

WINDY FLYER

From the Editor

By Ed Miller



Beyond just flying, clubs thrive because members actively contribute in various roles that keep our Club running smoothly and make the flying experience enjoyable for everyone. Here's how you can serve and become an active, valued member of WAM.

1. Volunteering for an officer position allows you to have a direct impact on how the Club runs and the direction it takes.
2. Participate in Field Maintenance. The flying field is the heart of our Club, and keeping it safe, clean, and well maintained is a group effort. Help pick up trash, clear brush and tidy spectator areas. Help repair flight stands, chairs, as needed.

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Woodland Aero Modeler's Flying Field at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, Lemont, Illinois

Did You Know ?

The Strange Reason Allied Planes Had White and Black Stripes

A Life Saving Code

Just three days before D-Day, a strange sight unfolded across Allied airfields in Britain. Crews dropped everything to cover thousands of planes in thick black and white stripes. There was not time for neat work. Paint was slapped on with brushes, rollers, and even mops. The reason was simple but critical: when the Normandy invasion began, the skies would be filled with Allied aircraft, and gunners needed a quick way to

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3. Become an instructor.

Experienced pilots play a crucial role in welcoming and training newcomers. Teaching helps preserve the hobby's future and builds lasting friendships. I can personally vouch for that.

4. Provide support at events and activities. We often have to beg members to help out at events like the Clow Cavalcade, our Open House etc. Surely any member can offer a couple of hours to help with setup, gate duty and take down.

5. Promotion. Spread the word via social media, community bulletin boards and to field visitors.

Ed Miller

Club Secretary

Windy Flyer Editor-in-Chief

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!

Eat till it hurts!

Crashed your RC Plane?

If you need someone to talk to, I am here:

Regular problem - \$100

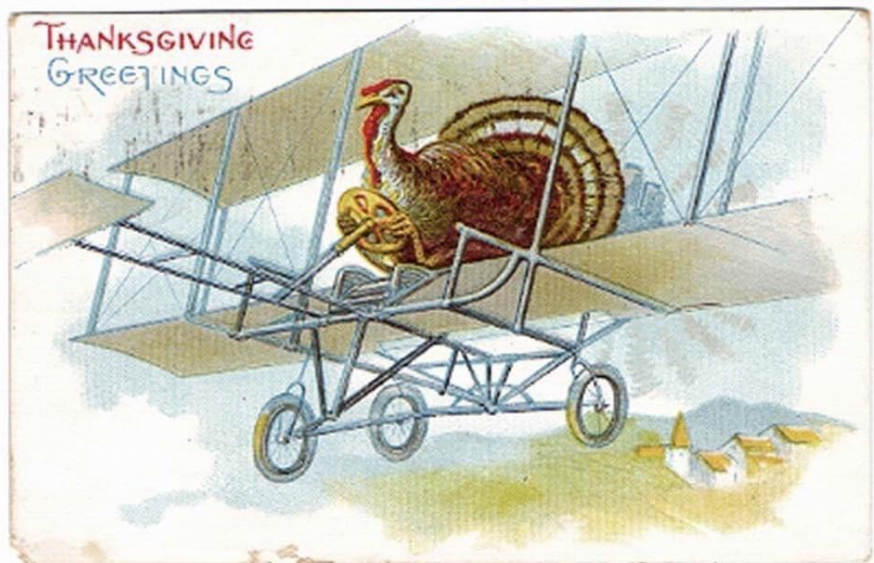
Sad Story \$200

If I have to cry with you - \$500

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distinguish friend from foe.

The bold black-and-white stripes painted across the wings and fuselage made Allied planes stand out clearly in the sky. These markings provided soldiers and gunners with a quick way to identify friendly aircraft, reducing the likelihood of mistaking them for German planes and preventing friendly fire, thereby helping to ensure the success of the largest invasion of history.



Woodland Aero Modelers

Radio Controlled Flying Club

Club Officers

President/membership	Tim Mercier	
Vice-President	Craig McKenzie	
Executive Director	Craig McKenzie	
Secretary	Ed Miller	secwamclub279@gmail.com
Treasurer	John Baderman	
Safety Officer	John Horwath	
Chief Instructor	Craig McKenzie	
Instructors	John Baderman	
	Ed Miller	
	Ludwig De Mesa	
<i>Control Line</i>	Mark Romanowitz	
<i>Helicopter.</i>	Steve Zielinski.	

Calendar

November 2025

- 4th Monthly Club meeting at the VFW; starting at 7:00 pm. Member points for Points Night (for December) finalized. Officer nominations.
- 27th Thanksgiving Day

December 2025

- 2nd Monthly Club meeting at the VFW: starting at 7:00 pm. Officer Elections, Points Night Auction and raffle.

January 2026

- 1st Frozen Fingers: First one to fly on New Year's Day wins!!
- 6th Monthly Club meeting at the VFW, starting at 7:00 pm.
- TBD Holiday/Christmas Lunch starting at noon, probably at Chuck's

Minutes from the November 4th Meeting

Meeting Called to Order:

- 7:00 pm by President Tim Mercier

Secretary's Report:

- No report since October's meeting was canceled

Treasurer's Report:

- John Baderman reviewed our financial budget for fiscal year October 1st, 2025 to September 30th 2026. It was approved.

Executive Director/ Vice President:

- Craig McKenzie presented Points Night totals for member's approval. Nothing new from the Forest Preserve side other than we were able to take a Forest Ranger up for a first flight. He truly enjoyed it.

Chief Instructor:

- Pete Mesa received his Solo Certificate. We are currently training new member Mark Wilson who is doing very well.

Safety Director:

- Not present

Old Business:

- Mark Romanowitz suggested bringing back the altimeter contest at next year's Fun Fly contest. Mike Doose said some receivers/radios can register altitude via telemetry, but he questioned the accuracy. We used a Jolly Logic Altimeter One. It was Velcroed to a plane, after the pilot estimated 400 ft (the old maximum height) and landed the highest altitude was read.
- Tim Mercier stated the wind sock pole has been repaired. We will replace the wind sock next year.



New Business:

- We need to find an alternative source for our current website which is run by GoDaddy. They no longer support our current version. John Baderman is working on that.
- The field has been cut for the last time, John will put the mower away.
- Nominations for Officers: Brad TerMaat, due to job relocation, will step down from his Vice-President job. Craig McKenzie will take over. Tim Mercier will continue as President, John Baderman will continue as Treasurer, and Ed Miller will continue as Club Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Other members can still nominate someone or themselves prior to the December meeting and elections.
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- A discussion ensued regarding a complaint made against Clow Airport. A resident near the airport claimed unleaded fuel used by the airplanes is poisoning the neighborhood children. Another resident claimed the noise level interfered with her working at home. Clow management feels these complaints will not endanger future proceedings at the airport.

Model Building hints and tips:

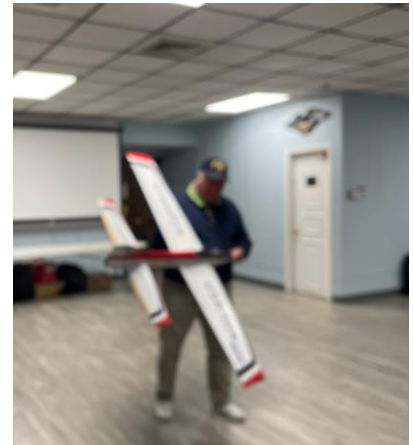
- Dave Ford suggested CNHL LiPo batteries. Low price, no tax and no shipping charge.

New Members:

- We are pleased to announce that Mark Wilson has joined our Club. Mark is an experienced RC car enthusiast and after trying out an Amazon airplane decided to learn to fly the right way. He's currently taking lessons and is doing very well.

Planes for Points:

-Mark Romanowitz brought in a Cross Fire USA -1114 built by champion control line pilot, Bob Hunt. Mark states that this plane is like a Cadillac compared to some of his others that are more like a Yugo! (Sorry for the blurry picture)



Mark with the Cross Fire control-line airplane by Bob Hunt

-Dave Ford showed off his F-15 64mm EDF airplane. Dave says it flies easily in SAFE mode but it is very sensitive without SAFE. But, he says, it's a lot of fun to fly. Plane has ailerons, elevator, but no rudder.



Dave with his F-15

-Ludwig De Mesabrought in two nitro helicopters. First was the Align T-Rex 700 Nitro DFS. This is a high performance, Large Scale Nitro Helicopter known for its direct to head (DFC) rotor system. Second was the SAB Goblin 700 DFC.

Ludwig is hoping to maiden both helicopters this weekend weather permitting.



Ludwig with his high performance helicopters

-Mike Doose brought in
a UMX Timber and a
Waco

Meeting Adjourned:
8:05pm

