



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



Fall can bring great flying weather! Let's make the most out of the rest of the season. In doing so, please be sure to use safety as your #1 guide to a great flying experience. Be mindful of the flying boundaries. Have a spotter. Bring a buddy to look for a missing plane. Have an engine cut-off switch. These are just a few of the basic safety rules. Sand buckets are outside the shed for fire prevention should something burn up. A first aid kit and fire extinguisher are currently located in the shed but efforts to place them outside the shed are being looked at.

Our next meeting is **Monday, Sept 21. Based on weather, we may be at the church or the field. Watch your email for the final meeting location.**

Don't forget to **bring your Show and Tell.**

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Steve Gelman

Fun Fly
Brian Sokol
Picnic

Steve Gelman

Flight Instructor
Carl Will

Webmaster
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Safety
Carl Will
Noise
Carl Will

Blue Max RC Flying Club

MEETING MINUTES by Bruce Volocyk

Aug 17, 2026 Meeting

The meeting was held at the Deer Grove flying field.

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 shared that he thought the picnic went really well and we survived the rain! Exact count for attendance is estimated with at least 28 members bringing guests to round us up to 75-100. Gene Derbick and his family did a great job at the BBQ again this year. The raffle was a surprising success. We changed the format from previous years as we are 100 members strong and it's difficult to have a table of 100+ prizes. The box raffle worked out well and generated some excitement for the members buying tickets. Thank you to all who participated.

Secretary: In the absence of a club Secretary, Bruce will take notes for the meeting tonight. Confirmed that the July 22, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed. No changes; minutes approved.

Treasurer – Jim Kaufman: Jim reported current balances; still waiting on some receipts for the picnic expenses.

Newsletter – Mike McTague: No report.

Webmaster – Brian Sokol: Nothing to report. Brian mentioned that it was suggested we have a checklist of items to buy as new members, i.e., plane suggestions, batteries, etc. Brian will put something together and put it on the club website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Marshal – Mike Anderson: No issues to report.

Proficiency/Certifications – Steve Gelman: No report.

Picnic – Steve Gelman: Bruce reported a great turn out and successful picnic despite the rain (see President's report).

Club Skill Challenge/Fun Fly – Brian Sokol: Brian reported via email after the picnic.

Noise – Carl Will: No report.

Safety – Carl Will: No report. Bruce suggested everyone have an engine cut-off switch. Be sure to shut off the engine before the fence, not the pit area.

Crash Reports – Steve Gelman: No report.

Training - Carl Will: We currently are using a few additional volunteer trainers to help Carl out; Pierre, Mike A., Brian and Abe. We may need to invest in another trainer, transmitter, etc. to be prepared for the number of flyers we've been approached by.

Old Business – Question was asked about setting up a weather station. After some discussion, more information should be obtained and voted on the proposal.

New Business – Jim has ordered more club hats. Several were ordered at the picnic. There will be hats available for purchase at \$28.

Show & Tell – Don Linder shared planes donated by Rich Blaha.

Raffle: Raffle was held.

Next Meeting: The September meeting location to be determined; either back at the church or the field. Email to follow prior to the meeting to confirm location.

Adjournment – all in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Events

Club Meeting Sept 21th - 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 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 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

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Dave Scott of 1st RC Flight school for his presentation.

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No project pics this month... Let the build season begin !



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