



# Blue Max Aces

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

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



Flying season is here, let's make the most out of it! Remember to do your pre-flight checklist, watch your battery levels and exercise caution in the pit area. We're seeing a lot of activity, which has been great, so remember safety first.

We've had two successful Fun Flies, organized by Brian Sokol. Thank you Brian! The next Fun Fly is scheduled for July 20; come join us. Also, looking ahead we have our club annual picnic scheduled for August 24. Mark your calendars!

The next meeting will be Monday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Deer Grove Flying Field. As always, bring your show and tell.

## *MEETING MINUTES* by

Bruce Volocyk

June 16, 2025 Meeting

The meeting was held at the Deer Grove flying field.

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Steve Gelman

#### COMMITTEES

##### Winter Banquet

Steve Gelman

##### Field Marshal

Carl Will

##### Flying Proficiency

Steve Gelman

##### Fun Fly

Brian Sokol

Jim Ackleson

##### Noise

Open

##### Picnic

Steve Gelman

##### Programs

Open

##### Safety

Chris Mays

## REPORTS

**President:** The meeting was called to order by President, Bruce Volocyk, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
**New Members & Guests:** Two new members were present, Frank Hoeft and Jacob Ferguson, who shared their backgrounds.

**Secretary:** In the absence of a club Secretary, Bruce will take notes for the meeting tonight. Confirmed that the May 19, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed. No changes; minutes approved.

**Treasurer:** Jim Kaufman: Jim reported current balances; no large expenditures during the month. Al Valenzo has pending expenses to submit for work done on the lawn mower.

**Newsletter:** Mike McTague: Thanks to everyone who helps Mike with the newsletter behind the scenes, aka Mike's wife, as well as Brian Sokol. Thank you!

**Webmaster:** Brian Sokol: Everything is working well. Brian mentioned that Gary from Hobby Town, Northbrook, is giving discounts on purchases to club members. Inquire on specific requirements if you should visit that store.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Field Marshal:** Mike Anderson: Mike reported runway cracks were repaired. Jeff doing well keeping up with the grass.

**Proficiency/Certifications:** Steve Gelman: No activity to report.

**Picnic:** Steve Gelman: Board meeting to be scheduled to review details of the picnic.

**Fun Fly:** Brian Sokol: Brian reported the first Fun Fly was a "fly and glide." 3rd place: Lenny Aywaz; 2nd place Rick LoPresto and Mike Anderson; and 1st place was Jim Ackleson who had a huge lead almost a minute longer than the others. Next Fun Fly will be June 22 (which was rescheduled to June 29 due to weather) and will be a "21 Black Jack" skill challenge.

**Noise:** Carl Will: No report; Carl was not present at the meeting.

**Safety:** Chris Mays: Chris suggested checking screws, nuts and bolts for each flight; lesson learned after experiencing a plane go down. Luckily the plane wasn't damaged.

**Crash Reports:** Steve Gelman: Steve Gelman reported he had one crash.

**Training:** Carl Will: No report; Carl was not present at the meeting.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business** – None

**Show & Tell** – Mike Anderson showed his Pitts Biplane.

**Raffle:** Raffle was held; two winners.

**Next Meeting:** The July 21 meeting will be held at the field with an earlier start time of 6:30 p.m. The next several meetings will be at the field through September. In the event the weather is poor, we'll revert to a Zoom meeting.

**Adjournment** – All in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Club Meeting   Monday July 21st 6:30 pm DEER GROVE FLYING FIELD**

## **Indoor Flying**

**"Come Fly Indoors With Us"**    Next session Fall'25 - See School Dist 214 Adult Education.

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, Contact: Warren Bjork 847-975-9517  
3:30 - 6:30 PM  
Price: \$ **Ck website** (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

**Blue Max Members at the Air Supremacy Over Goshen giant scale fly in at Goshen, Indiana**











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**Blue Max Members at the Windy City Warbirds and Classics giant scale fly in at Fox Valley Aero in St. Charles**



















**Blackjack/21 Blue Max Fun Fly**







