



# Blue Max Aces

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## **2004 OFFICER ELECTIONS**

At this month's meeting, we will be electing the 2004 club officers: **President (Don Wolfe), Vice-President (Ira Katz & Jeff Schulman) and Board of Directors (Paul Barsamian, Larry Breit, Lee Eckert, Steve Haas, Ira Katz, Jim Keehan, Don Linder, Mark Matzuka, Tim Niemiec & Ray Zinkowski).**

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## **2004 RENEWALS**

The **2004 Membership Renewal Forms** have all been mailed out. Please review all information on the form and make all necessary corrections and additions. This information is important so that the club can stay in contact with you and it has current information which can help your fellow members (i.e. channel number). The form must be returned with your 2004 payment, even if the information is accurate.

We have added an optional line for cell phone numbers. This can be useful so that you can be contacted before getting home that you left something at the field. If you want to put your pager number there instead, please indicate that it as a pager.

As a reminder, the dues structure is:

Open Membership (ages 18-64): \$50.00

Associate Membership (non-flyer): \$40.00

Senior membership (ages 65 and older): \$37.50

Student Membership (ages 17 and under): \$25.00

Additional Family Member (ages 13-17): \$15.00

Additional Family Member (ages 12 and under): FREE

If you have not received your renewal form by the November meeting, please contact Larry Breit or Mark Matzuka.



The day of the October meeting, October 20, was our President, Don Wolfe's birthday. To help him celebrate we brought in a cake.

**President**  
Don Wolfe

**Vice President**  
Dennis Brumley

**Editor**  
Larry Breit

**Board of Directors**

Larry Breit  
Ira Katz  
Mark Matzuka  
Ray Zinkowski

**Secretary**  
Tim Niemiec

**Treasurer**  
Bob Davit

**Webmaster**  
Mark Matzuka

## **COMMITTEES**

**Banquet**  
Ira Katz  
Ray Zinkowski

**Field Marshall**  
Chuck Poviliatis

**Flying Proficiency**  
Mark Matzuka

**Fun-Fly**  
Ira Katz  
Jim Speers

**Ground Crew**  
Dennis Brumley

**Noise**  
Frank Stillson

**Picnic**  
Tim Niemiec

**Program**  
Brian Racine  
Mike Racine

**Safety**  
Dennis Brumley



# MINUTIA FROM THE MEETING

*by Tim Niemiec, Secretary*

At the October meeting, we had 2 guests. It kicked off with Scott Christensen from Sig Manufacturing. Scott was been a member of Blue Max for many years and is the head of research and development at Sig, which located in Montezuma, Iowa and has over 100 employees. They are working on 14 new projects at the moment and he had a few examples that he brought to the meeting. The "Li'l Rascal" is a park flier that has an 11-20 minute flight time on standard batteries and can handle winds up to 15 mph. This plane will sell for about \$100. He also had the new "Four Star .40" ARF available in yellow and red; this plane will sell for about \$150. The "3D Mayhem" is a 60-120 3D capable plane that was designed to compete in the aerobatic market and weighs in at 6.8 pounds ready to fly. Sig also owns First Place Engines and Scott brought along a new 111cc engine that will hit the street at under \$1,000.00. The motor will include ignition and mufflers. With a 28x10 prop, the motor produces 55lb of thrust. Scott brought one of his personal favorite planes, the Antoinette park flier. He has finished this plane to a perfect scale and has won flight and display contests with it. You can do the same with this park flier; it will sell for \$50. Finally he brought a Scout biplane that will sell for \$60. This plane can be finished to a scale appearance as well and is made from foam. Blue Max would like to thank Scott for attending the meeting and for his generous donation of the Scout biplane to the club raffle.

Following the presentation the club held nominations for club officers for 2004.

President:

Don Wolfe.

Vice-president:

Ira Katz

Jeff Schulman

Board of Directors:

Paul Barsamian

Larry Breit

Lee Eckert

Steve Haas

Ira Katz

Jim Keehan

Don Linder

Mark Matzuka

Tim Niemiec

Ray Zinkowski

Thank you to all who decided to run for office. The club goes nowhere when people don't get involved.

Following the nominations the treasurer's and secretary's reports were read and accepted. The Banquet Committee reported that the date will be picked soon and to get all video and pictures to Ira Katz or Jim Speers, ASAP. The Noise Committee wanted to thank all the members for keeping their planes quiet this year and to keep noise in mind when building over the winter. Use soft mounts and buy good mufflers. The Safety Committee wanted us to remember to check hinges after gluing them in place. Give them an honest pull to make sure they are seated fully. Also, when making a low pass, be sure to be safe when flying over the walking path to the east. Just take a walk that way some time to see just how close the planes are to the path. Mark Matzuka, the Proficiency Chairman, was not at the meeting. So Don Wolfe presented certificates to the pilots that advanced in proficiency: Mark Helper (solo), Steve Paisley (solo), and Larry Breit (sport and primary instructor). Congratulations to all these pilots on advancing their flying skills. The Fun-Fly Committee had two months of contests to report. September was a timed maneuver event and Mark Matzuka won in sport, Don Linder won in advanced and Duane Lang won the intermediate/solo class. October was a grab bag with timed maneuvers done according to what you pulled from the grab bag. Ron Petterec won in sport, Gene Derbick won the advanced level, Jeff Guo won in the intermediate/solo level and Mike McGee won on the buddy box.

Old business: Ira Katz wanted to thank the club for donating to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., in memory of his Dad who recently passed away. He also reported that the curb cutting is on hold until 2004 per the Forest Preserve.

New business: Mike McGee will do the program for November discussing the centennial of flight celebration and give a brief history of flight.

Crash reports for the month:

1. Ira Katz's Goldberg Ultimate went in as he tried to land about 50' short of the runway.
2. Steve Haas crashed his Funtana while trying to make it back to the field after running out of fuel.

## CLUB DONORS

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Walter Kitt  
Frank Lucido  
Mike McGee  
Larry Olson\*  
Dale Pate\*  
Chuck & Chuck Jr. Poviliatis  
Steve Simek  
Rich Tyler

## MINUTIA FROM THE MEETING (cont'd)

3. Mark Stookal crashed his second Avistar trying to fly on his own. We have the instructor program for a reason Mark!!! It also saves you money.
4. Kurt Schmitt lost his Somethin' Extra when it crashed into the trees on the far north of the forest preserve.
5. Duane Lang flew his Ultra Stick through the low sun and lost sight of it and crashed.

When flying this fall and winter, be aware that the sun sets on the Northwest side of the runway and can cause you to lose sight of your plane.

Show-n-Tell brought us a Proctor Newport in progress being built by Dennis Brumley. It is 1/5 scale and will be powered by a Saito 80. Brian Racine had his new T-3D Cap park flier. A GWS motor powers it. Steve Haas showed up with his latest Hangar 9 Funtana powered by a Saito 72. Paul Barsamian had a Piccolo indoor/park flier helicopter and demonstrated it for us.

The raffle prize was a Futaba 6XAS radio and was won by Tim Niemiec. The Sig Scout park flier which was donated by Scott Christensen, Dennis Brumley won.



Scott Christensen showing Sig's new entry in 3D planes, the "3D Mayhem".



Barry Schilling brought in his Sig Rascal as a prop for Scott. You can't see it here, but there are rivets on the cowl.



Tim Niemiec went home with the Futaba 6XAS radio that he won in the raffle



Dennis "Jason" Brumley won the Sig Scout park flier that Sig donated to the club.

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## SOUND

*by Frank Stillson, Noise Chairman*

With the winter building season upon us, it is important that everyone attempt to build the proper sound reducing equipment into their aircraft.

Today with so many aircraft in the ARF category, many flyers do not know how to reduce the noise levels. There are a couple of simple steps that everyone can do to their equipment.

- Prop the engine so as to keep prop noise down.
- Use engine/muffler combinations that are inherently quite.
- Soft mounts for the engine.

Have a good building season and enjoy the fruits of the winter season next year when you fly.

## VOTE

The voting for the 2004 President, Vice-President and Board of Directors is taking place right now! That's right, it's now. You can vote online for these positions. All you need is your user name and password to get into the "Members Only" section of the web site, [www.BlueMaxRC.com](http://www.BlueMaxRC.com). You can vote for President or withhold your vote. The same is true for Vice-President. As far as Board of Directors where we have 10 members running, you can vote for no one on up to 4 people.

If you don't have access to the Internet, voting will take place at the November meeting. If you do have access to the Internet but don't have a user name and password, send an email to [info@BlueMaxRC.com](mailto:info@BlueMaxRC.com) to arrange these.

Last year, we had between 45% and 50% of all club members vote online. This immensely helped speed up the election process during the actual meeting.

### 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

#### Unlimited

Mark Matzuka

Tim Niemiec

Ron Petterec

Barry Schilling

Bob Tomasulo

Howard Woepse

### GROUND CREW

Ardie Arnold

Dennis Brumley

Gene Derbick

Jim Keehan

Joe Keehan

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Herb Rizzo



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Do as Mark Helper (left) and Steve Paisley (right) did, learn from the Blue Max Instructors (list of names is on page 4) and pass the Solo Proficiency Exam before trying to fly by yourself.



Larry Breit is beaming picking up his Sport and Primary Instructor certificates.



### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

#### November

- 11/17 - Lou Roberts
- 11/17 - Ron Waxman
- 11/18 - Chuck Poviliatis, Jr.
- 11/20 - John Brach
- 11/22 - Oliver Halter
- 11/25 - Jim Speers
- 11/26 - Tony Guigli
- 11/26 - Bob Tomasulo
- 11/28 - Sachin Patel
- 11/28 - Murray Randell
- 11/30 - Guillaume Dougados

#### December

- 12/2 - Dave Gordon
- 12/2 - Lorenzo Gutierrez
- 12/5 - Samuel Espada
- 12/5 - Johnny Paprocki
- 12/6 - Mike Westendorf
- 12/13 - Greg Tomczyk

## Pictures from Show-N-Tell



Dennis Brumley



Brian Racine



Steve Haas

Paul Barsamian



## 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.  
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**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](mailto:TheBreit1@comcast.net).

**FLEET REDUCTION SALE. Contact:** Jim Keehan, [JimmKeeh@aol.com](mailto: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.

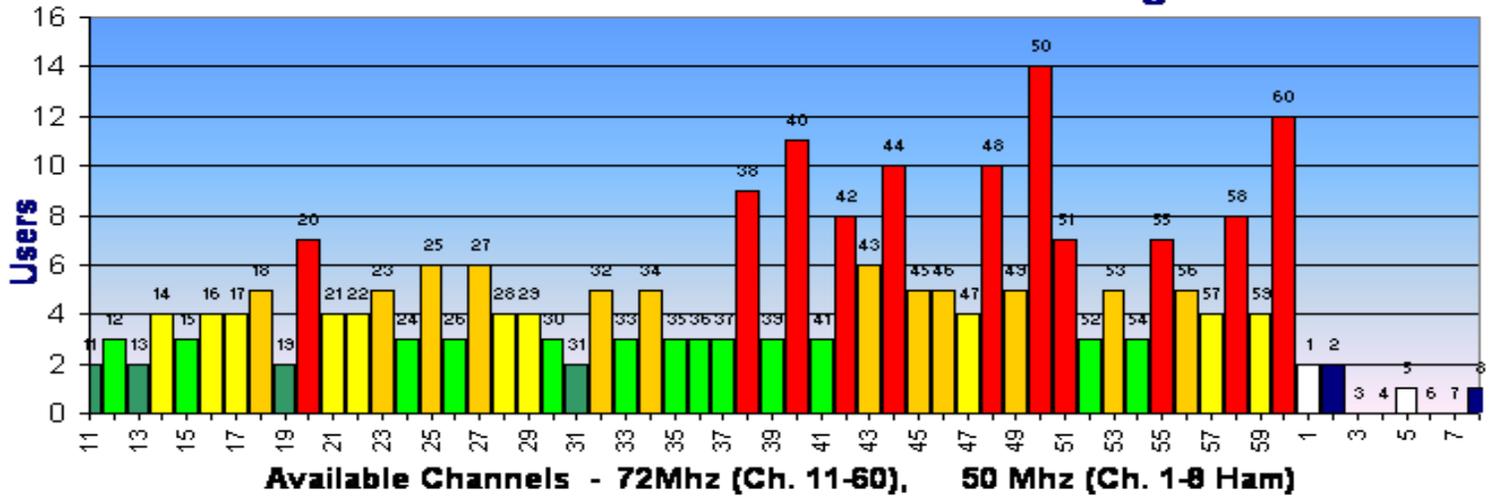
**3. Midwest Super Stearman kit**, already built (does **NOT** include any engine, servos, RX or batteries). Includes: the original box, manual, plans, die cut part skeletons, one pilot bust, two cockpit kits, fiberglass cowl cut for OS 120 engine, NIB ABS wheel pants and CG balancing weight. Top wing needs some repair work. I will be happy to include the extra covering that I have if you want to recover it in the same Century 21 Fabric color scheme. **Price:** \$75.00.



### WANTED TO BUY

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

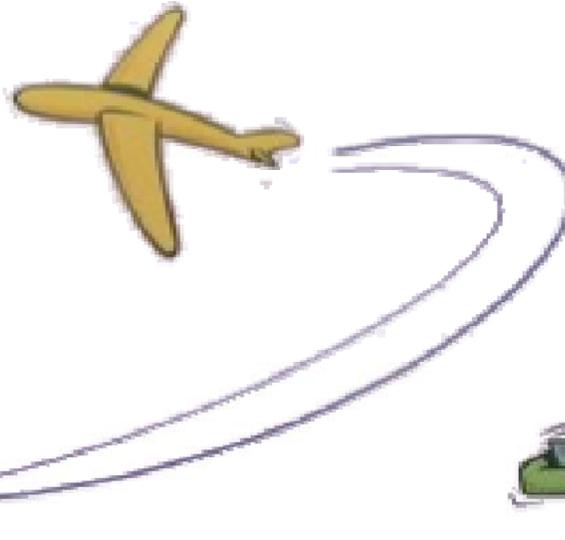
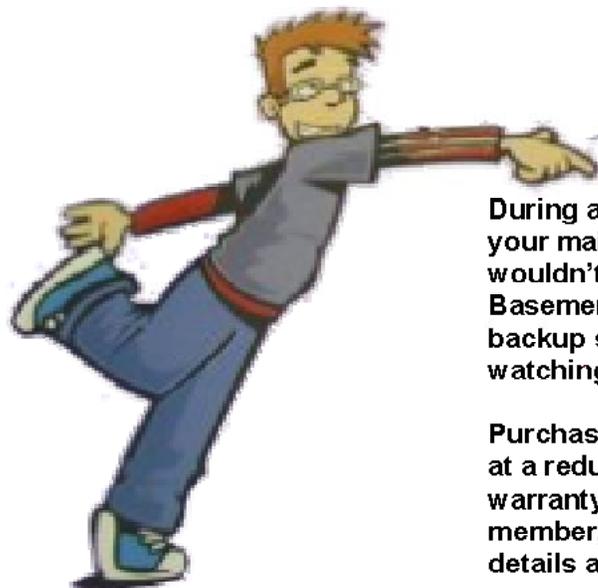
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# THE WOLFE'S DEN

by *Don Wolfe, President*

I would like to thank all of the members that attended the October meeting and helped make it a great evening. We had a ton of stuff to get through and a terrific program to boot.

Scott Christensen from Sig Manufacturing was our guest speaker and he gave us a peek at some of the new products that will be coming out in time for the holiday season. This is just what I needed, more aircraft to put on my need to build list. Great job Scott! You guys at Sig are doing a fantastic job! Thanks for coming out and spending the evening with us.



In the business portion of the meeting we nominated members for the coming 2004 season. I was very pleased by the amount of participation. For next year we need to fill the VP position as well as the four Board of Directors slots. With the high caliber of individuals that have thrown their hats in the ring, there is no way in which we as a club can lose! This in itself has caused me a small problem as to whom to vote for and as of this writing I have not voted yet. With so many good candidates to choose from it has made the decision process that much more difficult. But as stated earlier, we as a club will all benefit no matter the outcome.

How would you guys like to be able to fly during the winter months and do it comfortably indoors? If this sounds like something that may be of interest to you, you need to talk with the guys at Venture Hobbies as they have cut a deal that will make it possible to fly small electric aircraft inside the golf dome located in Buffalo Grove. Hours will be late evenings and there will be a small fee to participate. Look for more information on this on the Blue Max web site. Special thanks to Ira Katz, Brian Johnson and Eric Lantz for pulling this all together. Great work guys!

Our guest speaker for the November meeting will be our very own Mike McGee. Mike will be speaking about the Centennial of Flight and I am sure that it will be very informative. I am looking forward to what Mike has put together for us.

Our November meeting is election night for our club. I hope to see all of you there.

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

**November, 2003**

- 15) CRCM Swap/Auction - 10:00 A.M-3:00 P.M.  
St. John Lutheran School in Mt. Prospect
- 17) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.  
2004 Officer Elections  
Program: The Centennial of Flight, by Mike McGee  
Raffle: ?
- 27) Thanksgiving Day

**December, 2003**

- 15) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
- 19) Hanukkah - Sundown
- 25) Christmas Day

**January, 2004**

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

