



Blue Max Aces



*The monthly newsletter of Blue Max
R/C Flying Club*

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*Every Flight is a New Adventure!
By Bruce Volocyk, President*



Spring may be here but we're still waiting for a break in the weather. April brings us our Spring Banquet. For those able to attend, a good time will be had by all. For the April club meeting, Chris Mays will be sharing a safety review with us to jump start us into the season. Feel free to participate in the monthly Show & Tell portion of our meeting. It's always interesting to see what our members have been busy working on and sharing ideas. The April meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 302 N. Dunton, in Arlington Heights **AND** also available via Zoom if you're unable to join us in person. Look forward to seeing a great turn out!

- President
Bruce Volocyk
- Vice President
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- Board of Directors
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Brian Sokol
Steve Gelman

COMMITTEES

- Winter Banquet
Steve Gelman
- Field Marshal
Carl Will
- Flying Proficiency
Steve Gelman
- Fun Fly
Steve Gelman
- Noise
Open
- Picnic
Steve Gelman
- Programs
Open
- Safety
Chris Mays
- Noise
Leo Hanula

March 18, 2024 Meeting

The meeting was held at First Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights and also via Zoom.

REPORTS

President: The meeting was called to order by Bruce Volocyk and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Melendy.

New Members & Guests: 1) George – guest. George became interested in getting more serious about the hobby around 10 years ago. Enjoys building. Has flown at the field a few times and is thinking of joining the club.

2) Mike Anderson – new member. In the hobby many years ago and interested and getting back into it now that he's retired.

Things are running smoothly around the club so we'll move right into the club reports.

Secretary: Still need a secretary. Bruce will be recording the meeting tonight. Bruce called for comments/corrections/further discussion on the February 19, 2024 meeting Minutes; no comments. Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer – Jim Kaufman: Balances were reported.

Newsletter – Mike McTague: Mike unable to join. Nothing to report.

Webmaster – Brian Sokol: Brian added a link to CafePress on the main page. Bruce was wearing a polo shirt item from CafePress. Brian reiterated the club mark-up is set to 0%.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Banquet – Steve Gelman: Spring Banquet - After looking at a few options, Steve is recommending Lou Malnati's, 85 S. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:00 p.m. Anticipate 30-40 based on previous year's attendance. Bruce called for a vote, all in favor. Spring Banquet date and location set as recommended. Steve will be sending out an email with the details to all members.

Picnic – Steve is recommending August 18. This date is available at the Forest Preserve and is two weeks after all the airshows. Falls in line with previous year's picnic dates.

Field Marshal – Carl Will: Still waiting on the weather to do field work. We will be looking for volunteers to help with some of the projects, i.e., pulling up the first row of turf. After researching, two wind socks have been ordered and will be put up soon after they are received. Steve Irving inquired about the add-on build to the shed to house the generator. It's been determined an add-on build is not necessary. The generator will fit in the shed and it runs quieter, so an external box to muffle the noise shouldn't be required.

Club Skill Challenge/Fun Fly – Steve Gelman: Steve will be putting together the dates and will pass on

to be posted on the Website calendar.

Noise – Leo Hanula - No report.

Training- Carl Will: Bruce mentioned that based on new members joining, it looks like Carl will have a full plate scheduling training. It was suggested we have another trainer. Carl mentioned that he has talked with Abe Khoury about assisting.

Proficiency/Certifications – Steve Gelman: No report.

Safety – Chris Mays: Bruce suggested we have a high-level Safety discussion at the next meeting. Chris agreed to put something together. Brian mentioned it's a good time to start safety checks on your planes.

Crash Reports – Steve Gelman – No report.

Old Business – no report.

New Business – no report.

Show & Tell – George (guest) showed his GB scratch build. Brian showed an ARF Thunder Tiger he built. He also shared his tip about printing your FAA #, AMA # and your contact phone # on clear labels printed via a regular LaserJet printer to label your planes.

Club Raffle – Three different raffles tonight! Regular 5 for \$6 - Two Amazon gift cards were raffled. Ardie Arnold was the winner of a \$25.00 Amazon gift card from our special raffle for all members who have paid their 2024 membership dues. Lastly, we raffled a Blue Max club coffee mug; names drawn from those present at the meeting tonight. Anton Sokol was the winner.

Adjournment – all in favor; meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Events

Club Meeting - New Location

Monday April 15th 7pm

Address: First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, 302 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL.

Details: Enter through the main door (South of the Arlington Heights Library parking lot).

Indoor Flying

"Come Fly Indoors With Us"

If you want to learn how to fly RC airplanes, or if you are a seasoned veteran and want to hone your skills during the winter months, this is a class for you. Our "classroom" is the field house where we fly small to medium sized, electric RC planes in any weather. Most of our students are "repeat attenders" and have become good friends who enjoy sharing their knowledge with newcomers. So, if you are just starting out and need some help, or if you are looking for a comfortable place to fly during the winter, join us for fun and fellowship.

Location:

Forest View Educational Center : Field House
2121 S Goebbert Rd (Enter door 31 register)
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 718-7700

Mondays, Spring Session April - May Starts 4/1 Contact: Warren Bjork 847-975-9517
3:30 - 6:30 PM
Price: \$ **89.00** (less with a gold card ie., District 214 resident)

Canlan Sportsplex – 28156 W. Northpointe Parkway, Lake Barrington

Fridays 11am until 2pm. Cost is \$16 per session

For more info or directions call 847-382-3433

This Month's New Builds...

Progress on Bruce's ¼ scale Spacewalker with gas engine...



Mike Melendy's 72" 30cc F4U Corsair...

