



# PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

DECEMBER, 2014

Another great year is coming to a close but that means another one is on the way! That also means that it's time for our annual year end Christmas Auction. The auction allows you to use the points you have accumulated throughout the year to bid on hobby related items. Here is the catch! Unfortunately your Prop Masters points are good for nothing everywhere else. So if you miss it, you are out. You can have someone bid your points for you by proxy, but they can't combine their points, so don't even try. A member tried that a few years back and he still has yet to be found. © We have a great line-up of items so mark your calendars for December 30th as a club meeting not to miss.

Our December meetings are more like a party, so we ask that you not bring any show and tell items unless you get something for Christmas that you just can't wait to show us all. What you can bring are any left over Christmas goodies. We normally have some finger food, but the December meeting allows you to get rid of any cookies, cakes, pies, dips, chips, or anything the wife says to get out of the house. If it doesn't get eaten by our bunch it wasn't meant to be.

We close the year out with our field in fantastic condition. Thanks to all members that helped cleanup, improve and maintained throughout the year. Special thanks to Tommy Camp who takes care of paint stripping, the impound stand and benches like it was his own backyard. Thanks Tom! As the field settles in for a long winters nap please be careful if you do go fly. The field gets wet, slippery and lumpy. Please dress appropriately and always go with a buddy. Also if you happen to go down far out of sight...leave it. I can assure you a trip to the hospital will be a lot more money. Fly Safe, Have Fun.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President again for 2015. It is an honor and pleasure to have you all as friends. There will be many opportunities to volunteer in 2015 so please consider joining the fun. We have a full calendar you will see later in the newsletter. This is your club so if you have any comments or suggestions please let me know.

I wish you and yours a blessed holiday season and one filled with joy for all.

Fly safe, have Fun. The Pres



A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



# Financial Report

## Bill Hickey



### Financial Report November 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance November 1, 2014	\$697.28	\$3,473.50	\$4,170.78	
Income:				
Dues	160.00		160.00	10 members paid into 2015 so far.
Total Income	160.00		160.00	
Total Cash Available	\$857.28	\$3,473.50	\$4,330.78	
Expenses:				
Xmas Auction	114.00		114.00	Do not open until December meeting!
Total Expenses	114.00		114.00	
Balance November 30,2014	\$743.28	\$3,473.50	\$4,216.78	

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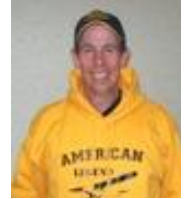
**The deadline for submissions is the second  
Tuesday of the month.**

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



# Meeting Minutes

## Dave Cotton



### Meeting minutes - November 25, 2014

#### **Opening:**

President Bob Mosinski presided over the meeting. The meeting began at 7:30 at the VFW Hall, Naperville, Illinois. The October meeting minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. October's Treasury Report, as published in the newsletter, was read and approved by the membership present at the meeting.

#### **Committee**

##### **Reports:**

Newsletter	Ray Luchetti requested that the Club's preliminary 2015 event calendar be reviewed by all concerned so that it would be ready for publication in the December newsletter.
Safety	A safety discussion was opened regarding allergies to CA glue. The club discussed that some builders may become sensitized to CA glue and may need to wear respirators or use different glues to build with. President Bob Mosinski stated that the snow and ice season is here, please be careful driving during these days – everyone be safe.
Fun Fly	Larry Dudkowski reviewed the rules for the upcoming Climb and Glide Fun Fly. It was brought before the membership whether this fun fly should be moved to December 7 in lieu of November 30 <sup>th</sup> . The club voted to keep the fun fly on the November 30 <sup>th</sup> date.
Forest Preserve	Tom Camp stated that the Forest Preserve was still there.
Website	No report.
Library	No report.
Instruction	Chief Instructor Tom Camp stated that the instruction season has ended.
Fundraising	No report.
Publicity	No report.
Nomination	The membership voted and it was seconded to accept the present Board and Executive Committee for the 2015 Term Year. (All candidates were unopposed).
Air Show and Picnic	No report.

#### **Old Business:**

Bob Mosinski presented additional items for the foam combat plane build including a slight change in direction – we are now building the Wonder for combat. A signup sheet is available. A blast email will be coming soon giving information for ordering materials. This build will take place before and after the January and February meetings. Anyone is open to come and watch. – See Flitetest.com, check it out some great stuff and cheap.

#### **New Business:**

Jeff Gittelman brought to the attention of the membership the concept of "SKILL FLY" sessions to be held after some of the fun fly contests. The concept of the "SKILL FLY" sessions is to improve your flying skills by working on, for example, "inverted flight, loops, slow rolls, or other aerobatics and generally improving your piloting skills. Participation points will be earned for participating in this program. The membership showed interest in this type of event by a show of hands and the club will proceed in Skill Fly development. More to Come.

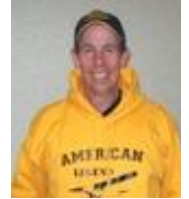
#### **New Members & Guests:**

AIAA of UIC students came to the meeting and brought last year's plane to show the membership. They also presented their 2015 project requirements and 3D design. It was also mentioned that you can read the project description at the following web address AIAA DBI.



# Meeting Minutes

Dave Cotton



## Lost Horizons:

None.

## Show and Tell:

### (See photo section)

Tom Camp	Sport Foam airplanes by FliteTest including a Storch and Spitfire models.
Jeff Gittelman	Spitfire by Flitetest in white and red color scheme.
Ray Good	Mountain Models electric with blue and yellow covering, a rebuild.
Ray Luchetti	Spitfire by Flitetest in red, white and blue colors.
Ron Angle	F-22 Quad (manufacturer unknown) in camouflage colors.
Mark Froelich	Tower Fun 51 with a 46 size motor.
Joe Bartek	Bucket Propeller 9.5" built by Joe for Science Olympiad Wright Stuff.

## Raffle:

The raffle was presented by Harlan Davis and included a Stearman kit, Bipe book, wire bender, clevis trimmer, 300 size electric motor and of course the glue.

## Closing:

The next meeting will be at the VFW hall at 7:30 pm on Tuesday December 30, 2014 FOR THE CHRISTMAS AUCTION, DON'T MISS IT.



# November 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting Photos

## Ray Luchetti



UIC students review 2015 project requirements.



Joe Bartek – Hand built 9.5” bucket propeller.



Bob Mosinski the wonder combat plane for the build program.



Tom Camp shows his Flitetest Bloody Wonder.



# November 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting Photos

## Ray Luchetti



Tom Camp – Foam Storch.



Jeff Gittelman – Flitetest Spitfire.



Mark Froelich – Tower Fun 51.



Ray Good – Mountain Models electric.



Ron Angle – F-22 Quad.



Ray Luchetti – Flitetest Spitfire.



## Fun Fly Committee



### Fun-Fly #10 Climb-N-Glide Report

It turned out to be a very good flying day. The temperature was about 50 degrees, the winds were from the west at 8-10 mph, and the sun was shining (OK we could have used a few more clouds to block the very low hanging sun). Much better than the recent bone chilling weather a few of us have flown in.

But there was some trepidation after the difficulties experienced during practice. Dave Engel lost sight of his plane during a landing, resulting in enough damage to end his flying day. Dave Cotton also had visibility difficulties and decided not to risk his plane in the contest. The rest of us threw caution to the wind (actually mostly we threw the planes to the wind) and saw some really great flying.

Hank took off and went vertical, perhaps thinking he was flying a copter. How high did he fly in 30 seconds? Well a couple of hawks had to look up to see the plane and my neck still hurts.... But then he powered down and glided for 1:29 and then landed on the runway! It was the best performance of the day. Not to be outdone, Bob M. took off with this 3D foamy, circled the field and then proceeded to hover without power as if he were flying a copter and also landed that way on the runway. Amazing flying. Great performances were put on by Bill Hickey and Tom Camp.

The details on individual performances are below:

	Expert	Advanced	Novice	Beginner
1 <sup>st</sup> . Place	Hank Bourassa	Bill Hickey	Jeff Gittelman	Mark Froelich
2 <sup>nd</sup> . Place	Bob Mosinski	Bruce Haynes	Bill Froelich	
3 <sup>rd</sup> . Place	Tom Camp		Ray Luchetti	

*Jeff Gittelman*  
*For the Fun Fly Committee*

### Polar Bear Fun Fly

Don't forget that January 1<sup>st</sup> is the First Fun-Fly of the year. This is the annual "Polar Bear" event. All you need to do is to show up and get something in the air. Afterwards we all retire to McDonalds for some hot coffee and? Just sign in and get something in the air. We'll get started around 10:00. If the weather's too bad just head to McDonalds.

Larry Dudkowski and the Fun Fly Committee



## Fun Fly Committee



### 2014 CLUB CALENDAR

Monthly Meeting	Fun Fly Date	Fun Fly Event	Notes
December 30 <sup>th</sup> & Christmas Auction		Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	

### 2015 CLUB CALENDAR

Date	Event Type	Event Details	Notes
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Special Event	Polar Bear Fun Fly 10:00 a.m. at the field.	
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting	Fun Fly #1 at the meeting.	
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting	Fun Fly #2 at the meeting.	
March 31 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting		
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly #3	'Old Time' Washer Drop and Spot Landing.	
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Skill Fly #1	Touch-N-Goes	
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting	Winter Project Judging at the meeting.	
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fun Fly #4	Wiffle Ball Spot Landing.	
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Skill Fly #2	Flat 8's.	
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Special Event	Prop Masters on the River Walk.	
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting	Flight Box Beauty Contest at the meeting.	
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Fun Fly #5	Prop Masters 500.	
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting	Beauty Contest at the meeting.	
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly #6	Practice for Barnstormers contest.	
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting		
Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fun Fly #7	Barnstormers Contest a Prop Masters field.	
Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Special Event	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tailgater Swap Event.	
Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting		
Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	Special Event	Annual Prop Masters Picnic & Air Show.	
Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	Skill Fly #3	Inverted Flight.	
Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting		
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly #8	Pattern Contest.	
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	Skill Fly #4	Take off from Runway.	
Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting		
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fun Fly #9	Fast-N-Slow	
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	Skill Fly #5	Perfect Loops.	
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting		
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly #10	Bull's Eye Spot Landing.	
Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting	Christmas Auction.	

#### NOTES:

- When a Fun Fly is cancelled it will be rescheduled for one week later from original date.
- When a Fun Fly is rescheduled the Skill Fly scheduled that month, (if any) will be cancelled.





## Hints, Information, Tips and Stuff

Larry Dudkowski



At the October meeting I passed out a survey on the Fun-Fly's and the results are shown below. I counted only YES and NO votes. If a line was left blank I didn't count it either way. A total of 17 ballots were cast.

Question	Yes's	No's	Question	Yes's	No's
Timed Events	14	2	Fast-N-Slow	13	4
Paper Air Plane	9	8	Crazy-8-Sunday	11	4
Aircraft Beauty Contest	14	2	Washer Drop	11	4
Wintertime Sim Contest	15	2	Washer Drop (Old Time)	11	5
Flite Box Beauty Contst	8	4	Balloon Break	11	2
Fun-Fly "Rain" Date	14	3	Prop Master 500	10	5
Barnstormers Contest	15	1	Bean Counter	9	5
Other Clubs Contest	12	3	Limbo	8	6
Bull's Eye Spot Landing	16	0	Wiffle Ball Spot Landing	8	5
Climb-N-Glide	14	1	Qualification Sunday	7	7
Pattern Contest	14	1	Dixie Dice	6	5
MayDay Spot Landing	14	1	Pick Your Time	6	8

The first group, **in blue**, was just some general questions. The second group was a list of Fun-Fly's we have had or proposed. Looking at the first group, we are also going to reinstate the "Rain Date" option. That is if the Fun-Fly is cancelled the day of the event, it will automatically be rescheduled for the following Sunday. Also anyone who shows up at the cancelled event will get attendance points for that event and the rescheduled event if they attend, that's double the attendance points. We'll use the "honor" system here. If you say you were there, you were there.

To my surprise "timed" event were popular. By "Time Event" I was referring to things like "Carzy-8" Sunday as opposed to the "Two-Minute-Timed-Flight" Also popular were the winter simulator contests and the Aircraft Beauty contest. Less popular were the paper airplane and Flight box Beauty contest. Almost everyone liked the Barnstormers competition. And perhaps we can expand interclub competition with the Fox Valley or Woodridge club.

As far as the contests go, it looks like we're going to bring back the pattern contest. We haven't had one in a while. Same for the "Whiffle Ball Spot Landing"

The calendar of events for 2015 is included with this newsletter. As always we start off with the "Polar Bear" Fly-In on January 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be followed by two Simulator events one at the January and another at the February meetings. The first outdoor contest will be the "Old-time Washer Drop", followed by the "Wiffle Ball Spot Landing" and the "Prop Masters 500" which brings us to the end of May. Then we'll make time for the Barnstormers both practice and the actual event. It will be at our field so the Barnstormers get to pick the contest. This will be followed by our Annual Picnic and Air Show, the Pattern Contest, "Fast-N-Slow" and closing the year with the "Bull's eye Spot Landing" contest.

If you have any ideas for a Fun-Fly let one of the Fun-Fly committee members in on it. Please see Jeff Gittelman, Dave Carlson or myself Larry Dudkowski and let us in on your idea,

That's it for another month and looking forward to 2015. Since I'm not sure when this comes out, I'll just say it now. From my family and myself to you and yours, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And may your stocking be stuffed with great R/C stuff.

Fly Smart, Fly Safe, Larry Dudkowski



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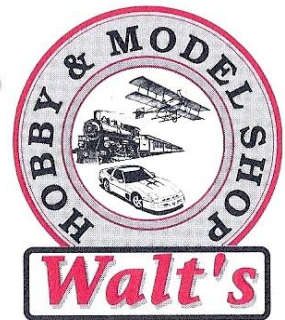
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**Next Meeting and Annual Christmas Party:**  
Tuesday December 30th. @ 7:30 p.m. at the  
Naperville VFW Hall.

**Fun Fly:** January 1<sup>st</sup>, Polar Bear Fun Fly.