

WINDY FLYER

AMA Charter | Club 279 | Downers Grove, Illinois

From the Editor

By
Ed
Miller



“Tis the season” as they say. Anybody got a plane on their Christmas list? I bet you do. I’m starting to enjoy larger type airplanes. They’re easier to see and more stable in the wind. A Draco 2.0m or a T-28 2.0m have been winkin’ at me for a long time. Well, we’ll just have to see if I can sweet talk Santa.

Our Club elections are in December and our current incumbents have chosen to continue in office. Since there were no challengers, our current officers will remain in office. Hats off to them! For the rest of you, you’re missing an opportunity to get more deeply involved in the hobby.

On New Year’s Day we have our annual Frozen Fingers Fly (See From Editor, next page)



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

Did You Know

HOW DO WINGLETS WORK?

Winglets are vertical extensions at the tips of an aircraft’s wings designed to improve aerodynamic efficiency. Winglets are essential for enhancing an aircraft’s performance by reducing drag. Here’s how they make an impact.

- ♦ **Fuel Efficiency** - Winglets decrease fuel consumption by minimizing drag, which can save airlines millions of dollars each year.
- ♦ **Reduced Emissions**- Using less fuel translates to lower carbon emissions, making winglets an important feature for eco-friendly aviation.
- ♦ **Improved Aerodynamics**- Winglets help streamline airflow over the wings, enhancing stability and reducing turbulence.
- ♦ **Extended Range**- The fuel savings allow aircraft with wing-

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In. The first person to fly either glow, gas, or electric wins. Wins what? Well, nothing but fun and admiration from the rest of us. Take pictures and send them to me if I'm not there.

It's that time of year again when we collect our annual dues. If you cannot make our monthly meetings you may mail the renewal form with your check for \$50 made out to Woodland Aero Modelers to Ed Miller, 2647 Newport Drive, Naperville 60565. The renewal form is on the last page of the Windy Flyer and on our web site. Remember you must also be up to date with your AMA membership.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. May you be healthy and get lots of flying opportunities in the new year!

Stay Safe and Happy Flying!

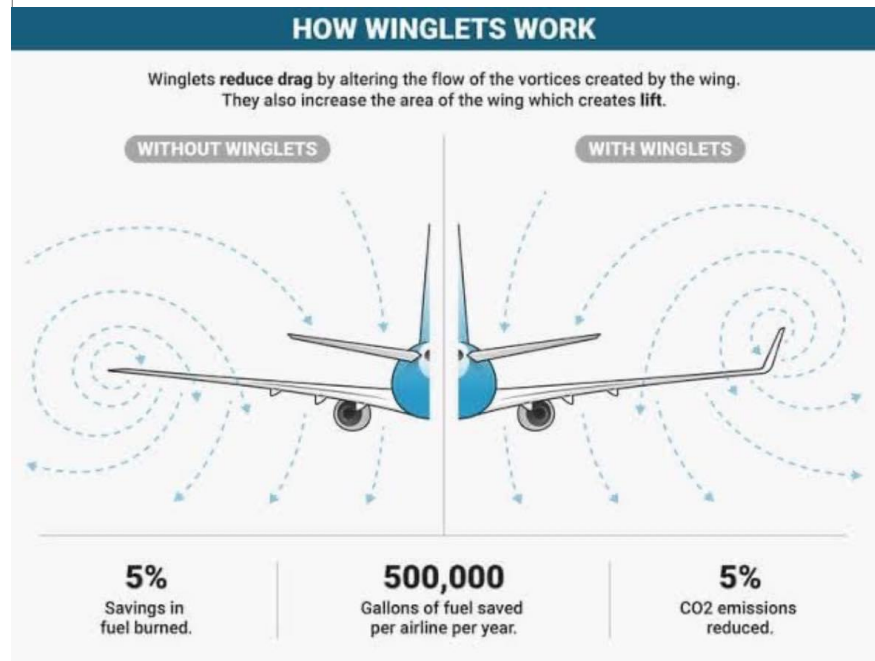
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lets to cover longer distances with refueling.

In summary, these small additions to the wings significantly improve fuel economy, performance, and environmental impact.



“So that’s how Santa does it”

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 Frozen 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 December 3rd 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 \$6021, savings account \$4027, for a total of \$10,048. We have purchased a \$5000 CD at 4.25% for 7 months. If we make approximately \$200, that's equivalent to 4 member's dues. Also, we are setting up Venmo and Zelle to make it easier for members to pay their dues. Checks and cash will still be accepted. Expenses coming up: Club AMA Charter and VFW rent.

Executive Director's Report:

Nothing new to report

Chief Instructor: We can train or assist at indoor flying (Naperville Yard) if requested.

Safety Director: Not present

New Business:

-Elections were held. All incumbents kept their current positions. Dave Ford volunteered

to be a Trustee.

Announcements:

- 2025 Annual Dupage Forest District Permits available. Visit dupageforest.org. If you are a senior, active military, or retired military with honorable discharge the permit is free.
- 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.
- All items left at the field will be placed in the first aid box. Try to take a picture of said item, send it to Ed Miller (630) 745-1102 or edwjmiller@yahoo.com and he will send out a group email to all Club members.
- Stan Warden mentioned the Joliet Radio Club does indoor flying at Joliet Central High School. It takes place at their field house, the space is the equivalent of 3 basketball courts. Address is 201 E. Jefferson St, Joliet, IL 60432. Cost is \$10 for non-members. See joliétrc.com and click on indoor flying for dates and more information. Background check approval (once per season) must be submitted within a minimum of 3 days prior to scheduled indoor flying event.
- Fox Valley Swap Meet is on February 15, 2025. Our Club will have 2 (at least) tables. We will sell whatever has been donated to the Club. If you have anything you want to donate (money goes to the Club) we will be collecting it next month.
- Frozen Fingers Flyers on New Year's Day. Take pictures to prove you were there! Starts at 8am, lots of folks go to breakfast after flying.
- Club renewals are now being accepted. If you cannot make a meeting, fill out the form on page 7 and mail it with your check for \$50 made out to Woodland Aero Modelers to Ed Miller, 2647 Newport Drive, Naperville, Illinois. 60565
- **Model building hints and tips:**
- None

New Members:

-We are pleased to welcome Scott Emmerling to our Club. Scott has been flying for about 3 months. His initial experience is with helicopters.

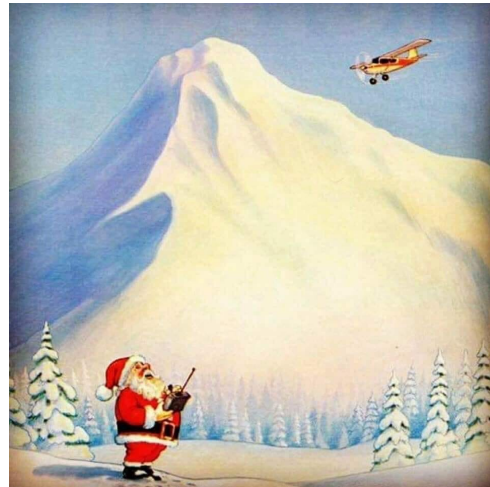
Planes for Points:

- none

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm



Christmas Photos



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: _____

