

WINDY FLYER

AMA Charter | Club 279 | Downers Grove, Illinois

From the Editor

By
Ed
Miller



I spend a decent amount of time reading other Club's newsletters, and websites and learning about their problems and successes. With Thanksgiving coming up quickly, as a Club, we have a lot to be thankful for.

We have a strong financial reserve, we have a beautiful field, strong leadership and a solid base of active flyers.

Sure, we can do better and this isn't the place to list our shortcomings. But my point is, that compared to other Clubs we are doing well, make that very well.

At my house after Thanksgiving dinner I wait for the question I love, "Papa, can we take the plane up?"

Behind our house is the local
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Woodland Aero Modeler's Flying Field at Waterfall
Glen Forest Preserve, Lemont, Illinois

Did You Know

During WWII, P-51 Mustangs at the North American Aviation plant in Inglewood, California, were fitted with wooden wheels! These temporary wheels allowed the planes to be easily moved around the factory and ramp before the final landing gear was installed. This ingenious method protected the expensive rubber tires and streamlined production. Once ready for flight tests, the wooden wheels were swapped for the real deal. A fascinating glimpse into wartime manufacturing!



(From the Editor continued)

school yard, so lots of room to buddy box my young grand kids and their parents too! My 3 year old grandson likes to fly on the flight simulator. At this point he thinks crashing is the best fun ever! He'll learn pretty soon there is no reset button for real flying!

Guys, have a wonderful Thanksgiving and bless you all.

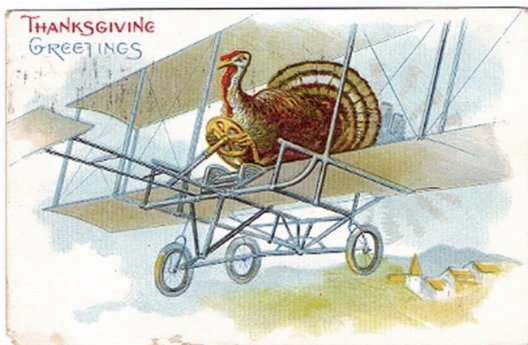
Stay Safe and Happy flying!

Ed Miller

Club Secretary

Windy Flyer Editor-in-Chief

"95% of RC pilots have crashed their planes due to pilot error. 5% are liars!"



Photos



Mark Ebert and his Hobby King Voltigeur



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

December 2024

3rd Monthly Club meeting at the VFW; starting at 7pm. Election of Club Officers

24th Christmas Eve

25th Christmas Day

January 2025

1st New Years Day and our annual Frosty Fingers Challenge. First person to fly, electric, gas, or glow wins absolutely nothing. Take pictures!

7th Monthly Club meeting at the VFW; starting at 7pm.

18th WAM Christmas Lunch at Chuck's Southern Comforts Cafe in Darien

Minutes from the November 5th 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 \$5031, savings account \$4027, for a total of \$9358. Treasurer will look into putting our savings into a CD. James Wolinski mentioned he has a 5% CD at Wintrust.

Executive Director's Report:

Some lock issues. Call a ranger if there is a problem. Or use the combination lock, 1-9-4-2. .

Chief Instructor:

-We spent some time teaching two relatives of Gary Watson and had a great time. They are both very interested in pursuing the hobby. Unfortunately, they do not live in the area. Find retired guys who need a hobby. That's the way we are going to grow.

Safety Director:

-Nothing new.

New Business:

-Nominations for Club officers and one Trustee. You may nominate yourself or have someone nominate you. The current administration is willing to continue in their current positions. Final vote will occur at the December meeting.

- John will look into have the mower trailer repaired.

Announcements:

- Ed Niccum is doing well. He is back to building and keeping himself busy.
- Grass was cut recently, we may need one more cut before the outdoor season ends.
- John will contact Mark Romanowitz regarding updating our website.
- Our annual Christmas Lunch will be on January 18th starting at noon. We have chosen Chuck's Southern Comfort Cafe in Darien. More details to be sent out.
- Robarts (they made retractable landing gears) had gone out of business, but someone has bought the business and will continue making landing gears and other RC items.
- We discussed organizing a Club visit to the Greene Valley Slope Soaring field for next Spring.
- We discussing having a Fun Fly for next summer and perhaps a "combat" competition.
- Indoor flying has begun. On Wednesdays at the Naperville Yard, 1607 Legacy Circle, Naperville, 60563. Phone 630-245-1100 Fee is \$10. Time 10am to 3pm. Also, free flight rubber band only flying on Thursday nights from 7pm to 10pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 11500 German Church Rd, in Burr Ridge 60527. A freewill offering is accepted, usually \$5. At the Crown Point Dome, in Crown Point Indiana, there is R/C flying on Wednesday starting at noon. They have an 85 foot ceiling. A winter Club trip was suggested.
- **Model building hints and tips:**
- Stan Warden asked about Airsoft batteries made by Hobby King.

New Members:

-None

Planes for Points:

- Craig McKenzie showed off his Hadron thrust vectoring Jet by Fly Zone which he got at Points Night. It has a nice magnetic hatch. Craig had to replace the receiver and figure out how to make the thrust vectoring work. The motor moves with the rudder. It has to be hand launched.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

Craig and his Hadron



Membership Application**Date:** _____**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM at the

VFW Hall 5101 Belmont Road, Downers Grove

Info Online at www.woodlandaeromodelers.org*Make Checks payable to Woodland Aero Modelers*

_____ New

_____ Renewal

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____ (month and day only)

Address: _____

City: _____ Zipcode _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone _____

AMA Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

E-mail: _____

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

AMA Classification and Woodland Aero Modeler 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" at half-price

Need flight training? _____ Yes. _____ No.

"I agree to comply with Woodland Aero Modelers (WAM) Club Flying Field Safety and Operation Rules which includes employing/abiding by club safety guidelines and demonstrate proper flying protocols. I understand that my failure to copy 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: _____

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Treasurer: Amt paid _____ Date: _____ Sec: AMA exp. date recorded: Date: _____

