

# WINDY FLYER

## From the Editor

By Ed Miller



Spring has arrived, and with it, we've changed the lock at the field entrance gate. Why do we do this each year? The gate lock is required by Argonne and helps control who enters the Forest Preserve Grounds with a vehicle. More importantly to us, it ensures that only those who have paid their dues can access the field, supporting our Club financially.

Our Executive Committee meeting was productive, and we have many exciting events planned. Every third Thursday, we'll have Thursday Night Fly and Burger Night probably beginning in May. The Club Picnic is scheduled for August 16th or 17th, and we'll be serving food! A Fun Fly event will take place on July 19th or

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

## Did You Know

How Big is the C-5M Super Galaxy?

Have you ever wondered just how massive the C-5M Super Galaxy is? This colossal giant of the skies is an engineering marvel designed to transport entire armies or fleets of equipment across continents. Let's break it down in jaw dropping numbers:

**Length:** 247 feet 1 inch (75.3 meters) -that's nearly as long as an American football field!

**Wingspan:** 222 feet 9 inches (67.9 meters) -wider than a three store building!

**Maximum Takeoff Weight:** A staggering 715,000 pounds (324,000 kg) -equivalent to 200 cars or 15 elephants!

**Payload Capacity:** 281,000 pounds (127,500 kg)-enough to carry two M1 Abrams tanks or an entire battalion's worth of

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20th, and our Christmas Lunch is set for January 2026.

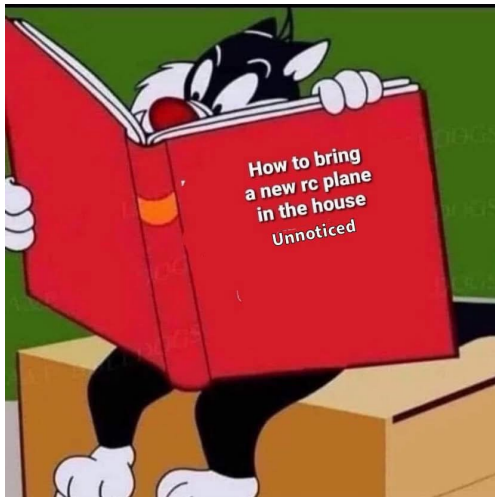
We also have some less fun but necessary activities. Our booth at Clow will be on June 7th and 8th, our Open House is on June 14th or 15th, and field maintenance day is in mid-May.

There are plenty of opportunities for Club members to get involved. No job (except mine!) takes a great deal of effort or time. Participation by all is key to our Club's success.

Ed Miller

Club Secretary

Windy Flyer Editor-in-Chief



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supplies.

Fun Fact: Despite its size, the C-5M is an aerial workhorse capable of flying long-haul missions over 5000 nautical miles without refueling.



Top: C-5M Super Galaxy taking off.  
Bottom: Wheels; want to change a flat?

With dimensions that defy imagination, the C-5M Super Galaxy stands as a testament to human ingenuity and military dominance. When you see this flying behemoth, your looking at one of the largest military aircraft in the world - a true titan in the skies.



## Woodland Aero Modelers

### *Radio Controlled Flying Club*

#### **Club Officers**

President/membership	Tim Mercier
Vice-President	Brad TerMatt
Executive Director	Craig McKenzie
Secretary	Ed Miller
Treasurer	John Baderman
Safety Officer	John Horwath
Chief Instructor	Craig McKenzie
Instructors	John Baderman
	Ed Miller
	Brad TerMatt
<i>Control Line</i>	Mark Romowitz
<i>Helicopter</i>	Steve Zielinski

## Calendar

#### **March 2025**

4th Monthly Club meeting at the VFW; starting at 7pm. This is KEY NIGHT. To obtain a gate key you must have an active AMA membership and paid Club dues. Bring in your old key and exchange it for a new one. Mail service will be available

29th Saturday Prop Masters Auction

#### **April 2025**

1st Monthly Club meeting at the VFW: starting at 7pm.

4th and 5th Toledo R/C Swap Meet and Expo

## **Minutes from the March 4th Meeting**

### **Meeting Called to Order:**

- 7:00 pm by President, Tim Mercier

### **Secretary's Report:**

-Report read, and approved

### **Treasurer's Report:**

-Our checking account is at \$5,300.60, savings account \$1,028.54, CD \$5000 for a total of \$11,329.14. \$1,000 has been transferred into savings account to comply with the minimum balance of \$1,000. Wintrust has updated our savings account and we now receive 3% interest. I propose to transfer an additional \$4,000 from the checking account to the new savings account. There are no minimums required in the checking account. Motion was approved.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

-Not present

### **Chief Instructor:**

-Not present

**Safety Director:** Pits are soggy. Field is in much better shape, wear boots!

**Old Business:**

-We are accepting Club dues. If you haven't already paid your dues and can't make a meeting, you may print out the renewal form on page 7, and Zelle your payment or send a check with the form to Ed Miller, 2647 Newport Drive, Naperville, Il. 60565.

- You must have an active AMA membership to be a Club member

**Announcements:**

- Thanks to Gary Watson and Mark Romanowitz for looking into the possibility of setting up a new website. The best option, however, is to stay with GoDaddy and our current web hosting software.

- AMA Charter was submitted, waiting for proof of insurance to be obtained and issued to the Forest Preserve.

- The Fox Valley Swap Meet netted us \$1024.

- Ed Miller showed off the new WAM wear. "How to order" on page 8.

- Stan Warden brought in many old issues of Model Aviation.

**- Executive Committee Meeting 2/20/25**

- Consider trimming Points Night dollars, look for sales, more small ticket items, Harbor Freight small tools

- Consider Woodridge Library for meetings instead of the VFW Hall would result in \$800 savings.

- Clow Cavalcade is June 7th and 8th. Is Clow worth the time and expense? How many members do we get from participating at Clow.?

- Open House: Saturday June 14th, with Sunday the 15th as a rain day. Gary Watson and Dave Ford will coordinate.

- We need a coordinator for each event, from the membership, not a Club Officer. Job descriptions for each event. None of them are very time consuming.

- Still building our Facebook page.

- Field Maintenance: Scheduled for mid-May. Flight stands need paint, carpet, pavers, sand, lumber.

- Replace picnic tables at the field.

- Fun Fly scheduled for the third weekend on July 19th or 20th.

- Thursday night Fly and Burger: starting perhaps in April, every 3rd Thursday we will meet at the field about 4:00, fly, and then around 6:30 pm, head to Chuck's for food and beer.

- Club Picnic: One picnic August 16th with the 17th as a rain day. We will serve food!

- Christmas Luncheon: January 2026.
- Consider updating Safety Manual.

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**-Model building hints and tips:**

- None

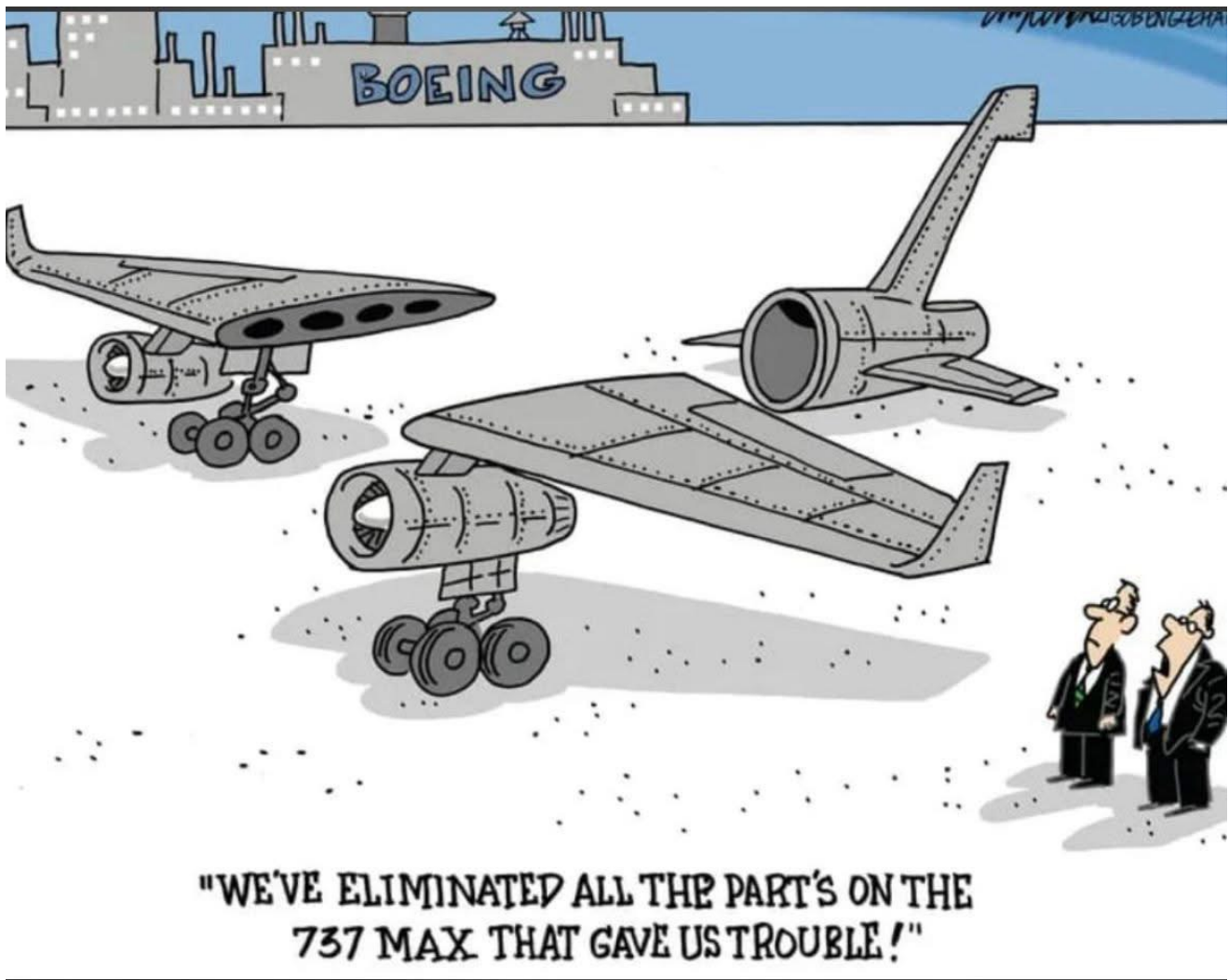
**-New Members:**

- None

**Planes for Points:**

- None

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:45p



**Membership Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**



Meetings: 1st Tuesday each month  
7:00 PM at the VFW Hall (rear entrance) 5101 Belmont Road, Downers Grove.

Note: WAM requires AMA membership for Field Gate access Key.

Info Online at [www.woodlandaeromodelers.org](http://www.woodlandaeromodelers.org)

There are 3 payment options: 1. Cash, 2. A check made out to Woodland Aero Modelers and 3. we now accept ZELLE payments. If using ZELLE, scan the QR code below. Use the email address [wam@baderman.co.uk](mailto:wam@baderman.co.uk).

New

Renewal

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ (month and date only)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: E-mails and phone numbers are used for WAM business only.



**AMA Classification and Woodland Aero Modelers Club Fee (Check all that apply):**

Youth 19 years or under up to July 1st of membership year FREE

Adult \$50

Family Plan: One adult member at full price, all additional family members' dues at half price.

Need free flight training?

Yes

No

*"I agree to comply with Woodland Aero Modelers (WAM) Club Flying Field Safety and Operational Rules which includes employing/abiding by club safety guidelines and demonstrate proper flying protocols. I understand that my failure to comply with the WAM field rules, by-laws, or any activity deemed detrimental to the Club may constitute grounds to be dropped from the Club's membership roster"*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Officers Use Only**

Treasurer: Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec: AMA exp. Date recorded: Date \_\_\_\_\_

# How to Order Woodland Aero Modelers Clothing

1. Order via internet at [rc-kits.com](http://rc-kits.com)
2. Go to “Clubs” Find Woodland Aero Modelers, alphabetical order, we’re last.
3. Chose your merchandise
4. Check size chart!
5. Create an account
6. Pay

