

# WINDY FLYER

AMA Charter | Club 279 | Downers Grove, Illinois

## From the President

By Tim Mercier

Thanks to all the members who participated at the Cavalcade.

Saturday was rainy all day but Sunday we were very busy. Our Open House was on the following Sunday. The weather man (rarely right) predicted rain so Saturday was out. Rain didn't happen until 4pm. We could have got it in! So Sunday was our day. We had plenty of potential fliers. The only problem was extreme wind. The Apprentice had trouble landing and the Timber was almost blown out of view due to the strong west wind.

That brings us to a plan for next year. 1. We'll have two Open Houses on the Saturday and Sunday after Clow. Hopefully we get at least one good day. 2. We have a greeter to welcome folks and get them started. People walked in and no one talked to them! No one should enter the Club Field without a



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

## Did You Know ?

Why do jet pilots say "Fox Two" or things like "Fox" and a number after launching weapons? Why choose "Fox"?

Jet pilots use the term "Fox" to announce the launch of a missile. The term "Fox" is a brevity code, which is a short, easy to remember code that is used to communicate important information in a hurry. The term "Fox" was chosen because it is a short, easy to remember word that does not sound like any other words that are commonly used in aviation. This makes it less likely that the term will be misunderstood or misheard. The number that follows the term "Fox" indicates the type of missile that has been launched. For example, "Fox Two" indicates that an infrared



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friendly hello and direction on how to get started learning R/C flight. 3. Flight School. Some simple explanation of airplane functions, ailerons, rudder, and elevator. This frees up the instructor. And 4. We need more spotters. The spotter's only job is to keep his eye on the plane and to be able to tell the instructor which way to turn to bring the plane back to the field. Good eyesight is a must! It's very difficult for the instructor to watch the plane and give direction to a student.

We'll discuss this at the next meeting.

Once again, thanks to all those who helped out.

Finally, this Thursday we will have our first Fly and Burger/Beer night. Flying starts at our field about 4pm, when we're done we will head to Chuck's at 8025 Cass Ave in Darien. (They have more than beer and burgers by the way)

Stay Safe and have Fun!

**WHEN THE WIFE SAYS..  
LOOK ME IN THE EYES AND PROMISE YOU  
WON'T BUY ANY MORE AIRPLANES**



Tim Mercier, President

“Did You Know” continued

guided missile has been launched. The use of brevity codes is a common practice in aviation. This is because it allows pilots to communicate the important information quickly and efficiently, even in high stress situations.

For example, if a pilot is in a dogfight and needs to announce that they have launched a missile, they can simply say “Fox Two”. This will immediately alert their wingmen and other aircraft in the area that a missile has been launched, and they can take appropriate evasive action.

The use of brevity codes also helps to reduce radio clutter. In a high stress situation, it is important to keep radio transmissions as clear as possible. Brevity codes allow pilots to communicate important information in a few short words, which helps to keep the radio clear for other important transmissions.

Fox 1 is a launch of a semi active radar guided missile like a sparrow.

Fox 2 is an infrared guided missile like a sidewinder.

Fox 3 is an active radar guided missile like an AMRAAM.



## 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

### **June 2024**

1st and 2nd Clow Cavalcade of Planes

4th Monthly Club Meeting at the VFW; starting at 7pm

8th or 9th(rain day) Club Open House

15th SAC Club Float Fly, Twin Lakes, Oak Forest, 8:00am-Noon.

20th Thursday, Fly and eat starting at 4pm at our field. Dinner at Chucks after.

### **July 2024**

2nd Monthly Club Meeting at the VFW; starting at 7pm.

20th SAC Club Float Fly, Twin Lakes, Oak Forest, 8:00am-Noon

22nd-28th EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wi.

## Minutes from the June 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 \$6944, savings account \$4025 for a total of \$10,969.

**Executive Director's Report:** Permits approved for our Open House on either June 8 or 9th.

**Chief Instructor:** Not present

**Safety Director:** Once again we reiterated the importance of engaging throttle cut. Do not release throttle cut until you are ready to take off.

### Announcements

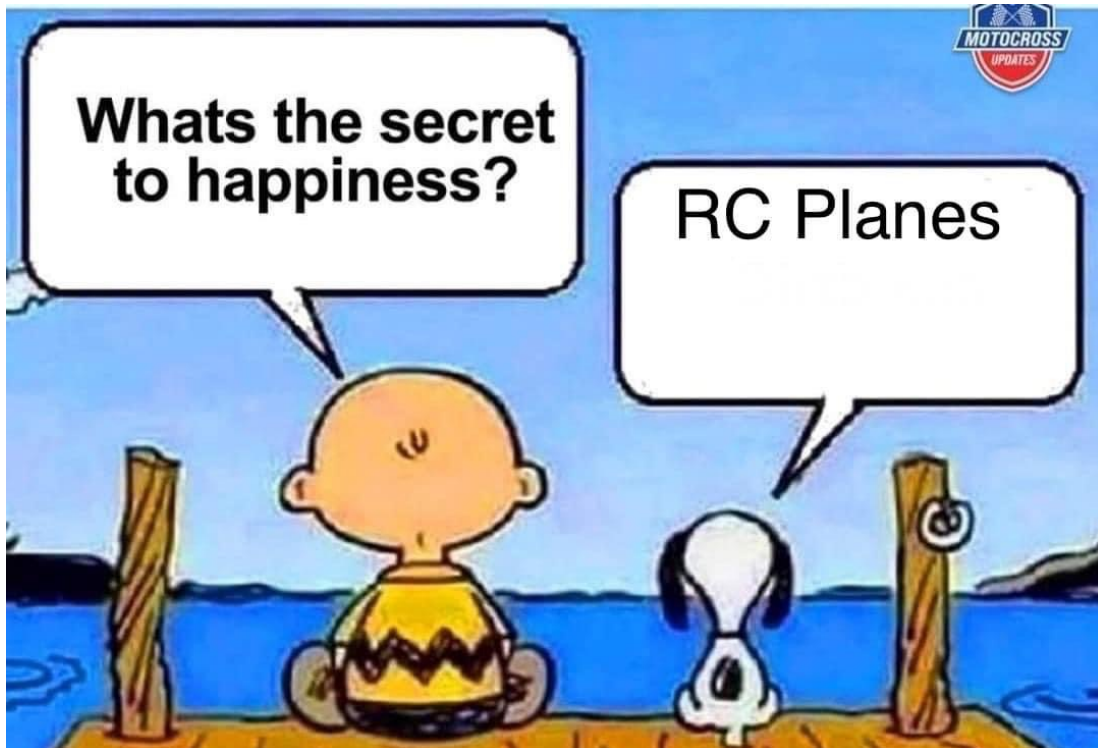
- Open House will be Sunday June 9th. Setup at 9:30. We will have one flight simulator, chargers and a generator. It's a regular flying day also, bring a plane or two and demonstrate your skills. We still need a volunteer for gate duty, spotters to help the instructors, and a flight simulator helper. We will have water but no food.
- Reminder: Still looking for items in the "Planes for Sale" segment to the Windy Flyer. Send Ed Miller what you want to sell, anything RC related, and we will put it in the newsletter.
- We have new business cards. Good idea to have them in your flight box, then when someone wants information about our Club we can give them a card.
- We have a "QR" code for our Club. It will appear on our brochures and flyers.
- A big Thank-You to all who helped at the Clow Cavalcade. We gave the owners of the hanger we use \$75 and will probably increase that next year to \$100.



- Tim Mercier is continuing his work on our Facebook page.
- Lost and Found items will be placed (if possible) in the first aid box. Items will also be listed in our Windy Flyer.
- Tentative date for our Thursday night fly in and after flight burger is Thursday June 20th. We will go to Chuck's on Cass just north of the Stevenson expressway after flying
- Christmas Dinner/Lunch will be in January
- Club Secretary will send out NOTAM notices since everyone is not receiving them from the FAA or from the AMA.
- **Planes for Points:** None
- **Model Building Hints and Tips:** Inspect your hinges on foam planes. You might have to add hinge tape or actual hinges to your aileron, rudder, or flap surfaces.

**New Members:** none.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:49



## Photos



Bill Brzostowski with his trusty Timber.



Joe Kleifges with his Tundra



Brian Opalka and his Bach 342



A Cicada on a flight stand ready for takeoff



## Photos from the Cavalcade



Tim Mercier helping a youngster on the Sim.



Many thanks to Tim's sweetie for our sign!



Brad TerMaat pitching R/C flying



Jim Fox helping a big kid on the Sim.