

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 EDITOR

Hi All,

First off, I want to wish everyone a happy new year and hope that 2024 is a great year for all our members. Secondly, I want to apologize for how long it has been since the last newsletter was released. After last year's Warbirds event, I started a DIY kitchen/dining room remodel project at home (well, about 80% of it was DIY) and that occupied almost all my time outside of work from Labor Day until the week before Thanksgiving. The project was a huge success, but it's not something I'd care to do again for a long time! After that, the Holidays were upon us and then we took a family vacation to Florida after the new year. Now that the excuses are covered, I'm looking forward to making up for lost time at the field in the coming year.

Thanks everyone!
Jeff Bergen



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 19

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

JANUARY 28

West Bend RC Swap Meet,
Washington County Fair Park

3000 Pleasant Valley Road

West Bend, WI 53095

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

FEBRUARY 9

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

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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 19, 2024

February 9, 2024

February 23, 2024

March 1, 2024

WEST BEND GROUP PHOTOS FROM CLYDE DENZER (2023 WARBIRDS)









DOUG YAROCH AND HIS GRANDSONS FLYING TOGETHER



FDLAA Member Clyde Denzer had a feature published in the District VII news update of the November 2023 issue of Model Aviation magazine. How cool is that! Clyde wrote the following feature and sent it to Randy Gibson, District VII Vice President.

“It is not very often that we get to promote youth in our hobby. The Fond du Lac Aeromodelers happens to have two that we would like to share.

“Noah is a young member of our club and an exceptional person. His first interaction with the club was impressive, and he continues to impress the membership. He is an excellent pilot and carries himself like an adult. During our recent warbird event, he was dropped off by his mother and worked as a volunteer for the entire day.

“Our second exceptional happening is a grandfather’s dream. Grandpa Doug Yaroach and his three grandsons are shown in the photo flying at the same time.”

I’d like to give a huge THANK YOU to Clyde for taking the time to write to Randy, and for sharing the preceding photo so I could include it in the newsletter.

MORE FDLAA COVERAGE IN MODEL AVIATION MAGAZINE!

The Fond du Lac Aeromodelers and our signature event, the Warbirds and Classics Over the Midwest, were mentioned twice in the December 2023 issue of Model Aviation Magazine. Our event was listed in the “Air Power Over the IAC 2023” article on page 33, and in the Electrics column in an article titled “Big, Electric Warbirds” written by Terry Dunn on page 64. It’s wonderful to see this excellent coverage of our club and our signature event in the press.

If you happened to miss these articles or don’t have a copy of the magazine, please let me know and I’d be happy to share my copy with you.

FDLAA WINTER SWAP MEET AND PIZZA PARTY

For the first time since 2019, the club held our winter swap meet and holiday party, which was graciously hosted by our friends at the Fond du Lac County Airport (KFLD). I’m confident in saying that everyone had a great time, enjoyed some excellent pizza, had plenty of hangar talk, and there were a lot of purchases (and sales) made. I don’t think anyone left empty-handed! I came prepared because you never know what you’ll find, and although I didn’t need a bunch of room to transport my purchases, my old Ford Explorer became a transport vehicle to help another member haul their new aircraft home so she wouldn’t need to make multiple trips. Hauling that cargo was a lot more fun than yet another trip to Menards for kitchen remodeling supplies!



AIRPLANES AND PARTS FOR SALE

1/3 Scale Gilmore Red Lion

Powered by a FG84RS Radial Gas Engine

Includes a Spectrum receiver, servos and receiver battery

\$2500 OBO

Contact: Ron Deppert

262-443-8030

Roger Woehlke has a new Spektrum 6 cell, 3200 mah smart battery for sale

He is asking \$70.00 for it. If you are interested in it call Roger at 920-579-4003