

WINDY FLYER

From the Editor

By Ed Miller



In June's issue of *Model Aviation*, Ilona Maine brings up some great points in her article "Be Kind—Teach Someone to Fly". It's very apropos considering we will be at the Clow Cavalcade and our own Open House.

Have you ever been in a grocery store or any retail establishment and an employee walks right past you without so much as a glance? Uggh! That's one of my biggest pet peeves. Have we done that at our flying field? Unfortunately, the answer is yes. We have to change. Every potential member must be greeted by someone and offered a friendly smile and a response to any of their questions.

(see from the editor on the next page)



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

Did You Know ?

White Deer at Argonne

Yes, there are white deer, specifically fallow deer, at Argonne National Laboratory, but the herd has diminished due to inbreeding. The herd, which was once larger, is now estimated to be around 40 to 50 animals. The deer are separate species from white-tailed deer and don't interbreed. They roam both Argonne National Laboratory and Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve. Anybody seen one at our flying field?



More Details:

-Fallow Deer: the white deer at Argonne are fallow deer, which are native to Europe, North Africa, and parts of Asia.

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Here's a summary of what Ilona said:

1. Offer a warm welcome. It is said that the first impression is the last one. Greet them with a smile and introduce yourself. Don't walk by and ignore them!
2. Show off your model aircraft. Keep it simple. You want to excite them, not intimidate them.
3. Provide resources about model aviation, give them our business card.
4. Try to set them up with an instructor.
5. Create an environment that welcomes everyone, regardless of background or skill level.

She ends with a great quote from Anne Frank

"You can always give something, even if it is only kindness."

Happy Flying!!

Ed Miller

Club Secretary

Windy Flyer Editor-in-Chief

(Did You Know continued)

-Origin: The herd originated from a private menagerie owned by Gustav Freund, who received or purchased them from Chicago clothier Maurice L. Rothschild

-Inbreeding: The population has been reduced due to inbreeding within the herd.

-Rumors: There are rumors that the deer's white coloring is a result of radioactivity from nuclear experiments, but this is not true. The deer are naturally white.

-Current Population: As of 2016, there was only one white fallow doe remaining on the property.

-Location: They roam Argonne National Laboratory and the surrounding forest preserve, Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve.

-Fencing: The fence around Argonne is not high enough to keep the deer inside, so they are free to roam.

Passengers flying first class on British Airways' Boeing 747s have raised concerns about a recent redesign, which includes windows in some lavatories.

One passenger traveling to New York expressed discomfort, noting the absence of blinds.

In response, a stewardess reportedly quipped,

"Madam, if someone is clinging to the side of this aircraft at 35,000 feet, they've certainly earned the view." 😊



Woodland Aero Modelers

Radio Controlled Flying Club

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Calendar

June 2025

3rd Monthly Club meeting at the VFW: starting at 7pm.

7th and 8th Clow Cavalcade of Planes, Bolingbrook . WAM will be there as a Club with flight simulators and a large static display

14th Open House, at the flying field, 11:00am-3:00pm. Flight demonstrations and free introductory flights with an instructor.

15th Open House weather delay date

19th Save the date. Fly and Burger evening, weather permitting. Look for an email early in the week with details.

21st SAC Club float fly, Twin Lakes, Oak Forest, 8:00am till noon.

July 2025

1st Monthly Club meeting at the VFW; starting at 7:00pm

July 2025 (continued)

12th SAC Club float fly, Twin Lakes, Oak Forest, 8:00am till noon

17th Save the date, Fly and Burger night, weather permitting.

19th Fun Fly competition at the flying field-prizes & refreshments, weather permitting

21st - 27th EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh

Minutes from the June 3rd Meeting**Meeting Called to Order:**

- 7:00 pm by President, Tim Mercier

Secretary's Report:

- Report read, and approved

Treasurer's Report:

- We have \$11,539 combined with our checking, savings and CD. No unexpected expenses. John may transfer some money to our savings account for more interest. We received a rebate check for WAM clothing for \$15.36. Buy Club merchandise, information is on our website and at the end of the newsletter, or contact Ed Miller

Executive Director's Report:

- Permit Application for our Open House have been received.

Chief Instructor:

- Our instructors, Craig McKenzie, Ed Miller, John Baderman (pending) and Brad TerMaat (pending) are now Certified Introductory Pilot Mentors.

Safety Director

- With the current dust storms entering our area be careful if you suffer from respiratory problems. Use Listerine for bug bite prevention and for bites. Use sunscreen.

Old Business:

- Maintenance Day was a great success. Thanks to all who came out. Not only did those members get points but they get more points for being mentioned in the newsletter. Participants: Mark Ebert, Scott Emmerling, Dave Ford, Jerry LaBarge, Rich Magin, Craig McKenzie, Tim Mercier, Ed Miller, Brad TerMaat and Gary Watson. Flight stands were repaired and painted. The vice was removed from one of the flight stands and will be attached to the table by the windsock.

Announcements:

- Clow Cavalcade is Saturday and Sunday June 7th and 8th. Saturday set up is at 8:30am and Sunday at 9:30am. The Cavalcade is open to the public from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm both days. John Baderman has sent out a detailed email regarding participation at the event.

- Open House is Saturday June 14th at our field from 11am until 3pm. Gary Watson stated we received our grant from the AMA, money which can be used next year (too late for this year) to advertise or spruce up the field. More info will be emailed out to the members the week before the Open House. Lots of points here for participation.
- Stan Warden brought in stickers to be applied to old issues of Model Airplane News or Model Aviation and handed out at Clow or our Open House.
- Steve Zielinski is considering doing a series on helicopter topics. For example, how do they fly, different control systems, the progression of control developments etc. There has been much discussion in the media regarding the helicopter crash in New York's Hudson River. The term "Mast Bumping" is widely used and he would like to begin by explaining what mast bumping is, what causes it, and how it affects the helicopter.

Model building hints and tips:

- None

New Members:

- None

Planes for Points:

- Dennis Miendersma brought in a demonstration board featuring Robart retracts. He will use it for STEM demonstrations at schools or for other groups. Very interesting and well done.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05 pm



Pre-Flight Checklist

By Craig McKenzie Chief Flight
Instructor

Flying season is here, we hope you are getting out and enjoying some flying. As a reminder, please pre-flight before flying. It only takes a minute and can possibly save your aircraft from a untimely demise. The instructors will be happy to assist in helping nervous pilots get back up to speed. We can also help with 1st flights and of course primary flight instruction. Give us a call! See you at the field. Happy Flying!

Pre-Flight Checklist (Should be performed at the beginning of each flight session.)

Structural

- Tail surfaces are secure
- Landing gear and wheels secure
- Wing is properly secured

Servos and Control Services

- All servos and servo horns secure
- All control horns secure- clevises secure with safety retainers.
- All control surface hinges secure with minimal gap. Free and correct movement, no binding.

Engine and Mounting

- Engine mount secure to firewall. Engine bolts secure to mount.
- Throttle cutoff is turned on. (VERY IMPORTANT)
- Propeller and spinner in good condition (without damage) and secure.

Radio and Batteries

- All batteries are fully charged and secure.
- Control surfaces move in correct direction.
- Check any additional controls or servos for proper operation.
- All switches in safe and proper position. Perform a range check (if needed).

Maintenance Day Photos



Dave Ford.



Mark Ebert



Scott Emmerling



Rich Magin



Gary Watson















Much thanks to all who came out to help. We were able to complete the job quickly and go flying afterwards! We're in great shape for the Open House and the rest of the summer. What a great bunch of guys!!

How to Order Woodland Aero Modelers Clothing

1. Order via internet at **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

Woodland Aero Modelers

Sort by latest Showing all 14 results

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<p>CLUB LICENSE PLATE</p>  <p>WOODLAND AERO MODELERS LICENSE PLATE</p> <p>\$12.00</p>	<p>WOODLAND AERO MODELERS Flightline gear</p>  <p>WOODLAND AERO CLUB SAFETY VEST</p> <p>\$25.00</p>		