

show Blue Max Aces

The Monthly wsletter of Blue Max R/C Flying Club

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Cleared for Take-Off...

By Jim Ackleson



Hello Everyone,

First off, sorry that I missed last month’s meeting. I managed to get through the pandemic without contracting COVID only to be hit like a Mack truck by the Flu. But I’ll be good for next week’s meeting. Meanwhile, sounds like it was suggested at the November meeting that I should provide the club members with my vision for

2023. I’ve never considered myself to be a visionary, but here are my thoughts:

As my first priority, I want to continue to encourage an atmosphere within the club that is based on mutual respect. We have seen how easily contentious issues can devolve into something that is the antithesis of respectful, and where nobody comes out feeling good. I want to foster an environment where opposing views can be discussed in a spirit of understanding the alternate positions and seeking compromise or in the final analysis, graceful acceptance of the membership’s mandate. Surely we can all aspire to this.

Next, I want to continue to encourage new membership with a special emphasis on younger blood. How do we do this? One approach is through engaging in discussions with visitors to the field, demonstrating the joy we have for the hobby, and encouraging them to consider trying it. Additionally, i am going to reach out to local high school physics teachers to see if they are interested in us speaking to their classes about the mechanics of flight and/or visiting the field to watch us fly. Similarly, we have discussed hosting Boy/Girl Scout groups or other organizations who might be interested in exposure to the hobby and perhaps trying their hand(s) at it.

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COMMITTEES

Winter Banquet

Steve Gelman

Field Marshal

Jim Kaufman

Flying Proficiency

Steve Gelman

Fun Fly

Dan Trocke

Noise

Leo Hanula

Picnic

Steve Gelman

Programs

Open

Safety

Chris Mays

I also want to rekindle the emphasis on trying to get the AMA and Forest Preserve to help us upgrade the field, specifically the pits. We have been rejected for an AMA grant in the past, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't try again. And it's time to re-engage with the Forest Preserve, not only to address the field condition, but to discuss the UIC Flying Field Study that was discussed during the last month.

Finally, I want to encourage everyone to have fun. Show and Tells are a good start, but let's also take the opportunity of being together each month to branch out a bit. We had an example this year of being introduced to the pleasures of RC Sailing (thanks Jed) and it was very well received. I think it would be nice if we had periodic tech talks or discussions about common issues (like the benefits of expo or how to program gyros or channel mixing through transmitter programming). I think many members, especially those new to the hobby, would especially appreciate the tips.

All this being said, these are just my thoughts and, as always, I would love to hear from you all with the direction that you would like to see the club go; because I am only here to serve you. That's all for now. Hope to see you all at the December meeting (in-person at the Amvets).

Fly safe.

Jim

November 21, 2022 Meeting

MEETING MINUTES By Murry Randell, Secretary

Around The Hangar

Presidents Report – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm By Bruce Volocyk.

Secretary Report – Murry Randell: Minutes as appearing in the newsletter were approved.

Treasurer Report – Jim Kaufman: Balances were reported and are available to club members on request. To date we have 60 members. We can now pay dues on Venmo

Newsletter Report – Please send pictures and For Sale items you would like to include in future newsletters to leohanula@sbcglobal.net no later than 10th of each month.

Webmaster Report – Larry Bochenko: The domain will need to be renewed in early 2023.

Committee reports:

Winter Banquet – Steve Gelman: No Report

Field Marshal – Jim Kaufman: Field is looking good

Club Skill Challenge – Dan Trocke: The next fun fly will be in the Spring.

Noise - Leo Hanula: No issues to report.

Proficiency – Steve Gelman: Nothing to report

Safety – Chris Mays: No report

Program – Dan Trocke will make a presentation at the December meeting. The topics will be power and signal diversity, evaluating signal strength and setting alarms.

Crash Report – Jim crashed his plane due to radio failure

New Business – The following members were nominated for club officers in 2023:

President – Jim Ackleson, Vice president – Bruce Volocyk, Board – Dan Trocke, Chris Mays, Al Valenzo, Brian Sokol

Membership approved the officers at the November meeting.

Officers participated in an interview conducted by UIC grad students, for the Cook County Forest Preserve, regarding flying fields. The interviewers were surprised to hear how much the club does and how little the FP does to maintain the field. We expect that some time in the future, the FP will charge an annual per flyer fee similar to what Dupage and Lake county do.

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, Jan 9th – Mar 20th

3:30 - 6:30 PM

No Class Jan 19th & Feb 20th

Price: \$ **89.00** (less with a gold card ie. district 214 resident)

Canlan Sportsplex – 28156 W. North Pointe Parkway, Lake Barrington

Fridays 11am until 2 pm. Cost is \$16 per session

For more info or directions call 847-382-3433

Carl flying his new 3D E-Flite Eratix at Canlan



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Strictly RC-Norrige is offering club members a 10% discount on items over \$20.

For Sale – Murry Randell is selling the following Items

Planes -

1. SIG 4 Star 64
2. PULSE XT 64 ARF
3. HANGAR 9 Twist 30 .40 ARF
4. HANGAR 9 FUNTANA 30 .40 ARF
5. SIG SOMETHIN EXTRA
6. CALYPSO powered Glider
7. DECATHALON 52
8. PIPER J-3 CUB

Flight Box

New Battery

Starter

Fuel Pump

Props

Hobico Ddigital Voltmeter MK III

CellPro Multi 4 Charger

FUTABA 7c-2.4 GHZ Radio

Misc. Parts Including Servos push rods

1 gal. 15% unopening - this spring

Plane Stand

Slot machine

2 fuel tanks

Wheels - landing gear

MJM Aeroworks



Fokker E-3 ready for service. 11# 9oz. Zenoah G-26, 16x8 facon prop.
Glassed fuse, Williams Bros. Spandau

Winter Flying



Carl and Dan maidenizing their 3D Foamies
Twisted Hobby-Revolto 39”
E-Flite Eratix 34”
Carl Flying his Eratix @Canlan



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