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PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

MARCH, 2013

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Now that we got our "Scary Winter Storm" out of the way and the News Anchors and Weather Forecasters have earned their money, not really... can we move on to Spring?

8" to 10" of snow doesn't stay around too long when a few days later it's 54 degrees. I am not complaining, but by the time I find the skis for my EP cub and get them attached, the snow is gone or the bunnies and geese have killed the nice smooth snow surface. Ah, who am I kidding I don't fly unless it's 50 or higher. ☺

Speaking of news I am sure you have heard the news reports about a person with a quad copter flying near a New York airport. These dummies are the people that are going to ruin it for the rest of us. I replied to the AMA blog and proposed the AMA remove FPV activity from AMA rules and understandings. Planes, Helicopters, Tri-copters, quad's and anything else should follow the same rules. All should be bound by AMA guidelines and line of sight (LOS) by the operator, period. If you want to see what flight is like, get your Private Pilot's License or strap a GoPro or key chain camera to your R/C aircraft, and then watch video at home. (*Soap box put away*)

Incidents like this really cause stress for all of us and as a club we must self police ourselves. Safety and our continued privilege to fly at our field come first. As we move into flying season, "Check your plane, check your equipment and check your attitude". As in most things in life, one wrong move or lapse in safety can hurt you and others. This season is no compromise, SAFETY FIRST for you and for the rest of us.

We missed our meeting in February due to the winter storm. If you showed up I apologize for the inconvenience. Postings for weather cancelations for any club events go out to an email blast and on the website, so make sure you check those 2 places first if you are in question. Make sure to check with Bill Hickey to make sure he has your correct e-mail address which updates the blast list each month.

The March meeting will allow some time to catch up from February's missed meeting. We have our proposed bylaws to approve and we have to finalize the club fuel buy. We are also moving the Winter Project deadline to the April 30th meeting.

SO...Let's see some Show n' Tell; points double for March. Also I will have more information on the September "Minnie Mambo" fly in.

Have Fun, Fly Safe. The Pres





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report February 1, 2013 to February 28, 2013

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance February 1, 2013	\$ 429.05	\$3,724.80	\$4,153.85	
Income:				
Dues	175.00		175.00	2013 dues coming in, a little over two-thirds membership paid so far.
Swap	10.00		10.00	Tailgator ad in AMA.
Fuel Buy	277.40		277.40	
Total Income	462.40		462.40	
Total Cash Available	891.45	3,724.80	4,616.25	
Expenses:				
None				
Total Expenses				
Balance February 28, 2013	\$ 891.45	\$3,724.80	\$4,616.25	

Attention Members

It's time again to pay our dues. The regular membership dues are \$40 per year, a family membership is \$55 and a junior membership is \$15. Please note that if you joined the Club during the last quarter of 2012, your dues carry over into 2013 and no additional payment is required.

When paying your dues, please complete an updated membership form and either mail the form with your payment to me or turn it in with your payment at the next meeting. The membership form is on the Prop Masters website and is also included with this newsletter for your convenience. Checks should be made out to the Prop Masters R/C Aero Club and my address for mailing is listed below:

Bill Hickey Prop Masters Treasurer

305 White Oak Drive

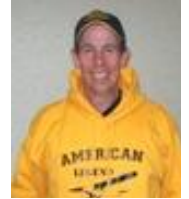
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Meeting Minutes

Dave Cotton



Meeting minutes - February 26, 2013

Opening:

The meeting was cancelled due to weather; however, THE HONORARY GUARDS OF THE TOMB AND HALL SHOWED UP.

The prior meeting minutes were not approved as published, WE'LL DO THAT SOME OTHER TIME. The Treasurer's Report for February was not read or approved as printed in the newsletter, AND WE DIDN'T CARE BECAUSE WE WERE BUSY GUARDING THE TOMB AND HALL.

Committee

Reports:

Newsletter	No Report.
Safety	No Report.
Fun Fly	No Report.
Forest Preserve	No Report.
Website	No Report.
Library	No Report.
Instruction	No Report.
Fundraising	No Report.
Publicity	No Report.
Picnic	No Report.
Nomination	No Report.
Air Show	No Report.

Old Business:

No old business, JUST OLD GUYS.

New Business:

Four attended and were nominated as Honorary Prop Master "Guards of the Tomb and Hall". The guards are, Jack, Jeff, Steve, and Dave – as always the Prop Masters are a step above.

New Members &

Guests:

None, but Richard Schaefer was heard saying "WHAT'S WITH A LITTLE SNOW GUYS, YOU THINK WE WERE LIVING IN TAMMMMMPA."

Lost Horizons:

No lost horizons this month.

Show and Tell:

(See photo section)

No Show and Tell, Jack decided to save his triple points for the next meeting. SMART MAN!

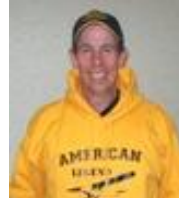
Raffle:

No Raffle.



Meeting Minutes

Dave Cotton



Closing:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 26th at 7:30 pm at the Judd Kendall VFW hall unless we get a spring snow storm of 2 inches.

Three members of the “Guards of the Tomb and Hall”, show them proper respect when you see them.





February 26th Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Before gossip spreads and the entire RC Community starts to think we're a bunch of wimps, this is an actual un-retouched photo of Downtown Naperville the night of February 26, 2013:





Fun Fly Committee



Fun Fly #2 Paper Airplane Spot Landing

It just didn't happen; the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Fun Fly #3 Bull's-eye Spot Landing

If the weather gods look down upon us favorably on Sunday April 7th we will have our first outdoor Fun Fly of the year.

The name of the contest is "Bull's-eye Spot Landing" and the rules are simple:

- 60 points if your main gear touches down in the center runway X.
- 30 points if you land in the first third of the runway.
- 20 points if you land in the middle.
- 10 points if you land in the last third of the runway.
- Plus 15 points if you land anywhere on the runway.
- Minus 5 points if you land between the runway and flight line.
- Bounces will be scored from the position of the final touchdown.
- Disqualified for flight line violations or not landing on the field.
- Usual attendance points will be awarded.
- Usual time and place.

Dave Carlson and the Fun Fly Committee

Newsletter Contributions

Send articles or pictures of interest to the club to:

newsletter2013@propmastersrc.org

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

**Club Newsletters are posted at the club
website: www.propmastersrc.org.**



Fun Fly Committee



2013 CLUB CALENDAR

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



Hints, Information, Tips and Stuff Larry Dudkowski



Here we are at the beginning of another flying season. This month I'd like to bring up the subject of Fun-Fly's. Our club's Fun-Fly events are usually held on the Sunday following the monthly meeting. We only hold about eight outdoor Fun-Fly events a year. We skip December due to the Christmas Holidays and in recent years we have not held outdoor events in January and February. The January and February contests are usually held at the monthly meeting following the usual business portion of the meeting. That brings us to March for the first outdoor event: however even in March the weather can be iffy. And let's not forget our annual contest with the Barnstormers, which takes up yet another Sunday.

There are several reasons for holding these events. These are Enjoyment, Involvement, Improvement and Reward. Let's start with the first and most important, Enjoyment. The primary purpose for having Fun-Fly's is to have FUN. If you're not having Fun, we, the Fun-Fly Committee, are doing something wrong. Since we need a way to determine the winner, each Fun-Fly has a set of rules. We try to create just enough rules to run the event without going into a lot of depth. The rules are usually published in the newsletter when we announce the Fun-Fly. They generally describe the event, what it takes to win and any additional restrictions that may apply. Any questions can be resolved at the club meeting or at the pilot's briefing before the event. The Fun-Fly Committee's decisions are final, unless overruled by the Pres of course.

Then there is Involvement. Everyone is welcome and can participate in Fun-Fly's. Just attending the event is a great way to meet the other club members. Don't feel that you aren't skilled enough to compete. We really have two types of contests; Skill events and Luck events. Skill events are usually divided into the four classes of pilots. The classes are based on pilot skills and we use these in two ways. First, to level the playing field so you compete against other pilots with your approximate skill level. Second, we adjust the actual event to match the different skill levels of each classification. The Fun-Fly Committee tries not to make the event too difficult. But, if you feel they are too difficult for your pilot class, please let one of the committee members know. Luck events are where all of the club members compete on the same level. The "Paper Airplane" contest is an example of a Luck contest.

Next we have Improvement: Use the Fun-Fly's to push the envelope of your flying skills. Fun-Fly's give you an excuse to try something new and perhaps even suggest what that something new should be. Be willing to try something out of your comfort zone. But above all, don't be afraid to try something new, you can always ask for the assistance of a more experienced pilot during the event. Some events even take this into consideration and are included in the rules.

Finally there is Reward. We want to give away "Club Points". The "Club Points" are used at the Christmas Auction to bid on the auction items. For Fun-Fly's the "Club Points" are generally awarded as follows: Ten "Attendance Points" for just showing up. Another 10 points if you compete in the Fun-Fly. These are called "Participation Points". To earn the "Participation Points", you must fly at the event. If you fly and for some reason cannot compete in the event, that's OK, as long as you fly you earn the "Participation Points". Generally First, Second and Third place finishes are awarded 30, 20 and 10 points respectively. So if you win your class in one of the Fun-Fly's it becomes a **FIFTY POINT** Sunday. In other events the point awards are determined by the event themselves. A good example of this is "Qualification Sunday" where you can earn **SEVENTY** points for flying your current class maneuvers. If you simply show up at all of the Fun-Fly's, you can earn almost 100 points for the year. We also publish the results and point totals in the monthly newsletter, so you can see your name in print too

Here is a list of the Fun-Fly Committee members. If you have any questions or suggestions feel free to contact any one of these folks. New ideas are always welcome. Dave Carlson, Larry Dudkowski, Dave Engel (Chairman) and Jeff Gittelman. We're also list on the first page of the newsletter

Fly Smart, Fly Safe, Larry Dudkowski



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Al's Open House & Customer Appreciation Celebration

On Saturday April 13th, Al's Hobby Shop will be hosting an Open House and Customer Appreciation Day in the store in honor of the many years you've allowed us to serve you in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Please come and join us in our celebration. There will be, slot car and mini-rc racing, drawings, and in store raffles.

Refreshments will be available as a thank you to all of our customers for their loyal support.

April 13th, 2013

10am-5pm

Hope to see you there!





PROP MASTERS
R/C AERO CLUB
2nd ANNUAL "TAILGATER"
OUTDOOR SWAP EVENT

Admission is *FREE!*

www.propmastersrc.org

When: Saturday - August 24th, 2013 8:00 a.m. until Noon
Seller Setup 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

All Seller vehicles must be in location before open to public at 8 a.m.

Seller vehicles will be allowed to leave after 10 a.m. *on the hour.*

NO EXCEPTIONS

Where : Judd Kendal — VFW Post — 3873
908 W. Jackson St.—Parking Lot
Naperville, IL 60540
(please do not contact the hall)

What: Sellers for \$10.00* dollars, you get a parking space for your vehicle and the space adjacent for selling. You can pack your car with as many buddies as you can, *still only \$10 bucks.* But, that won't leave much room for stuff to sell or items you will buy.

You can bring your own table, plywood & saw horses, pop-up canopy or blanket to set up your space anyway you like; as long as you don't go outside your space.

You can sell out of your vehicle too!

Note: No table or chairs are provided.

Basic concessions available.

How:

Contact Bob Mosinski at
bob.mosinski@gmail.com or 630-698-0185

All spots reserved in alpha/number order.

First come, first served until they are gone!

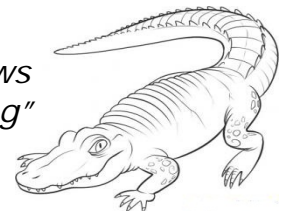
**Full refund if event rained out*

Payment Address:

Bob Mosinski
2765 Crooker Dr.
Yorkville, IL 60560
Payable : Prop Masters



*Remember when R/C swap shows
didn't cost you an "arm and a leg"
to sell or get in?*



Prop Masters R/C Aero Club Membership Form

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Du Page Forest Preserve Permit #: _____ AMA #: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Work Phone #: _____

Choose Below: Make Check Payable to **Prop Masters R/C Aero Club**

Family Membership (Two or more living at the same residence): \$ 55.00

Senior Membership (Age 22 or Older): \$ 40.00

Junior Membership (Age 1 to 21): \$ 15.00

Initiation Fee: \$ 65.00 (One time only for new members, Junior Membership is exempt)

Total \$ _____

Send To: Bill Hickey

Treasurer – Prop Masters R/C Aero Club

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DUES SHOULD BE PAID BY April 1st.

My primary interest is: Pattern: _____ Sport: _____ Electric: _____ Soaring: _____ Giant: _____ Scale: _____ Other: _____

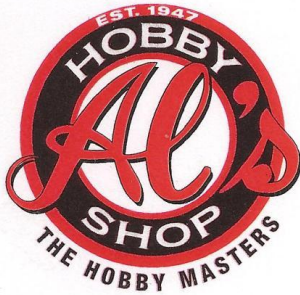
In 20__ I plan to use the following RC frequencies: a: _____ b: _____ c: _____

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2. Entered in Prop Masters Points Tracker
3. Badge ordered = Badge received

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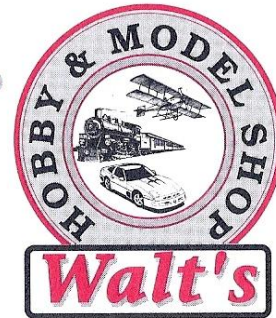
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Landing.**