



Blue Max Aces

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

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



Who is ready to fly? I am!! I have not had many opportunities this winter season to get to the field. If you're like me, I'm sure you're ready. Tell us what you're doing to wrap up your winter projects and prep your plane for your first flight of the upcoming season.

This month, we renewed our charter and insurance with the AMA and filed our Annual Not-for-Profit report with the Illinois Secretary of State. The Board met on Feb 9 and we'll review topics covered at our next club meeting. We want to hear your ideas too!

If you haven't already done so, now is a good time to renew your Blue Max club membership. At the March meeting, we'll hold a raffle with the names of everyone who has paid their 2026 dues to date.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 302 N. Dunton Ave., in Arlington Heights. As always, bring your show and tell.

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MEETING MINUTES by Craig Brown

Around the Hangar

January 19, 2025 Meeting

The meeting was held at:

First Presbyterian Church

302 N Dunton Ave.

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Bruce Volocyk.

New Members & Guests:

New member David Easley was in attendance. Welcome David!

Officer Reports

President's Report – Bruce Volocyk

This will be a busy year!

- There will be a lot going on with the pit area and the field (see Field Marshall report).
- Membership is growing!

Secretary Report – Craig Brown

The December 15, 2025 meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer Report – Jim Kaufman

Jim reported that all club finances are in order.

- 50% of members' dues have been received to-date.
- Anyone with specific questions regarding club finances may contact Jim for more information.

Committee Reports

Field Marshal – Mike Anderson

Pit Area Discussion

- The issue with the pit area ground coverings is that they wash away. This is due to the fact that the grade from the runway to the pit area is downhill.
- Currently using indoor/outdoor carpet glue to secure the ground covering. This is typically only lasting about 2 years.
- Mike recommends using bigger pieces, and using nails instead of glue.
- Mike will get pricing from Home Depot for new carpet.
- Carl will also contact Richard with the Cook County Forest Preserve to discuss other options.

Safety Netting

- Mike will also be working on a quote for new safety netting.

Proficiency/Certifications – Steve Gelman:

- No report.

Flight Instructor – Carl Will

- No issues to report.

Noise – Carl Will

- No issues to report.

Safety – Carl Will

- Keep an eye on your battery voltages over the winter.
- There was discussion regarding a recent mid-air collision.
 - Need to communicate wind reversals, low passes, etc., to all of the other pilots on the flight line.

Club Skill Challenge/Fun Fly – Brian Sokol

- No report.

Newsletter – Mike McTague

- Please continue to send winter build photos to Mike.

Webmaster – Brian Sokol

- Links to FAA resources have been added to the Blue Max web site. Thanks to Brian Sokol for working on this!

Old Business

- No Old Business to report.

New Business

- No New Business to report.

Show & Tell

- No show and tell.

Raffle

1 Amazon gift card was given away by raffle drawing. The winner was:

- Al Valenzo

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, February 16th, at 7:00 pm at the following location:

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302 N Dunton Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by all in favor at 7:41 pm.

Upcoming Events

Club Meeting

Monday February 16 th - 7:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 302 Dunton, Arlington Heights

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 starts in late March**) Contact: Warren Bjork 847-975-9517
3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Canlan Sportsplex – 28156 W. Northpointe Parkway, Lake Barrington

Fridays 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$16 per session

For more info or directions call 847-382-3433



Melendy Skunk works newest project...



Bruce V's working on a Sig Doubler II....