

# Blue & Gray

## Miniature Aircraft Squadron

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### Officers

**President**  
Jeff Black

**Vice-President**  
Mike Brouse

**Secretary**  
Dave O'Leary

**Treasurer**  
Mike Brown

**Field Marshall**  
Brian Colledge

**Webmaster/Newsletter  
Editor**  
Tim Toot



### A Message from the President

Flying field updates:

Field workday: We will be scheduling a workday in the spring to do some repair and clean up at the field. Check the website and email for the time and date.

FAA update:

I would suggest that you go to site Check out the government affairs section on the AMA site and in the magazine for the most current happenings.

Final thoughts:

As I mention in each column, the amount of work that goes into holding events and preparing the flying field would not happen if it was not for the support of the club members. We are truly blessed with great members and flying location. Look forward to seeing everyone at the club events.



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DO NOT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR AMA AND CLUBS MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026.

Safe flying,

Jeff Black



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**FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA**

A FRIA IS A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHERE DRONES CAN BE FLOWN WITHOUT REMOTE ID EQUIPMENT.



## Executive Meeting 2/9/2026

The Blue & Gray RC Executive Meeting was held at Jeff Black’s home on February 9, 2026. Members present: Jeff Black, Mike Brouse, Mike Brown, Tim Toot, & Dave OLeary. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.



**President’s Report:** The “winter hours” sign will be removed from the airfield gate within the next week.

**Vice President’s Report:** Field mowers will be serviced once the winter weather breaks, and portable toilets will be serviced prior to the “Warbirds” event.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Motion by Mike Brouse to accept Treasurer’s report; seconded by Tim Toot. Motion was passed unanimously.

**Secretary’s Report:** Nothing to report.

**Field Marshall Report:** No report.

**Webmasters Report:** The club roster will be updated within the next two weeks. We currently have a total of 36 active members.

### 2025 -2026 CLUB EVENTS:

Warbirds Over Gettysburg: June 6th—7th, 2026

Club picnic: September 13th, 2026

Blue & Gray Chili fly-in: October 10th—11th 2026

Blue & Gray Christmas party TBD

Westminster, MD Flea Market - February 14, 2026

- Lebanon Flea Market - March 14, 2026

### Old Business

**Club Elections:** An announcement was included in the November 2025 board meeting notes notifying all members of the upcoming club elections for the Executive Board in 2026. Any member interested in running for any position was asked to notify Jeff Black prior to 12/31/2025.

**In Memoriam:** The Executive Board was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Thomas Crone on November 26, 2025. Thomas joined our club in 2023 & the board extends our condolences to the Crone family

### New Business

**Warbirds Date Change:** The new dates for the Warbirds event for 2026 are now June 6th & 7th 2026. This change was required due to an AMA sanctioning conflict.

Blue & Gray RC has been awarded AMA Gold Leader Club status for the 15th consecutive year. Club Elections for 2026 No notification was received from any club member indicating an intention to run for any executive office in 2026. As a result, the current officers will remain in place for another term. AMA “Model Aviation Day’ will be recognized in conjunction with our fall J.J Kornaski Memorial Chili Fly event on October 10 & 11, 2026. We also plan to have our R/C Flight simulator operating for all events this season.

The board also discussed suggestions to possibly increase attendance at club events this year. Responses included increasing the number of “50-50” raffles & advertising our free R/C flight simulator experience for all events on our club’s website & flyers. We are also considering a new sign to be placed on our air field gate - to display dates for all upcoming field events as well as our free flight simulator availability. The board would appreciate any additional suggestions from club members.

The board will inspect our picnic tables once the weather breaks to ensure the safety of our members & guests this season.

