



January 2026

# Flypaper

**Current Board Members:**

Russ Putnam, President	Chris Mathis, Vice President	Nick Bowen, Secretary
John Svetlik, Treas.	Jeff Mork	Marie Maertens
Brad Moodie	Nate Jensen	Joe Rocha

**Upcoming Dates:**

1/8/26	7PM (Learn Build Fly Hangar) January Meeting
2/12/26	February Meeting
3/12/26	March Meeting
3/21/26	Winter-fly 10:00 AM at WRCS Hagerman Field
4/9/26	April Meeting



**March Fly Paper Greeting**

Hello everyone,

I want to tell everyone that Dual Rates is live on our website at [wausaurcsports.com](http://wausaurcsports.com). The club officers, Chris Mathis, John Svetlik and Nick Bowen, stepped up to make this project come together. If you haven't seen Dual Rates, you can view it on your computer or cell phone. Also, if you haven't renewed your club membership for the year, that task is available on Dual Rates. On the HOME screen click on "join/renew" and follow the instructions. Your payment can be made by cash or check but starting this year, there is also the choice of

using PayPal. There are no service fees using this method. If you encounter a problem, please reach out to one of the club officers for help.

I would also like to tell the members that we received a generous contribution from Dr. David Murdock. His contribution will help in our future training program.

Looking at the calendar, the club meeting is on Thursday March 12th. Chris will be hosting the meeting at LBF. I will be there via MS Teams. Our Winter Fun Fly is on Saturday, March 21st. We will cross our fingers for a fair-weather day.

March has brought us the start of Daylight Savings Time. On March 20th, the spring equinox occurs, adding just over three minutes of added sunlight to each day. The total added sunlight in March is about 1 ½ hours. That is great news, bringing warmer weather and more time to spend at Hagerman field.

Please join us at Learn Build and Fly for our March meeting.

Russ Putnam  
President





# Wausau RC Sports Announcements!

If anyone is interested in lawn mowing at the field on Thursday mornings, please contact Russ at [tankman2015@icloud.com](mailto:tankman2015@icloud.com).

Russ will be reaching out to last year's group sometime before the meeting and see who may be interested in serving again.



Andrew Falkowski





## Wausau RC Sports Meeting Minutes: February, 12 2026 7PM at LBF

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order.

### Introduction of Members and Guests

Attendees introduced: Chris, Brad, Nick, Marie, Heath, John, Russ; Joe present; two participants noted as joining remotely.

### Reading of Minutes (Fly Paper)

- Minutes as published in the Fly Paper were presented.
  - Motion to approve: **Brad**
  - Second: **Nick**
  - Vote: Approved (all in favor, none opposed).
  - Note: A new member indicated they are not receiving the Fly Paper; officers to get distribution updated.
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### Financial Update

- Treasurer reviewed balances and activity:
    - Checking income: **\$185** (PayPal; source not yet identified—needs follow-up)
    - Membership income noted (four memberships referenced)
    - Donation: **\$5,000** from **Dave and Rita Murdock**, with thanks conveyed; donor stated no restrictions on use
    - Checking expense: **\$353** paid to **Russ** (reimbursement discussed; prior season mower/fuel context mentioned)
    - Agenda shows approval/second placeholders for the monthly meeting financials (Marie / John Gosz)
    - Motion to approve financial report: Approved (vote taken; no objections noted).
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### Old Business

#### Safety Officer

- AMA confirmed Safety Officer can be **any club member** with valid AMA membership (not necessarily an officer).

Board needs the position filled by **March 15** to file required AMA paperwork; Jeff to remain listed temporarily until replaced.

#### Swap Meet

- Swap Meet moved from **Sunday Oct 25** to **Sunday Oct 18** due to the original date being unavailable.
- Russ submitted **\$100** down payment to hold the reservation.
- Discussion: in future, reserve earlier; consider whether venue can “pencil in” the preferred weekend; start time (8:00 vs 9:00) to be decided later.

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Nick stated intent to submit AMA sanction for the Swap Meet and report any issues.

### Membership Cards

- New membership cards printed for paid members; plan to distribute to members at meetings. Request: members should visibly display card at the field (lanyard/hat/etc.); possible rule addition in a future year.

### Dual Rates Website / Membership System

- Dual Rates site demo and discussion:
  - Event calendar shows meeting locations (including Learn/Build/Fly and other events).
  - Member login: **email = username, AMA number = initial password** (members can change password).
  - Membership “Join/Renew” via PayPal is currently paused pending setup; expected to be enabled once configuration is complete.
  - Discussion included member profile updates, photo/gallery utility, and verifying AMA status/expiration via the site.
  - Club store/merch is accessible via the site; hats may require minimum embroidery order quantity.
  - Recognition: thanks expressed to Chris for technical work moving/transitioning the domain/site routing to Dual Rates.

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## New Business

### Training Program (discussion led by Joe Rocha)

Key themes and proposals:

- Shift focus from “quantity” to “retention/quality”: identify kids who genuinely want to learn and invest time/resources in those participants.
- Add structured learning steps (example: simulator time and basic competency before buddy-box flights).
- Consider “build days” / scratch-build sessions (including occasional Saturday build + fly experiences) to increase engagement.
- Training night should remain training-first, but allow flexibility so participants can see other aircraft/activities to spark interest.
- Discussed need to clarify youth supervision expectations:
  - Not a babysitting service; expectation that parents stay or an agreed sponsor/adult supervisor is identified.
  - Ensure emergency contact info is collected for participants.
  - Committee / follow-up: agreement that a small group should bring back a more organized plan next meeting, including:
    - What changes are being proposed (in plain language)
    - What equipment is on hand and what’s needed (inventory of training planes/batteries/tools)
    - Rough budget needs and recommendations

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- o How to reach prior students (email outreach suggested)

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### Good of the Club / Reminders

- Field access update: road to the field is accessible; gate snowbank not significant (as of earlier in the week).
- Reminder: leave **upper and lower gates open** until snow melts (in case plowing is needed again).
- Flying at Sunnyvale requires **current AMA and WRCS membership**.

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### Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: **Nick**, Second: **Brad**
- Vote: Approved (no objections noted).

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### Action Items (from agenda + discussion)

1. **Safety Officer:** recruit/confirm member; update AMA paperwork by **March 15**.
  2. **Treasury:** identify/confirm the **\$185 PayPal** income source.
  3. **Swap Meet:** Nick to submit AMA sanction; later decide start time; improve reservation timing for future years.
  4. **Fly Paper distribution:** ensure new member is added/receiving it.
- Training program committee:** inventory training assets (planes/batteries/tools), draft proposed adjustments + supervision policy clarity, and return with a short plan next meeting.



## ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS NATIONAL MODEL AIRCRAFT SAFETY CODE

Effective January 1, 2018 A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight within visual line of sight (VLOS) of the pilot or spotter(s). It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation, personal, education, and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and related AMA guidelines, any additional rules specific to the flying site, as well as all applicable laws and regulations.

### **AS AN AMA AND WRCS MEMBER I AGREE:**

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's See and Avoid Guidance and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper (s) located at the flight line, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's Competition Regulation.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

As published in <https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/documents/100.pdf>

# These rules must be followed in addition to Wausau RC Sports Club Rules



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**<https://wausaursports.com/a/r/szz/rc/join>**

## Wausau RC Sports

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: WI. Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular/Family: \$50.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior \$20 (Under 18 & parent not a member):

Please List each Pilot

Trust and FAA Complete?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ AMA# \_\_\_\_\_ YES/NO

2. \_\_\_\_\_ AMA# \_\_\_\_\_ YES/NO

3. \_\_\_\_\_ AMA# \_\_\_\_\_ YES/NO

I agree to follow the rules provided with this form in addition to those required by the AMA. Upon repeated disregard, actions may be taken including the loss of membership.

Pilot/member Signature:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please Send Completed Form to

JOHN SVETLIK  
1505 Delonay St.  
Weston, WI 54476

TREASURER@WAUSAURCSPTS.COM

\*AMA AND CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO FLY AT SUNNYVALE RC PARK\*



# Current Rules

## WAUSAU R/C SPORTS CLUB RULES

The following rules are in addition to the AMA Safety Code

### Updated 1/1/2026

1. Flying hours are from 10 AM to dusk April 1 - June 15th and from 8 AM to dusk June 16th to March 31.
2. No spectators shall be allowed in the pit area or on the runway unless under the direct supervision of a current club member.
3. No smoking or open flame is permitted in the pit area or flight line
4. The frequency board will be used at all times for any frequency other than 2.4 MHz or Wi-Fi. Modelers, other than those on 2.4 MHz or Wi-Fi, will place their AMA card in the slot next to the frequency they are using. These transmitters will not be turned on until the frequency pin is obtained. The flying member must retain the pin until the transmitter is turned off.
5. If flying with the frequency pin method, twenty minutes shall be the maximum time for operation if other modelers request of the same frequency.
6. There will not be more than four models in the air South field at one time except during announced events.
7. Pilots must remain behind the safety fence at a numbered flight station while flying. For multi rotor models (MRM) pilots, these Rules, along with the posted MultiGP Event Rules will be enforced at all times.
8. Engine testing or lengthy run up should be done as far away from the pit area as possible.
9. A minimum altitude of 30 feet shall be maintained while over the runway unless on takeoff or landing. This does not apply to Multi-Rotor Models (MRM) or sub 250g model.
10. All gas spark ignition engines shall be equipped with an on/off ignition switch. Pilots must have a usable fire extinguisher at the site while testing or flying these aircraft.
- 11 No pilot shall in any way pursue birds or animals.
12. Any landing aircraft has field priority. Pilots should announce their landing or take off intentions to other pilots.
13. Any and all infractions of the safety code and club rules shall be reported to the member who is apparently engaged in any infraction. Contact the club safety officer or president of any continued infraction or unsatisfactory correction of the infraction.
14. There shall be no fixed wing or MRM craft, while operating on the South field, fly north of the north line of that runway, extended east and west, or over Sunnyvale Lake. Models, while operating in the MRM designated flight area, must remain within the established boundaries.
15. All engines shall not exceed noise levels of an average of 96db at 20 feet based on four quadrant tests performed at the same maximum RPM setting. Testing shall be the modeler's responsibility to comply with the Club standards.
16. The use of cell phones for conversation, texting, or videoing or the use of other electronic devices while piloting an aerial device, or when performing spotter duties in support of an active pilot is prohibited. However, electronics, such as smart cell phone, or similar devices, may be used if they are the primary transmitter or software control unit communicating with the aerial device. The use of cell phones is permitted during all other times and at all locations in the park area.
17. Motors (fuel or electric) are not to be started north of the spectator fence, except MRM craft may operate in the designated flight area north of the fence. Other than MRM, all aircraft must be restrained before motors are started. Electric models are not to have the battery connected to the motor north of the spectator fence unless the prop has been removed prior to battery connection if it is necessary to check motor direction or rotation or servo operation.
18. Any person involved in an accident or incident at Sunnyvale R/C Park must abide by the accident/incident reporting policy post-



# Keep in mind

**Hazardous Attitudes** as it pertains to Aeronautical Decision Making from ALC-723: 10 Decision-Making Concepts for UAS Pilots, as well as the **PAVE** and **DECIDE** models for evaluating hazards and analyzing risk from FAA-H-8083-25B: Pilot Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge.

## **Hazardous Attitudes**

Hazardous attitudes are attitudes that negatively affect the quality of your decisions. Recognizing them is the first step in neutralizing them. There are 5 attitudes:

**Anti-authority:** Those who do not like anyone telling them what to do.

**Impulsivity:** Those who feel the need to do something, anything, immediately.

**Invulnerability:** Those who believe that accidents happen to others.

**Macho:** Those who are trying to prove that they are better than anyone else. "Watch this!"

**Resignation:** Those who do not see themselves making a difference.

Here's a list of antidotes to the 5 hazardous attitudes.

Anti-authority: Follow the rules. They are usually right.

Impulsivity: Not so fast. Think first.

Invulnerability: It could happen to me.

Macho: Taking chances is foolish.

Resignation: "I'm not helpless. I can make a difference."

Use the **PAVE** model to identify hazards:

**P - Pilot-in-Command:** Am I healthy for flight and what are my personal limitations based upon my experience operating this sUAS? During this step, you can use the IMSAFE checklist in order to perform a more in-depth evaluation:

Illness – Am I suffering from any illness or symptom of an illness which might affect me in flight?

Medication – Am I currently taking any drugs (prescription or over-the-counter)?

Stress – Am I experiencing any psychological or emotional factors which might affect my performance?

Alcohol – Have I consumed alcohol within the last 8 to 24 hours?

Fatigue – Have I received sufficient sleep and rest in the recent past?

Emotion or Eating – Have I fully recovered from any recent upsetting events? Am I sufficiently nourished?



## Keep in mind continued...

**A - Aircraft:** Have I conducted a preflight check of my sUAS (aircraft, control station (CS), takeoff and landing equipment, etc.) and determined it to be in a condition for safe operation? Is the filming equipment properly secured to the aircraft prior to flight?

**V - Environment:** What is the weather like? Am I comfortable and experienced enough to fly in the forecast weather conditions? Have I considered all of my options and left myself an “out”? Have I determined alternative landing spots in case of an emergency?

**E - External Pressures:** Am I stressed or anxious? Is this a flight that will cause me to be stressed or anxious? Is there pressure to complete the flight operation quickly? Am I dealing with an unhealthy safety culture, meaning that there are not strong policies and procedures in place? Either the organization with which I am associated or I personally should develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that relate to an acceptable level of safety. Am I being honest with myself and others about my personal operational abilities and limitations?

Use the **DECIDE** model to help you continually evaluate each operation for hazards and to analyze risk:

**Detect** – the fact that a change has occurred

**Estimate** – the need to react to or counter the change

**Choose** – a desirable outcome for the flight or situation

**Identify** – actions to control the change successfully

**Do** – take the necessary actions

**Evaluate** – the effects of the action to react to or counter the initial change

ed at the site

