



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:

6/11/26	June Meeting
6/20/26	Breakfast at the field
7/9/26	July Meeting
7/12/26	Family Picnic

Hello everyone,

Meteorological summer is here, making it a great time to head to the field and fly. I have seen several new aircraft being made ready for their maiden flights, and I have had the chance to fly both electric and gas-powered models. I am also looking forward to getting a glow fuel plane airborne. There is something about the smell of glow fuel that brings back fond memories.

Our regular club meeting will be at Hagerman Field on Thursday June 11th. On Tuesday June 16th, flying is no longer restricted to a 10:00 AM start time. On Saturday June 20th we will celebrate the early flying hours with the annual breakfast. More details to be discussed at the meeting.

AMA focuses on the aspects of safety during the month of June. Nick Bowen mentioned that reviewing the safety rules with the meeting attendees is a good reminder for everyone. Fortunately, we have not experienced any major incidents. Reviewing the safety and club rules are good reminders to keep on that track. As a reminder the Club Safety Officer position is still open. If you are interested, please contact me.

Two housekeeping items. The garbage containers at the field are obviously necessary to keep our site in neat order. While there is no one assigned to empty those containers, if it gets full, someone will remove the full bag, replace it with a new bag and transport the full bag to Sunny Vale's main area and deposit it in a dumpster container. The Park Department has modified the dumpster configuration so only smaller objects can be discarded. It forces us to open the garbage bag and feed the contents through the smaller opening as shown in the picture. Sometimes a very messy and unsanitary job. Please consider taking food items, damaged aircraft and other "I wouldn't touch it with a ten-foot pole" home with you. Plastic bottles and paper items are acceptable. Aluminum cans should be placed in the other container.





The next item concerns vehicles beyond the safety fence. I have seen vehicle tire tracks on the grass field. If you need to get to the opposite side of the field with your vehicle, please drive on the outside perimeter of the mowed area. Also never drive a vehicle on the taxiway or runway.

Our training program started Monday June 1st. Turn out was light. As members, please share and promote your RC flying experiences with your friends and work colleagues to see if they would like to learn about Wausau RC Sports. Business cards with the WRCS QR Code are in the display cabinet at the field. Take a few and put in your wallet to hand out.

See you at the field.

Russ Putnam

President





Wausau RC Sports Meeting Minutes: May, 14 2026 6PM at Sunnyvale

Meeting	Regular Member Meeting
Location	Sunnyvale R/C Park
Date / Time	May 2026

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The regular member meeting was called to order. Members and guests were introduced. New member Rick was welcomed during the meeting.

2. Approval of Prior Minutes

3. Financial Update

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

4. Old Business

Membership Renewals

Members were reminded to renew WRCS membership as the prime flying season begins.

Membership dues help support fuel, mowing, and other club operating costs.

AMA Expiration Dates

AMA memberships no longer necessarily follow the calendar year. Members must make sure their AMA membership remains current before flying.

DualRates can be used to check AMA membership status and identify expired memberships or memberships expiring within 30 days.

Armed Forces Day / EAA 640 Update

EAA Chapter 640 was not hosting a specific Armed Forces Day event this year.

A B-25 and BT-13 were expected on Saturday, May 16, along with a Young Eagles Rally beginning at 9:00 AM and a chapter lunch meeting. Members were welcome to attend.

The event was reportedly scaled back from prior years due to volunteer availability.

Bank Account Signing

The bank requested completion of account signing paperwork. Russ and the treasurer planned to meet at Cloverbelt Credit Union around 10:00 AM the following day.



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Flight Times and Mowing

Flying remains limited to a 10:00 AM start during duck migration / nesting season, including weekends, through June 15.

After June 15, normal start time returns to 8:00 AM.

Lawn mowing is scheduled for Thursday mornings.

5. New Business

Road Entrance and Brush Cleanup

The Marathon County Parks Department was contacted regarding the road entrance.

Polly responded that the entrance work would be added to the department work list. The request included grading / gravel needs and cleanup of brush and debris along the incoming road.

Intro Pilot / Airplane Training Program

The training program start date was corrected from May 1 to June 1.

Additional volunteers are needed for instructor support, pilot training, battery charging, simulator supervision, and other support roles.

Four simulators are expected to help manage student capacity because one instructor can supervise multiple simulator stations.

Known trainer pilots at the time of discussion included Nick, Russ, and John. Chris planned to reach out to previous instructors and other possible volunteers.

The club discussed using Wausau School District / Peachjar promotion, with a required disclaimer stating that the activity is not school-sponsored.

Because attendance could exceed capacity, the club discussed stating that enrollment is limited and space is available on a first-come or capacity-limited basis. If demand is high, another class later in the summer could be considered.

The club currently has approximately four trainer airplanes. Foam-board airplane building may be added later in the year.

Runway Resealing

The club discussed resealing the runway this year as preventive maintenance to protect the club investment of more than \$20,000 in the runway.



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Concerns included ants pulling sand, water getting into cracks, freeze damage, and deterioration if maintenance is delayed too long.

The club will seek pricing and compare options. Vendors mentioned included Driveway Doctor and Action Asphalt of Merrill.

The club noted that any contractor should be instructed not to drive off the asphalt to avoid rut damage along the runway.

Any runway closure for sealing and cure time should be communicated to members in advance.

Field Maintenance, Wildlife, and Bat Houses

Gopher holes were noted near the field. The plan was to trap the gophers and fill the holes with rocks afterward.

Russ reported that 14 bat houses had been made, with the pattern available for number 15 if more are needed.

Club Information Cards and QR Code

Learn-to-fly RC cards with a QR code to the club website / training page will be placed in the cabinet for members to hand out to interested spectators.

Members may also keep cards in their wallets for outreach.

Website, DualRates, and Membership Badges

The club reviewed the new DualRates-based website and membership management system.

Members can log in using their email address. The initial password is their AMA number; members are encouraged to change it after logging in.

Officers can help reset passwords if members have trouble logging in.

Online membership payment through PayPal is working and reduces manual processing, though PayPal fees apply.

Permanent membership cards with protective holders and lanyards were discussed. Members should keep the card, as future years will use a renewal sticker over the year rather than a completely new card.

Wearing the membership badge at the field is encouraged but is not currently a requirement.

6. Good of the Club

A new flag was installed at the field.



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Russ was thanked for the website idea and Chris was thanked for completing the transfer to the new website / DualRates system.

Joe was thanked for mowing and field work. The mowing schedule will be posted in the cabinet.

7. Reminders

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

The lower chain gate has been too tight and then too slack. Adjustments are planned so the chain has a consistent connection point.

Flying at Sunnyvale requires current AMA membership and current WRCS membership.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris and seconded by Mike. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Action Items

Owner	Action Item
Treasurer / Russ	Complete bank account signing paperwork at Cloverbelt Credit
Chris	Reach out to previous instructors and possible volunteers for the June 1 training program start.
Club officers	Communicate limited enrollment / space available language for training promotion, especially if shared through the school district.
Club officers	Obtain runway resealing quotes and communicate closure time once scheduled.
Field maintenance volunteers	Address gopher holes after trapping and continue field upkeep.
Club officers / webmaster	Keep website, PayPal membership, and badge processes updated and assist members with login/password issues.



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