



Blue Max Aces

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

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



October is closing fast. Hopefully, you've been able to take advantage of the great weather before this recent change. I'm sure we still have plenty of flying opportunities left in the season.

This month we nominate Club Officers and Board members for the 2026 club year. Voting will occur at the November meeting. Please plan on attending these meetings if you are able.

Our next meeting is October 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 302 N. Dunton Ave., in Arlington Heights. Bring your show and tell.

See you on the field!

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President

Bruce Volocyk

Vice President

Al Valenzo

Secretary

Craig Brown

Treasurer

Jim Kaufman

Board of Directors

Chris Mays

Carl Will

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

MEETING MINUTES by Craig Brown

September 15, 2025 Meeting

The meeting was held at the Deer Grove flying field. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

Around the Hangar

REPORTS

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

New Members & Guests: Three new members attended the meeting and introduced themselves:

- Gary Kohler
- Herb Rizzo
- Barry Schilling

Welcome to all!

President's Report – Bruce Volocyk

The following items were noted by Bruce:

- **Picnic** - Another successful picnic was held on Sunday, August 14. Thanks to Steve Gelman, Gene Derbick, and all of the other individuals that assisted with making such a great event.
- **Sheriff Department Visits** – Bruce noted that Sheriff's department personnel have recently visited the Deer Grove flying field on several occasions. This is a normal occurrence and should not be alarming to members. RC Pilots should always have their AMA membership card and FAA registration available to present to the officers. Bruce also noted that AMA and FAA flying regulations must be followed by club members at all times.
- **FRIA Area** – Bruce addressed where the FRIA area is designated at our flying field:
 - A FRIA ([FAA-Recognized Identification Area](#)) is a designated geographic area, established by the FAA, where drones and radio-controlled aircraft can be flown without Remote ID equipment, provided the drone and pilot remain within the FRIA boundaries and the pilot maintains visual line of sight.
 - The FRIA should not be confused with a field boundary. The FRIA is only for designating an area where the Remote ID is not required. It is not a formal boundary for the flying field itself.
 - The paved back path on the back side of the flying field should be respected as much as possible when path users are present.
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- **Fall Elections** – Elections for the Blue Max board will be held in November. Please reach out to the current officers if you are interested in running for a position or being on the board.
- **Plane Donation** – The estate of a former RC enthusiast reached out to Jim Ackleson (former Blue Max president) with an offer to donate ~75 mostly new RC planes. The planes are currently being stored at Jim's house and will be auctioned off in the near future, with proceeds to benefit the club.

Secretary – Craig Brown

One correction was noted for the August 18, 2025 minutes. The previous minutes erroneously stated that electronic payments could be made to the club using “Venmo”. This is incorrect.....The club only accepts Zelle for electronic payments. The August 18, 2025 minutes were approved with this correction.

Treasurer – Jim Kaufman

Jim reported on expenditures made in the previous month for the picnic and the PO Box renewal, and provided the current bank balance. Anyone with specific questions regarding club finances may contact Jim for more information.

A brief discussion was held regarding whether or not we should continue paying for a PO Box. There is very little volume coming to the PO Box at this time. However, it was noted that it does benefit older members that use it occasionally for contributions or other correspondence. This topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

Newsletter – Mike McTague

Kudos! to Mike for another great newsletter with plenty of photos from the picnic! Mike will send a note prior to the future newsletter publication dates to request new model photos as we enter the build season.

Webmaster – Brian Sokol

No specific topics of note.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Marshal – Mike Anderson

Mike reported that a few more pieces of carpet still need to be replaced to complete major repairs for this season. Otherwise the field is in very good condition.

Proficiency/Certifications – Steve Gelman: No report from Steve.

Club Skill Challenge/Fun Fly – Brian Sokol

Anton Sokol won the 2025 Fun Fly points total. He will receive the trophy at the next meeting.

Noise – Carl Will

No issues to report.

Training – Carl Will

Training continues to be going well for a good number of young pilots.

Safety – Chris Mays

No report from Chris.

Crash Report

Several crashes were reported over the 9/13 weekend. Be careful out there!

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Show & Tell

None

Raffle

The Raffle winner was Anton Sokol.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, October 20, held indoors at the following location:

First Presbyterian Church
302 N Dunton Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by all in favor at 7:09 pm

Upcoming Events**Club Meeting**

Monday Oct 20th - 7:00pm First Presbyterian Church- see address above

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, Look for the winter session Contact: Warren Bjork 847-975-9517

3:30 - 6:30 PM

Canlan Sportsplex – 28156 W. Northpointe Parkway, Lake Barrington

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

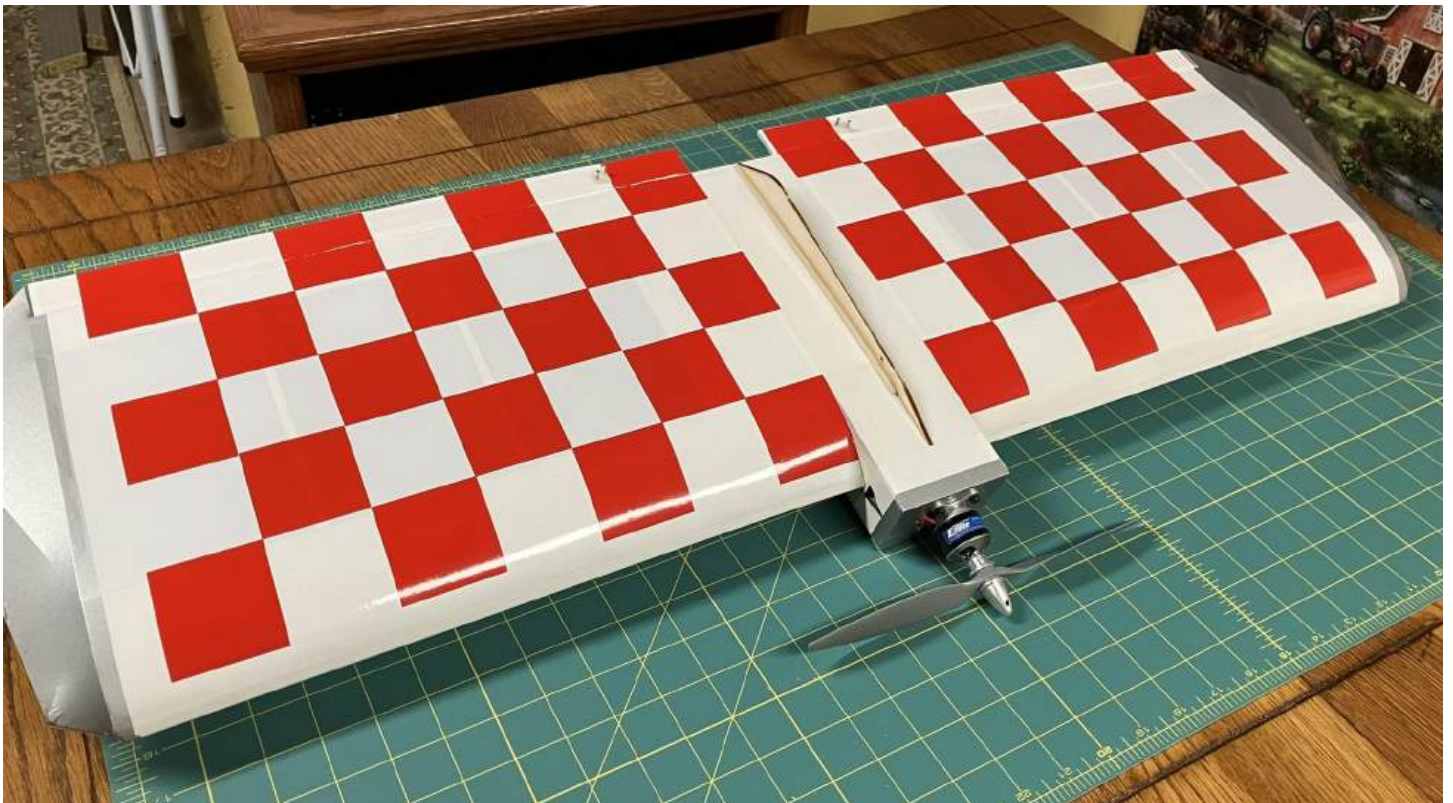
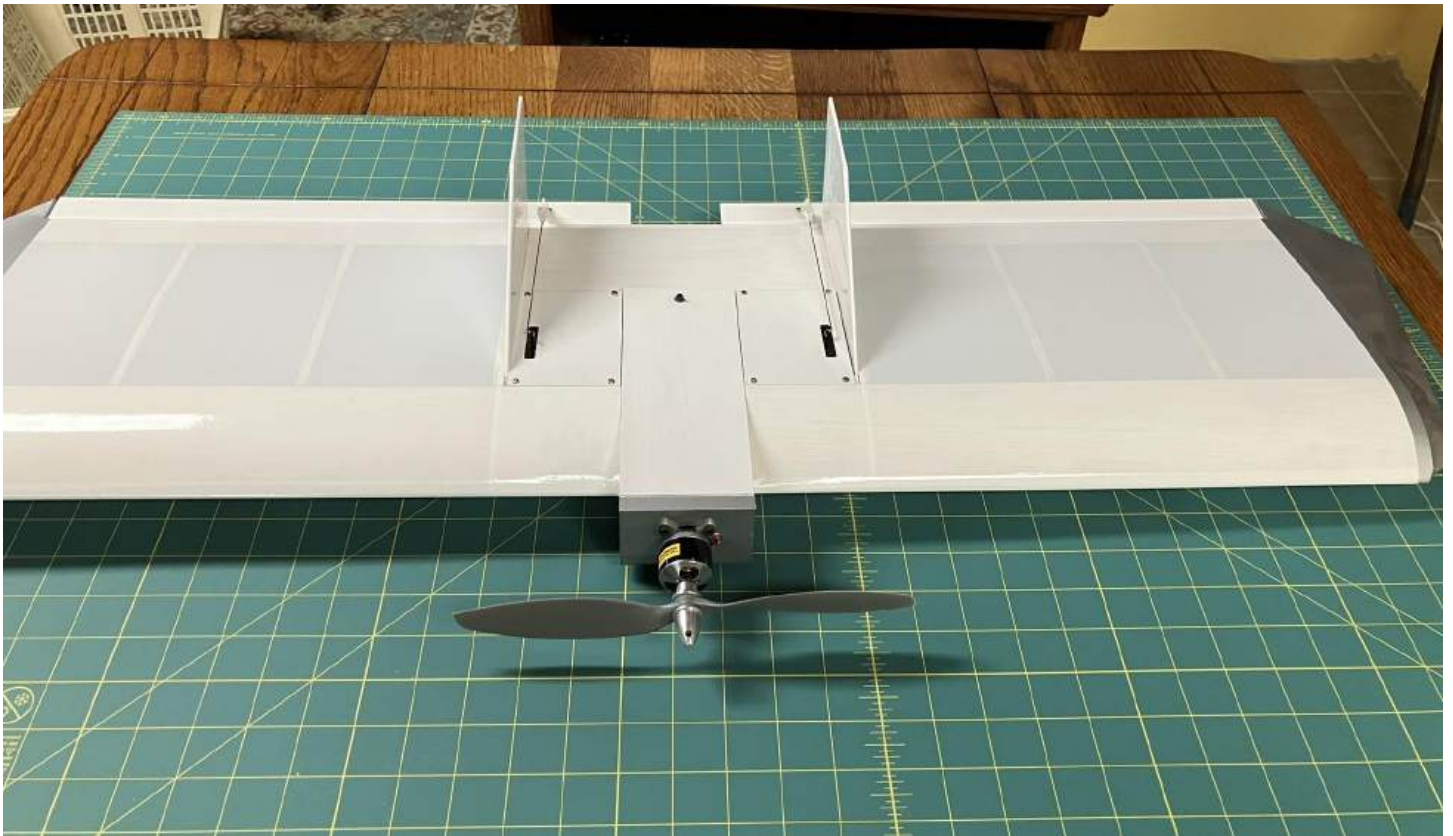
For more info or directions call 847-382-3433



Gary D. donated this beauty to the club...



Matt L. Black Horse ¼ scale FW 190A painted in Luftwaffe pilot ace Herman Graf's Red Tulip "Kayara" paint scheme. Beautiful Job!



George G.- Old school modelworks Bat kit.. Great Job!



Bruce V. - Ultra Sport 60 wing fairings. Can't wait to see it finished.



A Newsletter is not complete without another beauty from Mike M's Skunkworks....
100" Motorspatz post WW2 German motorized glider - Balsa and plywood construction



Ben W. - Eflite SE5a BNF painted/modified into Shuttleworth's SE5a number F904. Another great job.

We lost a pioneer in the hobby...



HAZEL SIG

March 3rd, 1922 - October 10th, 2025

We at SIG are saddened by the passing of Hazel

Her love of flying and modeling of airplanes has touched the world!

SHE HAS SPREAD HER WINGS AND WILL SOAR FOREVER!!

"THE LEGEND"