



Blue Max Aces

The monthly newsletter of Blue Max R/C Flying Club

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



October is giving us some great flying weather. So, I hope you're at the field making the most of it as I'm trying to do. As you may be aware, we've been building our instructor team and I want to thank Carl, Mike A., Brian, Pierre, Lenny and Anton for stepping up to cover this important job within the club.

This month we nominate Club Officers and Board members for the 2027 club year. Voting will occur at the November meeting. Please plan on attending these meetings if you are able.

Our next meeting is October 19 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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Picnic
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Safety
Carl Will

Noise
Carl Will

Blue Max RC Flying Club

MEETING MINUTES by Bruce Volocyk

Sept 21, 2026 Meeting

The meeting was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Arlington Heights with some members attending via Google Meet video.

Around the Hangar

REPORTS

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.

President's Report: Bruce reported we have 106 members including our youth members. We are still in need of filling the Secretary's position. We did send out an email but did not have any responses. At our October meeting, we will be calling for club officer nominations for 2027. Please consider serving if you are willing to help. Speak to me or any Board member for additional information. Voting will occur at the November meeting. An inquiry was made as to any other open positions. Bruce advised all positions are posted on the website with the names of those currently holding the positions. At this time, we are in need of a Secretary. If someone is interested in another position, it can be brought forward for nomination.

Bruce brought up the topic of the Weather Station which would be discussed more under New Business but discussion continued. Currently, there are five members working on this: Brian, Mike A., Lenny, Carl and Jeff. They are currently reviewing the options available and associated costs. Once they have all the information, they will submit a proposal.

Secretary: In the absence of a club Secretary, Bruce will take notes for the meeting tonight. Confirmed that the August 18, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed. No changes; minutes approved.

Treasurer – Jim Kaufman: Jim reported current balances. Jim purchased 12 (baseball) hats of which 5 were preordered. Seven still available for purchase. The P.O. Box rental is due and costs \$225. Dues for 2027 will start coming in.

Newsletter – Mike McTague: Last newsletter was quiet as no “new build” stories were submitted. Build season will be coming up so be sure to share.

Webmaster – Brian Sokol: Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Marshal – Mike Anderson: Two trees were removed and cleaned up by the Cook County Forest Preserve. Mike advised he is going to donate a marine box for the purpose of storing the First Aid kit and fire extinguisher. He will fasten it to the shed and then add a key pad. It was recommended that a sign be put on the box stating, “in cases of emergency, dial 911” and underneath “tell operator Deer Grove East Flying Field.” There was also a discussion about replacing the locks on the shed. An idea was shared to update information on the Board outside the shed with more information; this will be carried over for next year’s project.

Proficiency/Certifications – Steve Gelman: No report. Larry Rapach volunteered to assist with creating the certificates. Larry and Carl to follow up with Steve on this.

Club Skill Challenge/Fun Fly – Brian Sokol: Fun flies are over for the season.

Noise – Carl Will: Pretty quiet out there; no issues.

Safety – Carl Will: No report.

Crash Reports – Steve Gelman: No report.

Training - Carl Will: Carl is continuing to build a team of instructors. In addition to those mentioned last month, Pierre, Mike A., Brian and Abe, Lenny and Anton will also be helping out.

Old Business – Weather station – see President’s report.

New Business – None

Show & Tell – Dave showed a Piper Cherokee.

Raffle: Raffle was held.

Next Meeting: The October meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 302 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights with Google Meets video available.

Adjournment – all in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Events

Club Meeting Oct 19th - 7:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church 302 N. Dunton, Arlington Heights

A reminder email will be sent.

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 attendees" 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 sign up began 8/31** <https://www.ce.d214.org/>)

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



Lunchtime Dave shared his Cherokee he rebuilt from a crash. Dave also brought us some swap from the supersonic "Boom" project. Thank You !



Thank You field crew!



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