



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

SEPTEMBER, 2017

Hi Guy's. It's September already. The leaves are changing and the temperature is dropping. We had a busy August. We hosted the Barnstormers for the annual cross town Fun Fly and we WON!!! We also had a field work day. Several members and two Forest Preserve Rangers cut down a lot of "weed trees" from around the field. One other item, we got the Forest Preserve to cut down about 30 feet of tall grass and weeds from the east side of the field, about 50 feet from the west side, and also about 20 feet from the south side. Thanks to Dave Sima and the Grounds crew.

Training season will be coming to an end at the end of September. As we all know, it will be too dark too early. We will offer training in the afternoons on Tuesday and Thursday, and weekends. Just give me a call and we'll get together. I will stay as the chief flight instructor next year. This way we won't interrupt what has become one of the best flight assistance programs around.

This month, we have two events. The first is our monthly Fun Fly. The date is the 10th of September, and our annual club picnic on the 17th. The picnic will be at the pavilion. We secured a permit for it. Bring your families with you so they can enjoy what we love to do. Desserts and salads are always welcome, so bring something to share. The club will supply the burgers, hot dogs, chips water and pop.

As you all probably know, the SUN will be in your eyes all day this time of year so it is even more important to use sun glasses and a hat. We can't change the direction the field faces. I asked, but that won't happen. I will be asking you all to give us some ideas for two things. One new or old Fun Fly that we have not done in a while. We are hearing that the stuff we are doing, although fun, is getting a little stale. The other, is items you would like to see in the Christmas auction. We have a few airplanes for the auction already purchased.

It's also time to get your winter projects lined up. Soon that white stuff will be blowing around, and it will be too cold to go to the field.

Fly Safe,
PRES
Tommy





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report August 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance August 1, 2017	\$1,323.18	\$3,887.34	\$5,210.52	
Income:				
None				
Total Income	-	-	-	
Total Cash Available	\$1,323.18	\$3,887.34	\$5,210.52	
Expenses:				
Year-End Auction	200.03		200.03	Kits, Kits, Kits!
Events	197.67		197.67	Food for Barnstormers Fun Fly.
Total Expenses	397.70	-	397.70	
Balance August 31, 2017	\$925.48	\$3,887.34	\$4,812.82	

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer

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Newsletter Contributions
Send newsletter contributions to the
Newsletter Editor at rluchetti@att.net.

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 - August 29, 2017

Opening:

The meeting held at the VFW Hall Naperville Illinois began at 7:34 pm and adjourned at 8:30 pm. The July meeting minutes and the July Treasurer's Report were approved by the membership. President Tom Camp presided over the meeting.

Committee

Reports:

Newsletter

No Report Requested.

Safety

Mick Pfeifer stated that we have had a much better safety month but there are still a few protocol issues to be discussed and reviewed. Joe Bartek mentioned that if you've had any sort of crash or rough landing that impacted your control surfaces – please check them for attachment and alignment prior to flying.

Fun Fly

Congrats to all on the Win against the Barnstormers. The next fun fly event is the fast and slow and Prop Masters 500.

Forest Preserve

Tom Camp mentioned that the Forest Preserve is impressed with our safety record and all of the work that the membership puts into the field - it looks great. Still waiting on the dates for the installation of the pilot station fencing.

Website

No report requested.

Library

No report requested.

Instruction

Tom Camp mentioned that instruction will take place for another month or so –while it's still light during the evenings. Call Tom Camp if you wish to schedule a time.

Fundraising

No report requested.

Publicity

No report requested.

Nomination

Tom Camp encouraged the membership to become involved in the operation of the Club. Tom mentioned again that he will not be running for President next year and that the Fun Fly Committee Chairman position will also be open. Please notify Harlan Davis if you're interested.

Air Show

No report requested.

Picnic

The Annual Picnic is scheduled for September 17, 2017.

Old Business:

YES... WE WON...CONGRATES TO ALL THAT ATTENDED THE BARNSTROMERS EVENT.

New Business:

Planes for sale; see Robert Carrington.

New Members & Guests:

Oliver, (UIC) welcome back, great to see you.

Lost Horizons:

No Lost Horizons requested.



Meeting Minutes

Dave Cotton



Show and Tell: (See photo section)

Bill Hickey	ME-262 by GWS which was built from a kit.
Michael Doll	Ultimate E ARF by World Models with electric motor and 20Amp speed controller.
Mick Pfeifer	Waco ARF by Hobby Zone.
Jim Farina	ARF bi-plane by Exceed.
Mark Froelich	Great Planes Viper 500 ARF.

Raffle:

Happy anniversary to Harlan Davis. The raffle was presented by Mick Pfeifer and included a Waco 61, book, rubber bands and a video of Warbirds.

Closing:

The next meeting is at the VFW Hall at 7:30pm on September 26, 2017.

Prop Masters R/C Aero Club



August 29th. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Bill Hickey – ME-262.



Michael Doll - Ultimate E by World Models.



Mark Froelich – Great Planes Viper 500.



Jim Farina – Bi-Plane by Exceed.

Prop Masters



Fun Fly Committee



Prop Masters vs. Barnstormers Report

Barnstormers Fall To The Prop Masters!

Sunday, August 13th was a great day for a Fun Fly. Sunny, not too warm and for most of the morning almost no winds. The annual meeting of the two clubs took place this year at our field. The Barnstormers chose the Wiffle ball contest as the event. Each pilot had four passes at the runway to touch the ball in the runway circle then perform a spot landing in the circle. The maximum points that could be earned was 15 per pilot. We added the top five scores from each team and WE WON!!

Dave Carlson had the most at 13 points but we also had a number of 10 and 11 point scores – good flying guys! There were 17 Prop Masters in attendance (all of whom were awarded 75 points for the day!) and 15 members flew. I believe the Barnstormers had 9 members attending with 7 flying.

As the host club we provided the food – Subway sandwiches, chips, water, cookies & homemade brownies. Everyone had a great time and the trophy is back home!!.

Jeff Gittelman





Fun Fly Committee



Super Sunday September 10, 2017.

Mark your calendars; we're going to have two Fun Fly contests on September 10th. The contests will be the "Fast-N-Slow" and the "Prop Masters 500" which was originally scheduled for July 9th.

Fun-Fly #6 – September 10, 2017 "Fast-N-Slow"

This month's Fun Fly will be the "FAST-N-SLOW". The event will be held on **Sunday September 10th with a Rain Date of September 17th**. The event will be postponed if the weather forecast is for rain, North/South winds greater than 10 mph or East/West winds greater than 15 mph. Please sign in when you arrive. Competition will start as soon as pilots are ready, approximately 10:00am, with practice before and open flying afterwards.

Here's how it works. The object of this event is to have the greatest speed differential between how fast and how slow your model will fly. You will first make one level pass across the field boundaries followed by a second pass in the same direction. The first pass will be the FAST pass; the second pass will be the SLOW pass. The model will be timed and the MPG computed from a time/mph chart. The winner will have the largest speed differential between the fast and the slow speed. The second largest, second place and so on for each of the pilot classes.

Here are the rules. Each pilot must make both passes in the same direction, either East to West or West to East. The model must make a LEVEL pass, neither climbing nor diving as it crosses the start and stop markers. *No maneuvers are allowed, especially during the slow pass. The nose of the aircraft must remain parallel to the ground. No 3-D or High Alpha maneuvers are allowed.*

Flaps, flaperons and/or retracts may be used during the slow pass.



Fun Fly Committee



Points:

Finish points will be awarded for each pilot class for the first through third finishers. Ten attendance and 10 participation points will be awarded. In addition, an additional 10 points will be awarded for pilots achieving a spot landing in center circle on the runway or 5 points at the “X” at either end of the runway.

Fun-Fly #4 (Originally scheduled July 9, 2017) **“Prop Masters 500”**

Here’s how it works. The plane begins at one end of the runway within the painted X. The pilot taxis down the runway to the other end without taking off, turns around in the opposite X, taxis back to the starting X, turns around and then takes off. After the plane passes the tall grass Beginners perform one circuit, Novices one loop, Advanced two loops, and Expert three loops. The plane then must pass then center painted “X” on the runway before landing. The pilot may simply pass the center “X” and choose to go around in any fashion and then land, or pass the “X” and land in one maneuver.

Time stops after “first Touch” on landing. The fastest time wins within each class. There is a 10 second time penalty in each direction for running off the runway during the taxi, for a maximum penalty of 20 seconds, and an additional 10 second time penalty if wheels do not first touch the runway on landing. Any time penalties will be added to the pilot’s time.

Point Awards: Points will be awarded for first through third places, in each pilot class. Point awards are as follows 50 for first place, 40 for second, and 30 for third. Every pilot who enters will also be awarded 10 participation points. Everyone in attendance will be awarded 10 attendance points.

Jeff Gittelman for the Fun Fly Committee

Annual Picnic September 17, 2017

This year our annual picnic will be held on Sunday September 17th. As usual the Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, fixin’s and drinks. Please feel free to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. We’ve rented the shelter so there should be enough room for everyone to be comfortable and enjoy the day.



Fun Fly Committee



2017 Calendar

Date	Event Type	Event Details	Notes
January 1 st	Special Event	Polar Bear Fun Fly 10:00 a.m. at the field.	Turned out to be a great day for flying.
January 31 st	Monthly Meeting		
February 28 th	Monthly Meeting		
March 28 th	Monthly Meeting	Winter Project judging contest. (ARF & Kit)	
April 2 nd	Fun Fly #1	Washer Drop.	
April 25 th	Monthly Meeting		
May 7 th	Fun Fly #2	Wiffle Ball Spot Landing	Rescheduled from April 30 th .
May 30 th	Monthly Meeting		
June 4 th	Fun Fly #3	Pylon Race & Quad Copter (vertical hoola hoops).	
June 25 th	Special Event	Air Show	Cancelled due to weather.
June 27 th	Monthly Meeting	Aircraft Beauty Contest	Beauty Contest cancelled.
July 9 th	Fun Fly #4	Prop Masters 500.	Moved to September 10 th .
July 15 th	Special Event	Air Show	Rescheduled from June 25 th . Rain/Wind date will be July 16 th .
July 25 th	Monthly Meeting		
July 30 th	Fun Fly #5	Practice for Barnstormers Event	
August 12 th	Special Event	River Walk static demo and Try Fly	Cancelled.
August 13 th	Special Event	Barnstormers at Prop Masters – Wiffle Touch & Go and Spot Landing.	
Aug 29 th	Monthly Meeting		
Sept 10 th	Fun Fly #6	Fast-N-Slow & Prop Masters 500	Delayed due to Labor Day.
Sept 17 th	Special Event	Annual Picnic	
Sept 26 th	Monthly Meeting		
Oct 1 st	Fun Fly #7	Climb & Glide, and Combat.	
Oct 31 st	Monthly Meeting		
Nov 5 th	Fun Fly #8	Crazy 8's	
Nov 28 th	Monthly Meeting		
Dec 3 rd	Fun Fly #9	Mystery Event (weather dependent).	
Dec 26 th	Monthly Meeting	Christmas Auction	



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**Next Meeting: Tuesday September 26th. @
7:30 p.m. at the Naperville VFW Hall.**

**Fun Fly: September 10th, Fast-N-Slow and
Prop Masters 500.**

Annual Picnic: September 17th.