



# 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! Time to head to the field for flying and for our monthly club meeting. Please note that our next meeting will be **Monday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Deer Grove Flying Field.**

We will not be able to use our video link, so we hope to see you at the field if you can make it. Don't forget to **bring a lawn chair and your Show and Tell.**

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Noise

Carl Will

## *MEETING MINUTES* by Craig Brown

### **May 18, 2026 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 p.m. by President, Bruce Volocyk.

### ***Around the Hangar***

#### **Guests:**

No guests in attendance

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President's Report – Bruce Volocyk**

Bruce thanked everyone for their help with installing the new pit area turf, and also acknowledged that the new safety nets are looking good!

Bruce related that he recently had 2 incidents where forest preserve visitors were walking on the runway and on the restricted grass path, with no regard to the presence of aircraft. Bruce asked that everyone please try to always have a spotter to assist with watching for potential pedestrian dangers.

#### **Secretary Report – Craig Brown**

The April 20, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

#### **Treasurer Report – Jim Kaufman**

Jim reported that the club received just under \$2,000 in donations for the pit turf replacement.

Overall club finances are looking good.

Anyone with specific questions regarding club finances may contact Jim for more information.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Newsletter – Mike McTague**

The Newsletter continues to look great! The next newsletter will include pictures of the new pit turf installation.

#### **Webmaster – Brian Sokol**

Brian has added a link to the Flying Field page to document the pit turf replacement steps, as well as photos of the turf installation.

### **Field Marshal – Mike Anderson**

Most of the pit turf field work has been paid. We are still waiting on the final bill for the fork lift, which should be around \$700.

### **Picnic - Steve Gelman**

Nothing to report

### **Flight Instructor – Carl Will**

Nothing to report

### **Noise – Carl Will**

No issues to report

### **Safety – Carl Will**

Nothing to report

### **Crash Reports**

Nothing to report

### **Club Skill Challenge/Fun-Fly – Brian Sokol**

The first Fun Fly in May was attended by 13 individuals.

This year we will be using a handicap system that rates flying ability as Beginner/Intermediate/Sport.

- Based on the ability rating, the following handicapping system will be required for timed events:
  - Beginner – no aerobatic maneuvers required
  - Intermediate – 1 aerobatic maneuver required
  - Sport – 2 aerobatic maneuvers required
  - Reigning Champion – 3 aerobatic maneuvers required
- The next event will be Touch-and-Go, scheduled for Sunday, June 28.

### **Guest Speaker**

The guest speaker this month was Dave Scott from RC Flight School in Shawano, WI. Dave spoke on controlling the plane vs. reacting to it, which is also the secret to improving landing consistency and reducing the influence of wind. A Q&A session followed Dave's presentation.

### **Old Business**

No Old Business to report

### **New Business**

No New Business

## **Show & Tell**

No show & Tell

## **Raffle**

Two raffle tickets were drawn for \$25 Amazon gift cards.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Monday, June 15th, at 7:00 p.m. at the following location:

Blue Max Flying Field

Deer Grove Forest Preserve

Palatine, IL

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by all in favor at 8:30 p.m.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Club Meeting Monday May 15th - 7:00 p.m. DEER GROVE FLYING FIELD**

### **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, ( **Fall session begins in September**)      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

Mike M. Skunkworks.... No kit left behind!



Melendy Skunk works....Current status as of 7 June. Needs flat coating, windscreens, and rigging to complete. Saito 100 with on board glow. GP ARF courtesy of Don Linder. Not a beginners project.



Chris M.- Bud Nosen Mr.Mulligan 108" with a G62 magneto and spring start, smoke. The smoke uses a carb. pump from a snowmobile, no batteries. It was built 20+ years ago (not by me) and flown a few times and put in a basement.



Chris M.- My Dad got me into aviation with a Mr. Mulligan Sterling kit. I remember he couldn't get it started, got frustrated and "flew" it off our second floor deck. I was 3 years old



Lunchtime Dave - Here are some pics of more of an "Accessorizing" than a build. But it worked great! The UMX Air Tractor now has a spray attachment (held in place with Velcro). It flies great with the spray attachment. Looks amazing when flying low. 😊 Just a wood dowel with 2 spools of sparkling thread glued to the ends. Velcro to hold it in place.



Here are some drone shots of our new bench area via Brian S.

Looks great and once again thanks again to those who made it happen.



