

May 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:

5/14/26	May Meeting
6/1/26	Intro Pilot training begins
6/11/26	June Meeting
6/20/26	Breakfast at the field
7/9/26	July Meeting
7/12/26	Family Picnic

May Fly Paper Greeting

Hello everyone,

It is great to be back in Wisconsin. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the field. We had a well-attended field opening and Spring Fun Fly. The good news is the summer mosquito air patrol has returned, occupying the mix of old and new birdhouses.

Our next club meeting will be at Hagerman Field on May 14th. At the time of this writing, the weather forecast shows a slight chance of rain with temperatures in the mid-60s. Check the club Calendar at www.WausauRCSports.com for more information. We have a few things to discuss, but we hope we can keep it brief to get some airtime for the pilots. The main topic is the Intro Pilot Training Program. It will be headed by Christopher Mathis. Chris has led the program for the last two years.

We also have some sad news. Long-time club member Doug Rowley passed away on April 17th. He had moved to Plymouth, WI to be closer to his family. Doug served as club President, BOD Member, and led many committees over his tenure. A card was signed by club members on May 2nd at the field and sent to his family. We send our condolences to Doug's wife, Linda, and Family.

Attached is a photo of Doug and me. It was taken at a Rhinelander summer fun fly. I am guessing it was at least 15 years ago. The airplane is a Sig Manufacturing Four-Star 60. Doug was the spotter for that flight. Those who knew Doug will remember him as a fun and knowledgeable member of Wausau RC Sports.



Two more items. Mowing on Thursday mornings will start on May 7th and continue for the remainder of the season. No flying is permitted when the mower is south of the main safety fence.

The second item is if you haven't renewed your Club Membership, now is the time. You can do this online at www.WausauRCSports.com. The PayPal function is in operation, and of course, we still accept CASH.

See you at the field.

Russ Putnam
President



Wausau RC Sports Meeting Minutes: April, 9 2026 7PM at LBF

1. Call to Order

The regular monthly member meeting was called to order.

2. Introduction of Members and Guests

Members and guests were introduced.

3. Financial Update

The Treasurer presented the March 1–31 financial report.

Upcoming expense: porta-potty service through Green Valley Septic still needs to be confirmed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

Training Program

The club discussed the 2026 training program, scheduled to begin June 1.

Jeff will not be co-leading the program this year. Chris and Joe are continuing discussions and planning. The current direction is to build/use foam board trainer planes. Supplies may need to be purchased soon if that remains the final plan.

The club also continues to review intro pilot AMA membership requirements.

Action items:

- Chris and Joe to finalize the training plan.
 - Determine equipment/supply needs.
 - Confirm volunteers for setup and instruction.
- Continue checking AMA intro pilot requirements.

Dual Rates Website

The Dual Rates website is up and available.

The buy/sell section has been used. One issue was reported with uploading photos from an iPhone: when selecting an existing photo, the phone appears to open the movie/video area instead of the photo library. Uploading from a laptop or PC works.

PayPal integration has been connected to the club bank account and should be ready, although no one has paid through PayPal yet.

Action item:

Review the iPhone photo upload issue for the website buy/sell section.

MS Graphics Store / Club Merchandise

The club discussed whether any additional items should be added to the MS Graphics store. No specific new items were requested. The club noted that a onesie appears to be available or may be special ordered.

Field Opening / Spring Fun Fly

The field opening and fun fly is scheduled for **Saturday, April 25, 2026**. This date conflicts with the Valley Aero Models swap meet in Kaukauna, so attendance may be affected.

Food and beverages were discussed. Chili was considered, but no firm commitment was made. The club leaned toward keeping food simple.

Planned/possible items:





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- Coffee and donuts
- Soda
- Orange juice

Possibly chili if someone is able to provide it

John volunteered to pick up coffee and donuts. Soda and other drinks will also be arranged.

Road grading was discussed. The club will wait until the road is dry and the weather is consistently warm enough. The road should ideally be addressed before the April 25 event.



5. New Business

Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 16, 2026**.

The club discussed whether EAA 640 is planning a program and whether WRCS would be interested in setting up a static display of member warbirds. No formal invitation from EAA was confirmed.

The larger question was whether members would be willing to staff a table. Interest was expressed, but no final commitment was made.

Russ has had **500 club business cards** made with a QR code and club information for handouts. He is expected to bring them when he returns.

Russ is expected back around April 23 and may be available for the April 25 event. The bank has also been asking when Russ will be available to sign onto the club account.

Action items:

- Confirm whether EAA 640 is holding an Armed Forces Day program.
- Determine whether WRCS will provide a static display or staff a table.
- Obtain and distribute Russ's club business cards.

Coordinate with Russ regarding bank signature needs.

6. Good of the Club

School Flight Club / Youth Outreach

Jeff reported that the flight club he coaches at Horace Mann has officially started. It is currently being run alongside Robotics Club, with about four students actively involved.

Activities include:

- Flight simulators
- Fixed-wing training
- FPV quadcopter simulator work

Tiny whoop FPV flying using gates

The group discussed possible youth outreach opportunities with the Everest Junior High "Adventure Day" program. The event is scheduled for **May 6, 2026**, but transportation and activities are already set for this year. It may be a good opportunity for WRCS to pursue for next year.

Possible activities for a future Adventure Day:



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- RC plane demonstrations
- Buddy-box flying
- Flight simulators
- FPV racing display
- Streamer chase demonstrations
- Foam board building

Laser tag / FPV turret demonstrations, if equipment is ready

The principal contact mentioned was **Jason McFarland**.

Action item:

Gather contact information and details for Everest Junior High Adventure Day for possible participation next year.

Youth Interest in RC

There was discussion that several younger people have shown interest in flying and RC aircraft. Phillip mentioned friends who are interested in aviation and RC planes.

7. Reminders

Members were reminded:

- The last person to leave must close and lock both the upper and lower gates.

Flying at Sunnyvale requires current AMA and WRCS membership.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by **Brad** and seconded by **John**. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Post-Adjournment Discussion

After adjournment, there was additional discussion about Young Eagles and possible aviation youth events.

Adventure Day was confirmed as **May 6, 2026**, but it is already planned for this year. WRCS may have a year to prepare a possible activity for next year.





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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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 posted at the site



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