



# Blue Max Aces

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

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



**AMAZING!!!** I am consistently amazed by the outstanding members of this club and their commitment to the sport, Blue Max, and our field. A **HUGE thank you to everyone** who donated money and/or their time and talents towards the pit area renovation project. This project could not have been accomplished without your support and those that researched, planned, and labored to install turf in the pit area and nets at the safety line. At the risk of missing someone’s name who helped, I offer a huge thank you to all. That said, I would be remiss if I did not specifically mention those in the lead: Mike Anderson, Carl Will, Al Valenzo, Brian Sokol, and Jeff Prill. Special thanks to “Lunchtime Dave” (Rokusek) for securing the nets.

Please mark your calendars to join us at the next meeting. Once again, we will have a guest speaker, Dave Scott, from 1<sup>st</sup> RC Flight School. Dave will speak on controlling the plane vs. reacting to it; which is also the secret to improving landing consistency and reducing the influence of wind.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 302 N. Dunton Ave., in Arlington Heights. As always, a video link will be provided prior to the meeting if you’re unable to join us in person.

**There will be no Show and Tell at this meeting.**

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# *MEETING MINUTES* by Craig Brown

## **April 20, 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 7:05 p.m. by President, Bruce Volocyk.

## ***Around the Hangar***

### **New Members & Guests:**

New member Dennis Rickey was in attendance. Welcome Dennis!

## **Officer Reports**

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

Bruce opened the meeting with brief remarks, then turned the meeting over to the special guest presenter for the evening.

Lucien Miller, President & CEO of Innov8tive Designs, gave a very informative presentation on the basics of RC electric power systems. Lucien spoke on the two most common questions that are asked regarding RC electric motors:

- 1) How do I know what size motor and other power system components to pick for a plane?
- 2) How do I calculate how long I can fly from a given size battery?

A copy of the presentation was provided by Lucien and was emailed to all club members.

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

The March 16, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

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

Jim reported on current expenditures for the past month:

- Disbursements – The major expense item for the month was the spring banquet.
  - \$2,198.14 – Banquet expense
  - \$1,242.00 – Member payments

**\$956.14- Net Cost to the club**

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

## **Committee Reports**

### **Newsletter – Mike McTague**

The Newsletter has been looking great! Please continue to send your build photos to Mike.

### **Webmaster – Brian Sokol**

Nothing to report

### **Field Marshal – Mike Anderson**

#### **Pit Area Carpet Replacement**

Mike Anderson and Carl Will drove to Wisconsin to look at some used astro-turf to replace the carpet in the pit area. The carpet is approximately 1-year old and was removed from a football/soccer field. This is thick pile turf that can be placed directly over the existing carpet. It will be secured with nails and re-sanded as needed.

The cost for this project would consist of the following:

- \$1,500 for the carpet (16 - 7'x30' rolls)
- \$500 for delivery
- \$375 for fork-lift rental for unloading and placement of rolls
- \$600 nails
- \$525 for other unknowns

#### **Total Cost - ~\$3,500**

Mike's recommendation was that this would be a very cost-effective way to repair the pits, costing ~\$2-3000 less than the previous alternative that was under consideration. The board had previously approved \$2,500 to begin partial repairs this year, however, after discussion at the club meeting the board members present approved a total expenditure of \$3,500 for the complete carpet replacement project. A motion was made on the floor to approve \$3,500 from the club's funds to purchase and install the turf. The motion was seconded and passed by club members present. A special appeal will be made to club membership to donate \$20/each to help defray the costs.

Plans will be made to have the carpet delivered on Thursday, 4/23. Email communications will be sent to members requesting help for unloading the truck, and placing and nailing the carpet.

### **Picnic - Steve Gelman**

Nothing to report

### **Flight Instructor – Carl Will**

Training will start in May.

### **Noise – Carl Will**

No issues to report.

### **Safety – Carl Will**

Carl will have safety recommendations at the next meeting.

### **Crash Reports**

Nothing to report

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

Fun Flies will be starting in May, on the third Sunday of each month. The first Fun-Fly will be on May 17.

## **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. The winners were:

- Mike Anderson
- Mike Anderson

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Monday, May 18th, at 7:00 p.m. 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 8:48 p.m.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Club Meeting Monday May 18th - 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, ( **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!

Just finished this CAC Australian "Wirraway", a stop-gap modified AT-6 ground attack/dive bomber. I like unusual subjects. 65"span 8# RTF OS .46 Pitts muffler. Futaba FASST radio.





Thank You INNOV8TIVE Designs for your great electric Motor/ESC/Battery presentation at our April Meeting!



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