



PLANE TALK

PROP MASTERS R/C NEWSLETTER



AMA CHARTER CLUB #397

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

FEBRUARY, 2020

Hi Guys,

It's February, and it's staying light out a little longer. The winter has not been too bad so far, but cold and snow might return. I hope we have a better spring than we did last year.

At our last meeting, we discussed having an Air Show this year. All the members at the meeting thought it was a good idea. I will look at our club calendar and see what date works. I am thinking of having it on a Saturday, with Sunday as a backup. This will take a lot of planning and we will need all your help. This is a great opportunity for the Prop Masters to show the public how to operate our aircraft "drones" safely and in compliance with all FAA, AMA and Forest Preserve rules. A few things I think we can do to show off our hobby are: Formation flying, solo scale flight, aerobatic flying, quads, and, of course, training. These are my ideas. If you have some other ideas, please let us know at an upcoming meeting. We also talked about stripping the field this year. I will be happy to do the stripping. I need to know how often you all want it done.

I hope you all have received the blasts that I have been sending out in regards to the new rules the FAA wants to put into place. There are several that could be very costly and very hard for us, as a club, to comply with. One of them is Remote Identification of our aircraft. In my opinion, this is not workable as published by the FAA. You can follow the links in the blasts I sent to see what others have written to their Representatives in Government. It would be in our interest to do the same. Sometime this year, the FAA will mandate we take and pass a test, to be able to fly our model aircraft "drones." I don't like the idea, but there is nothing we can do to stop it. When the time comes to take the test, we can set up a study section at a meeting to prepare for it.

We have a few members that can help us, with learning what we need to know. Do we need this, I don't think so, but it's coming! The AMA, and a lot of other organizations, are working very hard with the FAA and other Government agencies to protect our hobby. Let's hope their and our efforts are successful. In the meantime, let's keep up the good work we do in educating ourselves and the public in the safe and legal way we fly our aircraft "drones." And to show everyone what a great and safe hobby we have.

As training season gets closer, we can always use some help at the field. Come on out and join us. Training is part of our charter and the best way we can help share our hobby.

As always,
Fly and be safe
PRES
Tommy





Financial Report

Bill Hickey



Financial Report

January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020

Description	Operating Fund	Field Fund	Total	Comments
Balance January 1, 2020	\$1,043.10	\$3,483.04	\$4,526.14	
Income:	-	-	-	
Dues	560.00	-	560.00	23 members paid to-date.
Total Income	560.00	-	560.00	
Total Cash Available	1,603.10	3,483.04	5,086.14	
Expenses:				
Year - End Auction	409.28	-	409.28	For "2019" auction held January 7, 2020.
Total Expenses	409.28	-	409.28	
Balance January 31, 2020	\$1,193.82	\$3,483.04	\$4,676.86	

Bill Hickey, Prop Masters Treasurer
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Attention Members

It's time to pay your 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 2019, your dues carry over into 2020 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 meeting. The membership form is on the Prop Masters R/C Aero Club website and is also included with this newsletter. Checks should be made payable to the Prop Masters R/C Aero Club and my address for mailing is shown above.



Meeting Minutes

Jeff Cowan



Meeting minutes - January 7, 2019

Opening:

The meeting began at 7:30 PM at the Community United Methodist Church, 20 North Center St, Naperville Illinois. President Tom Camp presided. The January 7 (Annual Christmas Auction) meeting minutes were approved as published in the January Newsletter. The January Treasury Report was read as published in this newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter	Ray Luchetti reports all OK. Though still need to talk about a new calendar.
Safety	Mike Pettinger raised multiple topics that were discussed. Mike looking for input on future safety topics. Rules committee will only meet when needed. Various topics around new FAA regs proposal and FAA training/testing plan. Lots of discussion to be continued.
Fun Fly	No Report.
Forest Preserve	Tom Camp reported the field is still there. Jacob from the Forest Preserve asked about FAA test. They are looking for outcome to assess how their requirements will need to change.
Website	Mike Pettinger reports Newsletter data current. Having not changed anything else Mike asked for club input on what changes are needed. Several members said they liked photos with names so could identify who people are. Activity photo album needs updated with more current content. Need to get control of club email address. Other ideas were shared.
Library	Hank Bourassa reports library still there. Reviewed content of library for interested members. Suggestion made to publish content of library on the web.
Instruction	Tom Camp: Nothing to report.
Fundraising	No report.
Publicity	Harlan Davis: Nothing to report.
Nomination	No report
Air Show/Picnic	Tom Camp led discussion to assess interest in an air show. Dave Engel reminded everyone about the effort and people required to put on an air show. There appears to be interest. Tom deferred further discussion to next meeting.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

New Members & Guests:

The club welcomed Elijah and his mom Tracy.

Lost Horizons:

No bent aircraft or pilots this month.



Meeting Minutes

Jeff Cowan



Show and Tell: (See photo section)

Peter Fales	Trainer 40 GP kit by Great Planes; yellow/black.
Bob Johnson	Katana Mini EP ARF by Precision Aerobatic; purple/white.
Tom Camp	Uproar V2 GP ARF by Tower Hobbies; .46 OS engine; white.
Hank Bourassa	RadJet 800 EP ARF by Hobby King; white/pink.
Joe Bartek	Falcon Foo Fighter; Don Srull plans; rubber powered; light blue covering made from a Daily Tribune delivery bag.
Jeff Cowan	Fuel tank leak detector (dial manometer w/pressure bulb; \$13 from Amazon.

Raffle

The raffle was presented by Harlan Davis. Included Tower Hobbies Mini Uproar EP ARF plane, Piper J4-E Cub-Coupe rubber powered flying model, Ford Tri-Motor desk model plane, "Duck" Commuter desk model plane, prop spinner, fire starter, ESC 8amp, CA glue.

Closing:

Next meeting Tuesday February 25, 7:30 PM at Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Center St, Naperville IL.

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.



January 28th. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Peter Fales - Great Planes 40 trainer.



Bob Johnson - Katana Mini EP ARF.



Tom Camp - Uproar V2 ARF.



Hank Bourassa - RadJet 800 ARF.

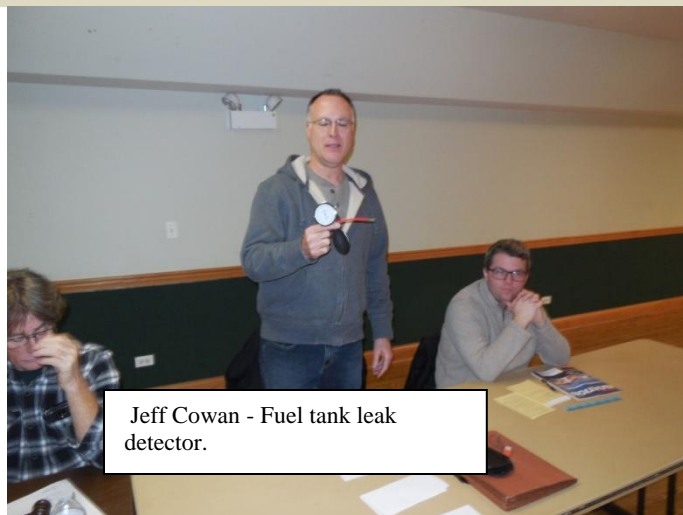


January 28th. Meeting Photos

Ray Luchetti



Joe Bartek - Falcon Foo Fighter.



Jeff Cowan - Fuel tank leak detector.



Aerial photo of Springbrook provided by Ron Angle.



Fun Fly Committee



2020 Calendar

Date	Event Type	Event Details	Notes
January 7 th	Monthly Meeting	Annual Christmas meeting and points auction.	
January 28 th	Monthly Meeting		
February 25 th	Monthly Meeting		
March 31 st	Monthly Meeting		
April 4 th	Fun Fly	Fly and Glide	
April 28 th	Monthly Meeting		
May 2 nd	Fun Fly	Fast and Slow	
May 26 th	Monthly Meeting		
May 30 th	Fun Fly	TBA	
June 6 th & 7 th	Special Event	Festival of Flight at Clow Airport	
June 30 th	Monthly Meeting		
July 11 th	Air Show	Air Show	
July 28 th	Monthly Meeting		
August 1 st	Fun Fly	Washer drop	
August 25 th	Monthly Meeting		
August 29 th	Picnic Fun Fly	Picnic or Fun Fly	
September 29 th	Monthly Meeting		
October 3 rd	Fun Fly	Qualification	
October 27 th	Monthly Meeting		
November 24 th	Monthly Meeting		
December 29 th	Monthly Meeting	Annual Christmas meeting Auction	

Tom Camp/Jack MacPherson



Prop Masters Organization & Contact Information

Officers/Board Members:

Position	Name	Email address	Phone #
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Visit the Prop Masters R/C Club Web Site at <http://www.propmastersrc.org>

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815-439-1477

Walt's Hobby Shop
2207 Plainfield Road
Joliet, IL 60435
815-741-0043

HobbyTown USA - Orland
15551 South 94th Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-349-8697

Strictly R/C
7713 West Lawrence Avenue
Norridge, IL 60706
708-456-9100

HobbyTown USA – St. Charles
2061A Lincoln Highway (St Rte. 38)
St. Charles, IL 60174
630-587-1256

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 25, 2020, 7:30 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church 20 N. Center St. Naperville, IL.

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

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: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

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