



Blue Max Aces

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

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



Summer is upon us and with that our hard-working members have been busy keeping the field maintained for everyone. Shout out to Jeff Prill for keeping the lawn trimmed in addition to the Forest Preserve cuts. Also thanks to the volunteers who spent a day spreading mulch as well as appreciation to Mike Anderson and Carl Will for all their ongoing efforts. Mike McTague and Steve Gelman took time from their busy schedules to once again go to Carl Sandburg Middle School in Rolling Meadows to give another talk/demonstration to the middle school students on the principles of flight and aerodynamics concepts. Mike advised that the class really enjoyed it. He thought that they'd likely be asked to come back each year/semester to repeat. Great job gentlemen and thank you for representing Blue Max.

The next meeting will be **Monday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Deer Grove Flying Field**. As always, bring your show and tell.

MEETING MINUTES by

Bruce Volocyk

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Steve Gelman

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Carl Will

Flying Proficiency

Steve Gelman

Fun Fly

Steve Gelman

Noise

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Picnic

Steve Gelman

Programs

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Safety

Chris Mays

Noise

Leo Hanula

May 19, 2025 Meeting

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Around the Hangar

REPORTS

President: The meeting was called to order by President, Bruce Volocyk, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

New Members & Guests: No new members or guests were present. We had two new members join during the last week in April: Pierre Lasserre and Craig Brown.

Bruce shared that Carl Will became a great-grandfather again to twin girls. Congratulations, Carl! No additional President report topics.

Secretary: In the absence of a club Secretary, Bruce will take notes for the meeting tonight. Confirmed that the April 21, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed. No changes; minutes approved.

Treasurer – Jim Kaufman: Jim reported overall club current balance. May's largest expenditure was \$200 for a weed wacker and blower for the pit area. Al Valenzo advised he has some receipts to turn in for work done on the lawn mower.

Newsletter – Mike McTague: It's looking great. No report or questions from members. Bruce inquired on the request to go back to the Carl Sandburg Middle School in Rolling Meadows to give another talk/demonstration to the middle school students on the principles of flight and aerodynamics concepts. Mike advised that he and Steve Gelman did go back and the class really enjoyed it. He thought that they'd likely be asked to come back each year/semester to repeat. Great job gentlemen and thank you for representing Blue Max.

Webmaster – Brian Sokol: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Picnic – Steve Gelman: Steve is working on a list of all things needed/to do. The permit has been obtained. The date of the picnic is Sunday, August 24. Gene Derbick would like to jump in and help with the BBQ portion of the picnic. Bruce suggested that Gene join the Board meeting that will be held to review details of the picnic.

Field Marshal – Mike Anderson: No report.

Proficiency/Certifications – Steve Gelman: No report.

Club Skill Challenge/Fun Fly – Brian Sokol: No report.

Noise – Carl Will: No report.

Safety – Chris Mays: Chris shared he had a close call on a fire in his kitchen and used a fire blanket – which helped a little. He had a fire blanket on hand as he keeps them handy throughout his house and for his lipo batteries. He showed what he purchased on Amazon and said he'd recommend everyone invest in one; appx. \$15. The topic of what to do with lipo batteries if they should catch fire has been an ongoing conversation within

the club. Keep sharing your experiences and information. Gene Derbick put buckets of sand at the field to use if needed for battery fires.

Crash Reports – Steve Gelman: Al Valenzo reported he crashed two planes over the weekend.

Training - Carl Will: Carl is training a couple of members. There were also a few people interested in the hobby so Carl took out the club trainer and did a demonstration. Carl shared his idea to put up a sign with a picture of the Aeroscout with the headline “learn to fly.”

Old Business – None.

New Business – Bruce shared that Sig in Des Plaines is manufacturing the Something Extra kit again for sale if anyone is interested.

Show & Tell – Mike McTague showed a Microaces Albatros which he built and said it’s a great indoor plane to fly. Al also showed his Microaces Albatros that he built.

Raffle: No raffle.

Next Meeting: The June 16 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; meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Events

Club Meeting Monday June 16th 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



Dave Scott's first R/C School by Mike McTague

We are very fortunate to have Carl as our instructor. His calm demeanor and knowledge are great assets to our club.

If you are seeking a more condensed, immersive experience, I recommend Dave Scott's 1st RC flight school. A couple weeks ago I was able to attend a training class; I have attended for a few years now and have really enjoyed this experience. I seem to get so busy that my practice time is limited and devoting myself to this condensed time is really useful to me. Dave offers a concentrated 5 day primary solo course and a 4 day acrobatic course. I have taken the acrobatic course the last few years. I believe the course is well worth the 769.00 price tag. I am fortunate to have family I can stay with in Appleton, otherwise a hotel room in Shawano, WI would also be needed. Being a science teacher myself, I really appreciate Dave's skill as an instructor. He takes you at your own level and gives you a great basis to grow your skills. His flight manuals are very well written and understandable. He is a regular contributor to AMA magazine. Typically, class size is no more than 3, which gives you plenty of stick time, and observing Dave work with your fellow students also enhances your learning. Another aspect of this experience is learning to fly in conditions (wind) that might have caused you to stay away from the field. Check out 1st rc flight school at www.rcflightschool.com

If you have any questions you can reach out to me at 847-501-0521.

Chris Mays has completed this beauty. Scratch built (marketplace find) "Cutting Edge". Chris covered and finished. #12, O.S. 1.20AX.



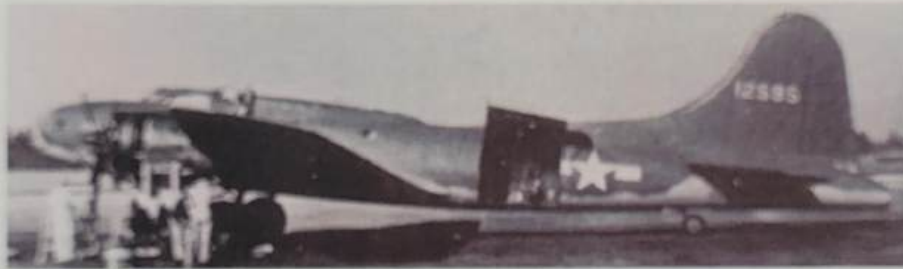


Carl recently visited the B-17 Desert Rat restoration project in Marengo.

WGN also did a feature story on the project: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_QdRmVxWLO

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