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PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



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NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

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My Dad once said “I wonder if the falling leaves say “goodbye...” to the ones still on the tree”. So goes the nice weather but building season has started. Let the balsa dust come down like snow and you keep your CA’d fingers to a minimum. Dave Engel has already framed up his Balsa Nova 1.20 and I am sure Bill Hickey is into another fine project; I think he is always building something...

We were able to get the Crazy 8’s fun fly in on 11/3. The weather was great and just being able to fly in November was fun! Read more about it in the Fun Fly report.



Keeping with the theme of FUN we will have a Crash um’ up movie night at the November meeting, this was a lot of fun last time and you can build up even more points for the December Christmas Auction. No need to bring anything to the meeting; just plan ahead so you don’t miss it!

You can bring some raffle dollars to the meeting. Harlan mentioned that the raffle will include a large Cap 232. So check your pockets, forgo the Starbucks a couple of days and buy tickets!



There will be some events coming up in the winter months one of them is E-fest in Champaign IL in February. This is a great event and allows you to see some of the new items coming in the spring. It is hosted by Hobbico. Maybe we could get enough guys to go and rent a van or bus. Click here for more information. <http://www.hobbico-efest.com/>

The November meeting is also your time to declare a 2014 winter project selection. Since I have had the same one for the past two years guess three is a charm. It doesn’t have to be a complete build. Anything you plan on finishing, maybe a recover, assembly of an ARF, a new flight box or kit build. The target for completion is the April meeting. You get 100 points if you bring it to the April meeting and 50 points any month after; this keeps the show n tell segments of our meeting filled and FUN!

Fly safe, Have Fun,
The Pres





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report October 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance October 1, 2013	\$459.76	\$3,941.54	\$4,401.30	
Income:				
Dues	120.00	65.00	185.00	Welcome Howard Smoyer
Total Income	120.00	65.00	185.00	
Total Cash Available	579.76	4,006.54	4,586.30	
Expenses:				
Field Maintenance	336.54		336.54	Runway seal coating/stripping.
Brand items	7.03		7.03	Badges
Board Expenses	18.00		18.00	Website domain registration
Total Expenses	361.57		361.57	
Balance October 31, 2013	\$218.19	\$4,006.54	\$4,224.73	

Attention Members

Dues for 2014 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 mail to:

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer

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Newsletter Contributions

Send articles or pictures of interest to the club to:

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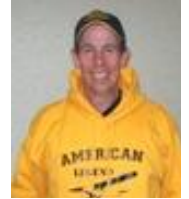
The deadline for submissions is the second Tuesday of the month.

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



Meeting Minutes

Dave Cotton



Meeting minutes - October 29, 2013

Opening:

The meeting, held at the Judd Kendall VFW hall, started at 7:35 pm and ended at 8:40pm. The September meeting minutes were approved as published in the newsletter and the September Treasurer's Report was approved as presented at the meeting and published in the newsletter. President Bob Mosinski presided over the meeting.

Committee

Reports:

Newsletter	Ray Luchetti stated that all was fine with the newsletter.
Safety	Mick Pfeifer mentioned that the newly cut areas of the field have pudgy sticks protruding which are very sharp. Mick also cautioned the membership to watch out for the sun location this time of year since it makes flying difficult.
Fun Fly	Jeff Gittelman reviewed the procedures for the "Crazy Eights" fun fly which will be held on November 3 rd . The contest rules were posted in the newsletter for this event but they may be changed depending on wind conditions.
Forest Preserve	Vice President Tom Camp reported that the Forest Preserve will cut the side areas (pudgy sticks) either later this year or early next year. Other topics covered: The Barnstormers field construction has been started according to Mark Spenser and the sign directing visitors to the Book Road parking lot has been posted.
Website	Joseph Bartek mentioned that Dave Carlson has posted the 2013 Air Show pictures to the website.
Library	Hank Bourassa reported that the main simulator is still out. It was requested that Hank provide a listing of the Library's contents to the membership.
Instruction	Vice President Tom Camp mentioned that the Flight Assistance Program has stopped except for weekends. Depending on the weather, Saturdays and Sundays may be available, just call to set it up.
Fundraising	No report.
Publicity	No report.
Nomination	President Bob Mosinski mentioned that elections are coming up and that anyone interested in a Board position should notify Harlan Davis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
Air Show and Picnic	No report.

Old Business:

Bob Mosinski mentioned that he was waiting for a call from Allen regarding the status of our shirt order and estimated time for delivery.

New Business:

Joseph Bartek mentioned that the CRCM has an upcoming swap meet (at St. Johns) - see Model Aviation magazine for more info for this swap and also the Pot of Gold Swap in South Bend.

Treasurer Bill Hickey reminded the membership that 2014 dues are now being accepted.

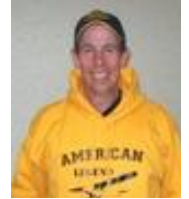
New Members & Guests:

Our newest member Howard Smoyer was welcomed by the membership.



Meeting Minutes

Dave Cotton



Lost Horizons:

The contestants were: Jeff Gittelman (one lose antenna), Ed Slanina (nice stab) and Dale Potts (still up there). No cup or patch was awarded but President Bob voted for Ed with his nice stab.

Show and Tell:

(See photo section)

Mel Ziska	A.J. Slick – 3D Hobby ARF with a 60cc engine.
Paul Bock	Unknown manufacturer pattern ship with a 60 size engine.
Joseph Bartek	Helio Courier rubber band powered free flight kit by Heer/Sig.
Samuel Peguero	A-10 Warthog by Combat Models – in a box awaiting build and some information.
Dave Engel	S155 with a pump for his next plane.
Dan Nosek	I 208B battery charger from Value Hobbies.
Bill Hickey	Engines – a Paw 35 and a very small OS FS-20 four stroke.
Mick Pfeifer	Arrow Aircraft 1930's photographs.
Ed Slanina	Portion of a Chinese Ultimate- rear stab only – in a yellow color scheme.

Raffle:

The raffle included a Super Sportster, carry box, tubing bender assortment, fuel tank, glue and a book. Lots of flyers got lots of stuff.

Closing:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 26th at 7:30 pm at the Judd Kendall VFW.



October 29th Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Mel Ziska – A.J. Slick 3D Hobby ARF.



Paul Bock – Pattern ship (unknown mfg.)



Joe Bartek- Helio Courier by Heer/Sig.



Sam Peguero – A-10 Warthog, still in a box.

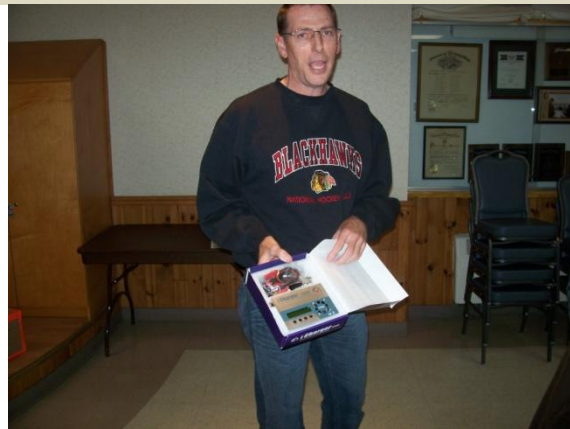


October 29th Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Dave Engel – S15 with a pump.



Dan Nosek – 208B battery charger.



Bill Hickey – OS FS-20 four stroke.



Mick Pfeifer – Arrow Aircraft 1930's photographs.



Fun Fly Committee



Crazy 8's Fun Fly Report

It's been a tough year for us in the weather department. This month's Fun Fly was no exception. This time the weather was too perfect. The originally planned event was Crazy 8's but with a south wind and bright sun from the cloudless sky we opted to change the event slightly for the sake of safety.

The revised Crazy 8's was changed into a skill event with no contest. Everyone who flew and was not disqualified received 35 club points and 5 bonus points for every Cuban 8 they performed. To keep things interesting at the end of the event we gave people a chance to double down. If you topped your first score you would get double points, if you failed you would get zero points. If you were DQ'ed on your first run you had a chance at redemption and to earn points.

The leaders were:

- Jack Macpherson 110 pts. (Double down)
- Bill Hickey 85 pts
- Dave Carlson 80 pts

Dave Carlson and the Fun Fly Committee

Fun-Fly #11 "Old Time Washer Drop"

The event this month is the "*Ole Time Washer Drop*". The date of the event is **Sunday December 1st**. There will be no Rain-Out-Date. Please sign in when you arrive and get your supplies from the Fun-Fly Committee. Competition will start as soon as the pilots are ready, which should be approximately 10:00 am. Everyone who flies's will receive ten participation points and everyone who attends will also receive ten attendance points

Since this contest is the "*Ole Time Washer Drop*", **no servo activated or powered dropping devices are allowed**. Pilots have the option of either using a washer dropping set up of their own design or the equipment supplied by the Fun-Fly Committee to construct one. The equipment available from the Fun-Fly Committee will consist of wooden skewers, rubber bands and paper cups. It's important that you mark your name on the washer or ribbon as we will drop all of the washers before we measure to determine the winners.

If you supply your own washer dropping equipment it cannot be servo activated or powered in any way.

Here's how it works. A target will be marked on the field. Each pilot will receive an official washer. You will need to mark your name on the washer. The pilot must take off and make one circuit of the field. After completing the circuit, the pilot can begin the drop run at his discretion. Dropping the "washer" is done by performing some maneuver such as a loop, a roll or holding inverted flight until the "washer" falls off the skewer or out of the cup or ?

Rules

1. The payload consists of a standard 5/8" steel washer. The approximate dimensions are a 1-3/4" outside diameter, and 11/16" inside diameter with a 12" streamer of ribbon attached. **You must use the washer supplied by the Fun-Fly committee with no alterations.**



Fun Fly Committee



2. The pilot must take off and make at least one circuit of the field. After completing the circuit, the pilot can begin the drop run at his discretion.
3. Minimum altitude over the target is 6 feet. "Washers" dropped from lower than 6 feet will NOT be scored.
4. No servo activated or any powered dropping devices are allowed.

Scoring: The pilot whose "washer" lands closest to the target is the winner. Next closest will be second, etc. The first five places will be awarded points at the usual value of fifty, forty, thirty, twenty and ten points each.

Larry Dudkowski and the Fun Fly Committee

November Meeting Raffle

Make sure to attend the November meeting to get a chance to win a 1/4 Scale Cap 232 manufactured by Kangke USA.





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	"Fast n Slow" contest.
June 25 th & Beauty Contest	July 7 th	Fun Fly #7 To be Decided	Cancelled due to Holiday.
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 and Air Show	Postponed one week due to Labor Day Weekend.
September 24 th	September 29 th	Fun Fly #9 Climb & Glide plus Minnie Mambo Fly- In	
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



One of the great features of belonging to a club, any club for that matter, is the information available to the membership. This is not only true for R/C flying but any sport or hobby club or organization. That's one of the big reasons for joining a club. Here at Prop Masters we have several avenues available for information. One is the club library, check with Hank Bourassa, our librarian, at the monthly meeting or contact him directly for a list of what's available. I believe he has DVDs and books. On some items there is a \$5 deposit which is refunded when the item is returned. So it's actually free. For complete information on what is available make sure to check with Hank.

Hank also has our flight simulator. I believe it the Great Planes "Real-Flight-II" and he may have more than one. I'm not sure what the details are, but if you don't have one of your own, try ours for a month. The nice thing about a flight simulator is that you can practice those fancy new maneuvers and if you crash you just push the RESET button and you're back in business.

One of the best ways to get information is simply to ask. Someone in the club has probably experienced your "problem". And I'm sure they would be happy to tell you what they did to resolve it. If nothing else, they can tell you what didn't fix the problem and thus eliminate some wasted effort. The membership is a wealth of knowledge on every aspect of R/C flying. If you're a new member don't be afraid to ask any of the members for help. If one member doesn't know the answer he might know who does and will be happy to introduce you to the person with the answer. Old members, like me, can ask too. Just because we've been around a while doesn't mean we know everything about everything.

Sometimes club members present "How To" demonstrations at the meetings. We haven't had any of these for a while but the ones we did have were worth it. We have had the following presentations in the past: molding your own fiberglass parts, breaking in a new engine, propeller selection and balancing, and covering demos just to name a few. These demos were one of Bob's favorites.

Let's not forget the monthly newsletter "Plane Talk". This is also a great source of technical information, club news and events. Our newsletter has grown tremendously. When I started the average issue of "Plane Talk" was perhaps four pages of one or two paragraph articles with the remainder being cartoons about flying. Now we have "how to" articles, articles on trips the members took to events or other flying sites. We have articles on club projects, the upcoming Fun-Fly, field improvements and the results of the previous month's Fun-Fly. And don't forget all of the photos of the members and their models.

Information is not just available at the club meetings. If you're at the field and are having a problem, again just ask one of the club members for help. Engine won't start? Engine quits just after takeoff? Whatever the question, I'm sure someone has an opinion, if not an answer. Ask more than one member and you'll probably get more than one answer. The same is true if you need help learning a new maneuver. I know it's hard to believe that some folks don't know their Immelmann from a Humpty-Bump, but it's true. Don't be too embarrassed to ask. There is no such thing as a "Dumb Question". We were all beginners at one time or another. We all had to ask somebody for help at sometime.

Finally don't forget we have a website with still more information. If you are a club member, you have access to the club roster. The club roster contains the phone numbers or Email addresses of the members. If you have a problem or question you can also just call or Email. The newsletter also lists the numbers of instructors and club officers.

So there you have it. That great wealth of knowledge is available to all. Just one more advantages of being a Prop Master.

Fly Smart, Fly Safe, Larry Dudkowski



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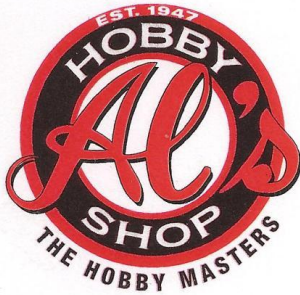
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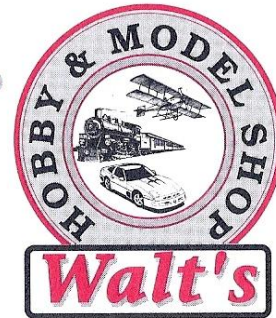
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**Fun Fly #11 December 1st: Old Time
Washer Drop.**