a P-51 Mustang, which lives in Missouri for my grandkids. Neither of them handles any kind of breeze let alone ‘wind’. So taking the word of the article’s author and being eager, perhaps too eager, to test out the F-86, I headed off to the soccer field.

My first clue should have been when the breeze blew the F-86 off of the table as I fumbled with the transmitter and battery pack. My second clue should have been when I hand launched it into the wind and the wind blew right back at me. In fact it blew over my head and landed behind me. Perhaps I didn’t give it enough power or it needed more elevator throw? After all I was on low rates. Each time the F-86 hit the ground, the canopy disengaged from the magnets holding it to the fuselage and the battery popped out. Well you know what they say, “third time’s the charm”. I flipped the switch to high rates and gave it full throttle and launched the F-86 into the wind. To my surprise it powered directly into the breeze like it was on rails. Great! I made my first turn and the little jet screamed into a left hand, knife-edge bank and quickly flew in an arc past me again. By now I figured that it just might be a little too windy for the micro jet, or my piloting skills, to handle, or perhaps both. Time to land. By this time I had the F-86 turned into the wind and it had slowed down considerably. It was hanging motionless in the wind. That’s when I made my fatal mistake. I was slowly powering down but wasn’t losing altitude. It continued to hover. So I gave it a little down elevator; big mistake. The wind flipped the jet upside down and pushed it into the ground. The canopy popped off, the battery popped out but this time the battery took a piece of the fuselage nose with it and dented in the air scoop. A little 5-minute epoxy fixed the fuselage. But it still has a dent in the air intake. Right now, the little jet is sitting back in its box, battery charged, waiting for its next sortie.

Remember that thing about Patient Pants? Well I didn’t have mine on that day. I made up my mind that I was going to fly and excused away all of the factors that said not to. I forgot that my flying skills, pride or both were no match for Mother Nature and the laws of physics. So on Christmas morning when you open that new bright shiny model for the first time and the weather looks iffy, remember this story and put on your ‘Patient Pants’.

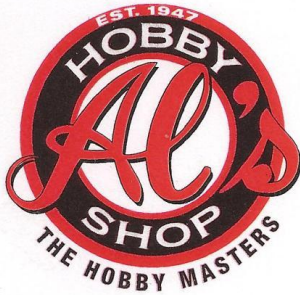
Since I’m not really sure when these get published, I’ll just say it now. From my family and myself, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours. Or as Mr. Spock would say “Live long and prosper”

Fly Smart, Fly Safe, Larry Dudkowski



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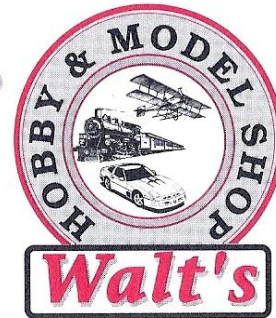
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p.m. at the Naperville VFW Hall.  
Christmas auction at the meeting.**

**Fun Fly: January 1, 2013 Polar Bear Club  
gathering at the field 10:00 am.**