



Blue Max Aces

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2004 ELECTION RESULTS

President:
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ONLINE ELECTION TURNOUT

Online Voting a Huge Success for 4th Consecutive Year!

For the fourth year in a row, the online voting has been a great success. We had over 95% of all votes cast in the election done online. During the previous elections we managed 84% last year and 81% the prior 2 years of online voting. This year we had a total of 90 votes cast in the election. Only 4 paper ballots were cast at the November meeting, the remaining 86 votes were cast online.

Election 2003 - 90 votes total: 86 online, 4 paper; 53.0% total membership voted

Election 2002 - 94 votes total: 79 online, 15 paper; 54.1% total membership voted

Election 2001 - 64 votes total: 52 online, 12 paper; 44.4% total membership voted

Election 2000 - 55 votes total: 45 online, 10 paper; 37.1% total membership voted

("Total membership" is based on eligible voting members at time of election)

This year we had 53% of the total membership vote; this was a huge leap over previous years. This also marks the second year in club history that we have had more than 50% of the eligible membership vote. Online voting gives the club a better cross section of the membership's true opinion. This is beneficial instead of having the same 40 people who attend the meetings make all the club's decisions. Having 180 members (currently) makes it essential that we have a means to allow everyone's opinion count. In addition, at the last 4 "Annual Election Meetings" we did not have the required "quorum" of membership present to complete the election; this would have posed an even greater problem.

This extremely high number of online ballots kept the meeting moving along in a timely and efficient manner, while accurately completing the election. The online voting also allows members who could not attend the meeting to vote for their candidates.

Thanks to all who participated in the online vote, it is your cooperation which helps make the web site such an overwhelming success!

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Dennis Brumley

Noise
Frank Stillson

Picnic
Tim Niemiec

Program
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Mike Racine

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Dennis Brumley



MINUTIA FROM THE MEETING

by Tim Niemiec, Secretary

The November meeting was opened with the "Centennial of flight" presentation by Mike McGee. On Dec. 18, 1903 the Wright brothers flew a heavier than aircraft for the first time. The flight was short because the plane was so elevator sensitive that it was very difficult to fly. It was 1905 before the Wright brothers had a plane that really flew well. The reason they were so secretive was their patent lawyer told them that if they flew their plane in public they might lose their patent. Through the years following 1905 the Wrights were in court protecting their patent and developing new inventions. The brothers had invented the first wind tunnel and the "Kiwi", the world's first flight trainer. Orville had later invented the Autopilot and the first split flap that was used in dive-bombers in World War II. When Neil Armstrong landed on the moon he had a patch of fabric from the Wright flier with him. There was a lot of information covered during the presentation; I hit on some of the highlights here.



Following the presentation the results of the election were read. Don Wolfe was reelected for President. Ira Katz won the Vice-President's job. The 2004 Board of Directors is Larry Breit, Mark Matzuka, Tim Niemiec and Ray Zinkowski. Congratulations to all of the people who ran for office and let's have a great 2004.

The secretary's report was accepted. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The Banquet Committee reported that they are working on a final date and it will definitely be in February. The Field Marshal reported that grass cutting is finished for the year and negotiations for 2004 grass cutting will resume in the spring. Flying Proficiency awarded the intermediate certificate to Dan Deitemeyer and Steve Tomczyk earned his advanced rating. Congratulations to both of these pilots.

Old business: hats and t-shirts are available, see Ira Katz.

New business: Venture Hobbies hosts an indoor fly on Friday nights from 10:00 P.M. – 12:00 Midnight at the Buffalo Grove golf dome. You must purchase a ticket in advance at Venture for \$7.00. On Saturday evenings, the Bensenville golf dome has indoor flying from 10:30 P.M. – 1:00 A.M. for \$5.00. And on Friday mornings the old Maine North High School has indoor flying from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon for \$3.

A motion was made and seconded to get pricing and availability for a club sticker to put on our planes. The motion was voted on and passed.

Crash reports: Mike Altschuler was at the field trying to fly alone and realized his plane was out of trim shortly after takeoff. He fought with the plane until it finally crashed. He ended up crashing his plane just north of the UPS building and received a call from a concrete company that his plane had been found in their lot. John Brach did his season crash reports. He crashed twice due to forgetting to raise his antenna and crashed another of his planes when trying to land and went down short of the runway. To all the novice pilots, **NEVER** try to fly your plane on your own. Not only are you breaking club rules, you are forfeiting your AMA protection. If you belong to an organized AMA club, you must adhere to the AMA and club constitutional rules. They are there for you and other people's protection.

Show-N-Tell: Paul Barsamian brought in a blue foam 3D "X" and an ultimate biplane. They are powered by GWS motors and with li-poly 3 cell batteries. Paul reports that they fly great. See Paul if you are interested in one of your own. Steve Haas brought his new Moki 210 powered Dave Patrick Edge 540. This plane should turn some heads at the field. Chuck Poviliatis brought in a Steve Richmond designed 31 ounce, .10 powered glider. He built it from a kit and should be a nice Sunday flier.

The raffle prize for this month was a Sig Somethin' Extra and OS .46 combo won by Eugene Kisenko this month.



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FUN-FLY

by Ira Katz and Jim Speers, Fun-Fly Chairmen

The October Fun-Fly was the last one of the 2003 flying season. It was a new Fun-Fly called "Chance" and it was total chance. Each pilot picked five ping pong balls from a bag. Each ping pong ball had a maneuver or bonus point written on it. Each level of pilot, novice/buddy box, advanced and sport pilots had corresponding maneuvers. There were a total of 18 maneuvers. The object of this Fun-Fly is simply to complete any of the maneuvers that were picked in a timely manner. The maneuvers were not judged on quality, they just needed to be completed. Four of the ping pong balls were either credits of time or an elimination of a maneuver. The bonus ball added a bit of a chance where a pilot of lesser skill may have had less maneuvers to fly in the competition. There were also time bonuses given for taking off and landing within a 35 foot circle. Unfortunately, the attendance was a little weak. The Fun-Flies are for all club members to enjoy. The instructors are always available for help and guidance. If you haven't tried to fly in a Fun-Fly, please give it some thought to try next year. They are there for all club members, not just the ones who show up every month.

The stats for the last Fun-Fly were:

Sport Pilots

1. Ron Petterec
2. Tim Niemiec
3. Ed Der
4. Kyle Der

Advanced Pilots

1. Gene Derbick

Solo / Buddy Box

1. Jeff Schulman
2. Mike McGee
3. Dan Deitemeyer
4. Duanne Lang

It was a pleasure for me to be the Fun-Fly Chairman for the past year.

Ira Katz



Chuck Poviliatis' power glider.



Steve Haas' Edge 540



Paul Barsamian's home made blue foam 3D "X" and an ultimate biplane.





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THE WOLFE'S DEN

by Don Wolfe, President

Winter projects - have you all picked out that special aircraft that you have been dying to build/fly? Well now is the time as we have all winter to get it done. This time of year there are plenty of new kits and ARFs to choose from as all of the manufacturers are bringing out a lot of new products in time for the holidays.

As some of you may know, I love to build. There is a satisfaction that you get from building a kit that you just cannot get from assembling an ARF. By this I don't mean to imply that I dislike ARFs, as I own several and have found them to be a different kind of challenge. By building a kit it gives you the ability to build in options that you would not have available to you with an ARF. When you come out to the field with your new kit aircraft you will have an aircraft that is unique to you the builder. You won't have the same airplane in the same color as everyone else. I feel that ARFs have really helped this hobby to grow, as they have helped get a lot of people out flying with relatively little time invested in constructing an aircraft. It is my hope that most of you that have a year or two of flying under your belts will consider building a kit and by kit I mean a traditional kit.

Some of you may be asking what you can gain by building a traditional kit when there are so many beautiful ARFs out in the market. I think it will help you learn how your aircraft is constructed. Most of the new ARFs are plywood and balsa wood construction and built just as you would a traditional stick kit. The ARFs that are available today are built way better than they were 10-15 years ago. Back then most of them were made of plastic, not wood. Building a stick kit will also help you gain knowledge on how your airplane flies.

Last year it was one of my goals to get more people interested in building and to help those people build. With all that was going on in the club, I feel I came up a little short of this goal. Although we did have some interesting programs from people like Barry Schilling and Herb Rizzo, two of the club's most proficient builders, I felt I could have done more. So, for those that would be interested, I would like to help. I am still at the hobby shop on Monday nights and



INSTRUCTORS

Basic

Don Linder

Primary

Paul Barsamian

Larry Breit

Ed Der

Jason Derbick

Maurice Forde

George Gibisch

Steve Haas

Ira Katz

Kurt Schmitt

Clay Smith

Jim Speers

Frank Stillson

Don Wolfe

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THE WOLFE'S DEN (cont'd)

would be available there to answer all your questions. I am also planning to gear more of our meetings around the building of R/C aircraft kits for the following year. I seem to be better at getting other people's projects off the ground than my own! I am still building the winter project kit I bought five years ago (and I thought Barry Schilling built slowly).

Congratulations to our new club officers. I'm looking forward to a productive year and again, anyone that would like to be more involved in the club, please feel free to contact me. We will find something for you to do.

I had a chance to check out the indoor flying at the Buffalo Grove golf dome last Friday. It was pretty cool. I saw a lot of club members there (now I have to add a small indoor electric to my build list).

So many aircraft, so little time! See you at the meeting. Happy Holidays.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

December

- 12/16 - Scott Alaniz
- 12/16 - Paul Olunds
- 12/18 - Walter Kitt
- 12/21 - Matt Giannis
- 12/21 - Gus Menoudakis
- 12/22 - Mark Matzuka
- 12/22 - Brenden Sheridan
- 12/22 - Todd Tiegler
- 12/23 - William E. Putzbach
- 12/31 - Jim Keehan
- 12/31 - Luke Mellang

January

- 1/1 - Anthony Moliana
- 1/6 - Dennis Brumley
- 1/8 - William Putzbach
- 1/13 - Larry Bochenko



ESTATE SALE

AIRPLANES

Ultimate Bi-Plane - Built from Enlarged Goldberg plans. 62" wingspan with O.S. 3500 engine
Two Electric Stick models - 44" wingspan

RADIOS

JR PCM 10 - Channel 38, Leather case

JR 10X SPCM - Channel 38, Aluminum case

ENGINES

O.S. Max 3500

O.S. 108

Tartin Gas (twin)

MISC. R/C EQUIPMENT

2 NEJ 900 gyros - NEW

1 JR 501 servo

Ace Digipace

Mini-Tach

4 JR PCM Receivers (10 channels)

2 voltmeters

Hobbico Accu-Cycle

Big wheels

5 JR coreless servos

12 volt charger

New Woodpecker

Big and medium props

Price: All reasonable offers will be considered.

Contact: Nancy Carlsen at (773)631-1328 or Dave Eden at (847)827-6474.

FOR SALE / WANTED

FOR SALE

Top Flight Beechcraft Bonanza (straight tail) - Gold Edition, 81" wingspan with a new OS 91 FX 2-stroke engine and 4 Futaba servos. Only two 10 minute flights on the plane. Ready to fly, all you need is a receiver and battery.

Price: \$475.00. **Contact:** George Gibisch, Geeegib23@aol.com.

Goldberg Decathlon with a Saito 91, Tru-Turn spinner, 5 Hi-Tec 605BB servos, mini-servo for throttle and other misc. parts. **Price:** \$475.00. **Contact:** Larry Breit, TheBreit1@comcast.net.

FLEET REDUCTION SALE. **Contact:** Jim Keehan, JimmKeeh@aol.com.



1. Ultra Stick with OS 70 engine, Includes: flaps, servos, on-board glow, manuals and both batteries (receiver & on-board glow). **Price:** \$275.00.

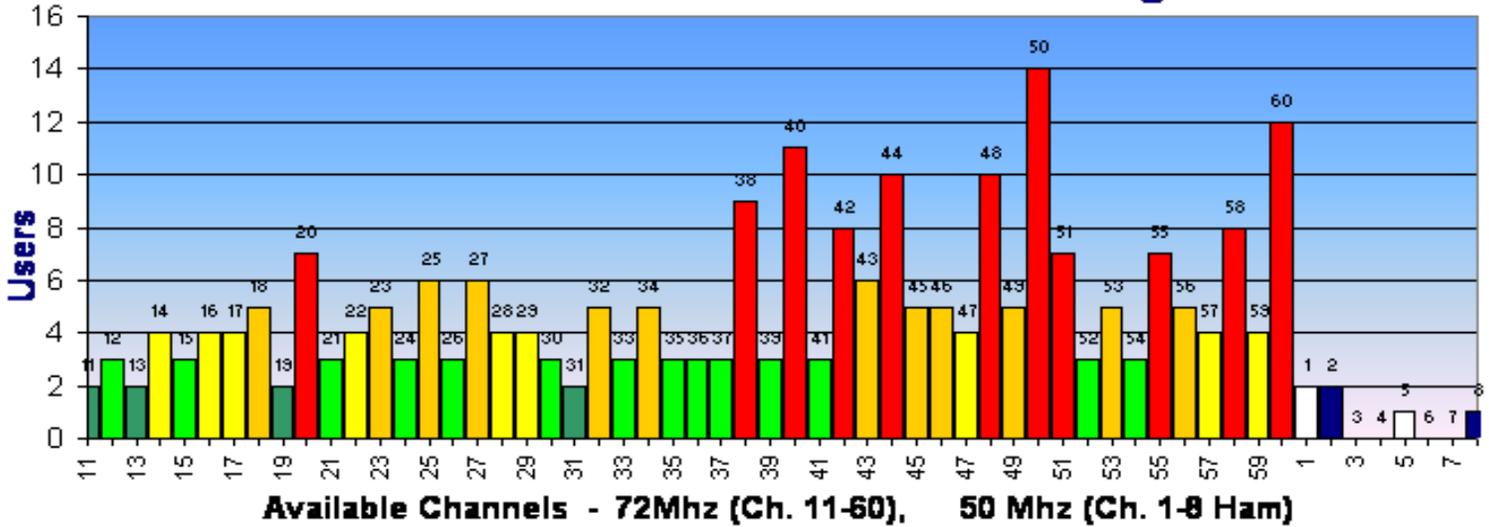
2. SIG Rascal with Saito 56 engine, Includes: servos, on-board glow, manuals and both batteries (receiver & on-board glow). **Price:** \$300.00.



WANTED TO BUY

Futaba/Hitec Buddy Box and Cord for use with a Hitec Flash 5 Radio. **Contact:** Mark Hepler, M.Hepler@comcast.net.

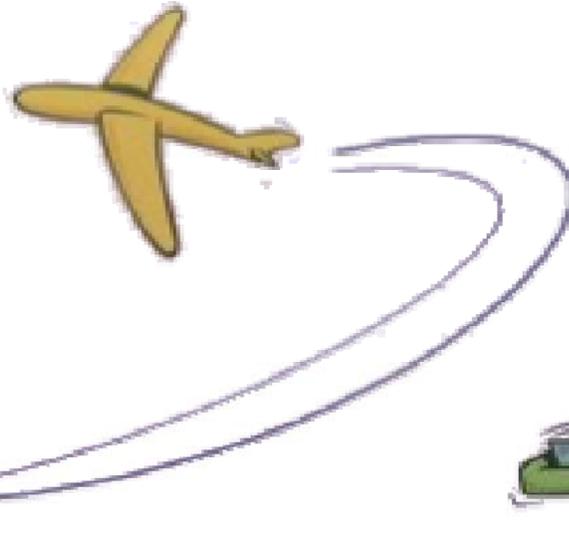
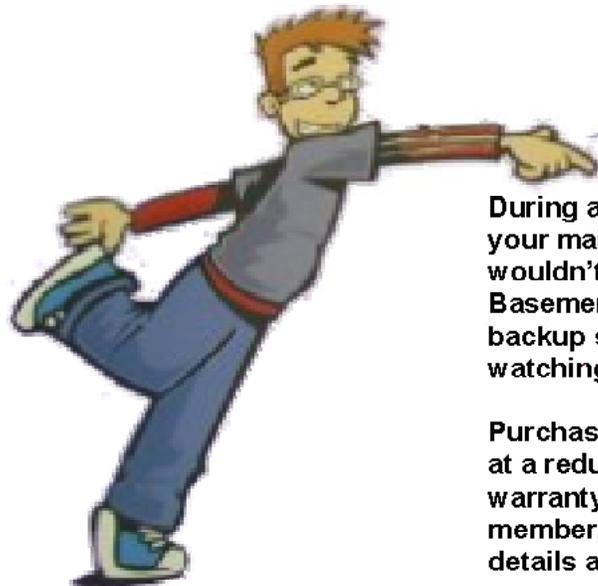
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Please contact Mark Matzuka (Info@BlueMaxRC.com) with the following information to add or change radio channel numbers.

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2004 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All of the 2004 renewal forms have been sent out. If you have not returned the form yet and it is your intention to renew, please remember to review all of your information and make any necessary corrections. Even if you have made no corrections, please return the entire form with your payment. If you have not received the renewal form or it might have been misplaced, contact Mark Matzuka or Larry Breit for a replacement form. Of course, we will always be glad to take your money without the form.

As part of the notification of renewal procedure, we do check the AMA web site to make sure that you have renewed your AMA membership too. Remember, to be a flying member of Blue Max, you must have a valid AMA number. It would also be a good idea to carry your AMA card with you when you fly at Deer Grove.

2004 BLUE MAX WEAR

T-shirts - \$10.00 each

Hat - \$10.00 each

T-shirt/Hat combination - \$18.00, a bargain



Sweatshirt - \$22.00 each

Jacket - price to be determined

EDITOR'S NOTES

by Larry Breit

Here it is, my last newsletter to edit. It's been a great three year run as Editor of the "Blue Max Aces" but it's time to step aside and pass the red editing pencil over to someone else.

I feel I took over a good newsletter from Joe Keehan and I hope made it better, thanks to the help of many people. First and foremost, I have to thank my wife Mimi, who proofed each of the 36 issues for me. She found many of my mistakes and learned a few things about R/C flying in the mean time. Then there's Mark Matzuka. We all know how big of a stickler Mark can be! He pushed and pushed and pushed even more to help get the newsletter to where it is today. Finally, thanks to everyone that contributed articles, pictures and ideas for the "Aces." Without you, this newsletter would be only a couple of pages and extremely dry.

Taking over as Editor for next year is Jim Janiak. Jim is very qualified for this position. For the past couple of months, he has watched me put the newsletter together and has given me some excellent ideas. I learned to value his opinion. You will see changes made by Jim and I'm sure he will make it his newsletter in no time. Good luck Jim!



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**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
DECEMBER, 2003, JANUARY, 2004 and FEBRUARY**

December, 2003

- 15) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
Raffle: Sig 4 Star .40 ARF in yellow
- 19) Hanukkah - Sundown
- 25) Christmas Day

January, 2004

- 1) New Years Day
- 19) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

February, 2004

- 14) Valentine's Day
- 16) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
- ??) Banquet

