

Fond Du Lac Aeromodelers Association

Our goal is to be the friendliest club for pilots and spectators in the Midwest. We welcome anyone with an interest in R/C aviation. Visit the website at www.FDLAA.com for information about membership, upcoming events, flight instructors, and weather conditions at the field. Club meetings are called monthly (April to November) and announced by e-mail to current members.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

Hi All,

I would like to bring up a problem that I have noticed the past few months - that is having planes get out of sight and actually losing them. Other than having a mechanical issue, I see no reason to let a plane get that far from the field that you would lose sight of them. If you have an eye problem, and seeing that some of us are getting older, have a spotter with you to keep track of your plane. If you do lose sight of it, immediately cut the throttle so it doesn't get so far away that you have no idea what field it is even in. Try to get an accurate line of where it went. Let me and Armond know, and **you must make an attempt to find it. Remember it is a lonely walk out in the beans & corn.**

Summer is right around the corner.

Dave Elsinger



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 13

Indoor Flying at Riverside School Gym, Fond du Lac, 6:30 PM

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JANUARY 29

West Bend RC Swap Meet,
Washington County Fair Park, 3000
Pleasant Valley Road, West Bend, WI
53095 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just a reminder - lock up the gate if you are the last one out for the night.

Have items for sale? We would be happy to post them in the newsletter. Items will be listed for 3 months.

Newsletter Editor:

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Please contact Jeff if there's something you would like to see in the newsletter.

INDOOR FLYING AT THE RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

FDLAA members have been having a great time flying a variety of micro airplanes, helicopters, and quadrotors at the Riverside school gymnasium in Fond du Lac. Once again, Bob Johnson has organized the rental of the gym and set up the dates. Indoor flying is a great way to keep your skills sharp during the winter off-season. There are more dates planned after the holidays into March of 2023. Fees are \$5 to cover the rental costs. Planes must not weigh more than 3 ounces with battery, and helicopter main rotor diameter must not be more than 15 inches (quadrotor maximum blade diameter of 6 inches). Flying starts at 6:30 PM and ends at 9:00 PM.

Upcoming Indoor Flying Dates

January 13, 2023

January 27, 2023

February 10, 2023

February 24, 2023

March 3, 2023

NEW AIRPLANE ALERT

Mike Gauerke has finished and successfully flown his P-38, shown in the following photo. The story goes that Mike is the third owner of this P-38 but is the first owner to succeed in getting it off the ground. Congratulations, Mike! What a fantastic airplane. Thanks to Clyde Denzer for the story and the photo.



NEW YEAR'S DAY FLY-IN AT WELLNITZ FIELD

A group of members gathered at the field on New Year's Day for some flying, which has become a New Year's Day tradition. Although there wasn't much snow (only about a 30 foot patch remained, which allowed the floatplanes to take off) the weather was about as good as you could hope for on January 1st! Here are a few of my photos from the day.







A NEW FEATURE ON THE CLUB WEBSITE

Have you noticed the new weather forecast table on the club website? This table breaks down the wind and temperature forecast by the hour for the current day, as well as the following three days. What a great addition! I can imagine that our own Doug Woolridge was the mastermind behind this new feature. Between the live weather conditions, the webcam, and the forecast table, the club website offers some excellent tools to help a make a “go/no-go” decision.