



Blue Max Aces

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FROM THE WOLFE'S DEN

by Don Wolfe, President

The Blue Max RC Flying Club has been very busy the past four weeks. We have had two fun fly events, the static show at the Villa, an awesome picnic, and Bob Davit got his C-130 into the air. I would like to thank all of the members who helped put all of this together. There was a lot of planning and effort that went into all of these events. I am very impressed, but not surprised, by how we all pull together and work as a team. Great job everyone!



Speaking of teams, the Blue Max Club teamed up with the Gas Club at this year's Villa show. This was also a great effort and very well attended by both groups. It was good to see Marv, Bernie and the rest of the Gas Club guys. Most of these guys are retired and fly during the week, so working stiffs like myself don't see them that often. Special thanks need to go out to Brian Gerson for coordinating this event. Brian not only worked with the Villa in setting this up, but is also an active member of both clubs. A lot of the success of this event is a direct result of his effort. This event is a great way for our club to give something back to the community and it gives the residents at the Villa chance to see something that they normally would not get to see. Way to go Brain! Once again, great job everyone!

Special thanks also need to go out to Bob Davit and the picnic committee. These guys put together a fantastic program. Although I missed part of the picnic myself, I have heard nothing but praise and good things in regard to the picnic. I had a great time in spite of getting my finger caught in a spinning prop. I am already looking forward to next year. By the way the finger is doing fine. Super job picnic committee!

At this month's meeting our program speaker will be Eric Lantz and Doc Stevens from Venture Hobbies. Eric has put together some gas to electric conversions that I think you will find interesting. I think that this kind of aircraft / power combination will be more common in the not too distant future so you do not want to miss this.

See you all at the meeting.

Don

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MEETING MINUTES

by *Dan Deitemeyer, Secretary*

Blue Max R/C Flying Club

July Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: July 19, 2004

Secretary: Dan Deitemeyer

Don Wolfe opened the meeting and welcomed our visitor, **Gerald Estes**. Gerald has been absent from the hobby for a number of years. He was previously a member of Skyhawks in Waucaunda. Gerald brought in a neat Stealth glider for show and tell.

Don reminded us of the Addolorata Villa static show to be put on Blue Max and the G.A.S. Club. The show date was July 25.

Around the Hangar

- The Secretary's report as published in the newsletter was accepted.
- **Bob Davit**, Treasurer, reported that the club treasury has over \$7,200 in the general operating fund and approximately \$700 in the field renovation fund.
- **Ray Zinkowski** will head up the banquet committee this year.
- **Pete Sidor**, Field Marshall, said that load of wood chips is still on order. The old radio impound box was hauled away.
- **Bob Davit** will head up our picnic this year. The picnic is scheduled for August 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bob reiterated that this will be a family event with activities planned to include spouses and kids. Bob solicited for volunteers and requested a quick head count of people planning to attend so that he could order the right amount of food.
- **Dennis Brumley**, Safety Director, cautioned us to stay within the boundaries of the arrows on the field. There have been several incidents outside the arrows and we must be mindful of picnics and other activities occurring nearby.
- **Frank Stillson**, Noise Director, was on hand to take noise levels during the July Fun Fly. No contestants were over 100 db.
- **Jeff Schulman**, the club's Webmaster, was present at the meeting to talk about the new website and to distribute instructions for navigating the site. Jeff also said that he was studying the software so that he could personally take over maintenance of the site now that it has been built.
- **Ira Katz** sold Blue Max sweatshirts, hats and T's. Ira also had badges for our new members.

Winging It

Ron Petterec, Proficiency Director, said there were no advancements this past month.

Fun Fly Results

July's Fun Fly was a clown drop. The scheme was to fill a cup attached to the top of your airplane with four plastic clowns with parachutes, take off, and "drop" the clowns so that they would parachute within a target drawn on the field. Points were given for dropping the clowns (regardless of where they landed), for landing within the target circle and for being able to taxi back to the flight line. The contestants, in order of finish were: **Dennis Brumley, Steve Haas, Ron Petterec, Dan Deitemeyer** (hey, that's me), **Pete Sidor, Don Linder, Jim Janiak, Duane Lang, Frank Stillson, Mike McGee** and **Eugene Kislenko**.

Alex Gutierrez, last month's fun fly winner, was able to pick up his prize, a Morris Hobbies Pen Knife.

Tim Niemiec, the Fun Fly Director, said that next month's contest is Limbo. There will be four planes in the air at a time with a "spotter" for each plane. Each contestant will get five passes at the Limbo wire. Extra points will be awarded for going under the wire inverted. We're advised to bring a plane we don't mind losing. Lots of damage is expected.



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MEETING MINUTES

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Rough Landings

- ➔ **Don Linder** may have set a new club record by having two mid-air collisions in one weekend. The first event involved **Tony Moliana's** trainer and another, un-named flier. Don was on a buddy box with Tony. Tony's plane was able to land and fly again.
- ➔ Don's second incident was on Sunday afternoon. He and **Al Rychlik** collided while flying the pattern. Sadly, both planes are lost. Don's Ryan STA broke apart on impact and Al retained enough control to steer his big biplane into the trees.
- ➔ **Rudy Krolopp** had an incident with his P-40. Rudy had lots of help with this incident because the radio had been passed back and forth between **Ron Petterec**, Rudy and **Don Linder** on the same flight. Ron was at the controls when the engine quit on landing. The plane sunk into the trees. Fortunately, the only damage was a small scratch on the wing.
- ➔ **Lou Roberts** lost his HobbyStar. Lou was on a buddy box with Ron but assured us that the mishap had nothing to do with Ron.
- ➔ **Matt Hauser** disposed of a Shrike with Ron Petterec at the controls. Ron was doing a loop and the Shrike nosed in after refusing to level off.
- ➔ **Murry Randell** was not at the meeting but we're informed that he also fell victim to the trees.

On the Flight Line

Rick Campbell brought in a couple of his projects. The first is the repair of his P-40 that crashed last fall. Rick has done a lot of work to repair the nose of the plane. Rick had also had a very unusual fire on the plane caused by an on-board glow setting fire to leaked fuel. Rick also showed off components of his B-17G that he is constructing from a plan. This is going to be a huge plane when he's done.



Lee Eckert brought in a Viper 500 powered by a Magnum 52 swinging a 9 x 6.5 prop. Lee says the plane is capable of speeds over 100 mph so it has very small control surfaces. Lee also showed off a new radio from Multiplex. Lee's radio has 12 channels and can hold up to 36 planes in memory.



Mike McGee treated us to views of his new SIG Kadet Sr with an 80 inch wingspan. Mike's model is electric powered with a Model Motor AXI 4120 brushless motor. The model weighs 7.75 lbs, has 12 cells with 22 volts. It will cruise at top speed for 8 minutes. More sedate speeds increase flying time to 20-25 minutes. Eric at Venture Hobbies was credited for the plane's setup.

MEETING MINUTES

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Top Gun

Up for grabs at the July meeting was a Goldberg Tiger 2 ARF with a 61" wingspan. **Don Wolfe** took the prize home.

Pilot's Briefing

Our program this month was a special presentation from **Bob Davit** and his unveiling of his beautiful C-130. Bob's model was labeled after #18 which was built in 1954 by Martin Marietta (today's C-130's are built by Lockheed Martin Corporation that was formed by a merger of Lockheed and Martin Marietta in March, 1995). There have been approximately 2200 C-130's built and they are aptly named "Hercules" after the mythical Greek hero renowned for his strength. In addition to military uses such as carrying troops, vehicles, armaments and paratroopers, the C-130 has civilian uses as well. One of the civilian uses is as a tanker to carry extinguishing material used to fight forest fires.

Bob commissioned builder David Gauer to construct the model. After some 1,500 hours of work, the model was completed in one year. The 58 pound model has four Saito 120's for power and develops 50 lbs of static thrust. Guidance, lights, doors and retracts are supplied by 17 servos. Despite all that Bob has added to the plane, there is still 10 lbs of payload capacity that Bob plans to use for a realistic water drop to emulate the U.S. Forest Services' use of the plane. Bob and Dennis have rigged a specially built one gallon container that, when triggered, will dump it's contents in 14 seconds. "Watch out below!"



BLUE MAX WEAR

Fall weather in August? Need to keep warm at the field? How about a nice comfy Blue Max Sweatshirt and hat? See Ira at the field or club meetings.



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AUGUST FUN FLY

by *Tim Niemiec*

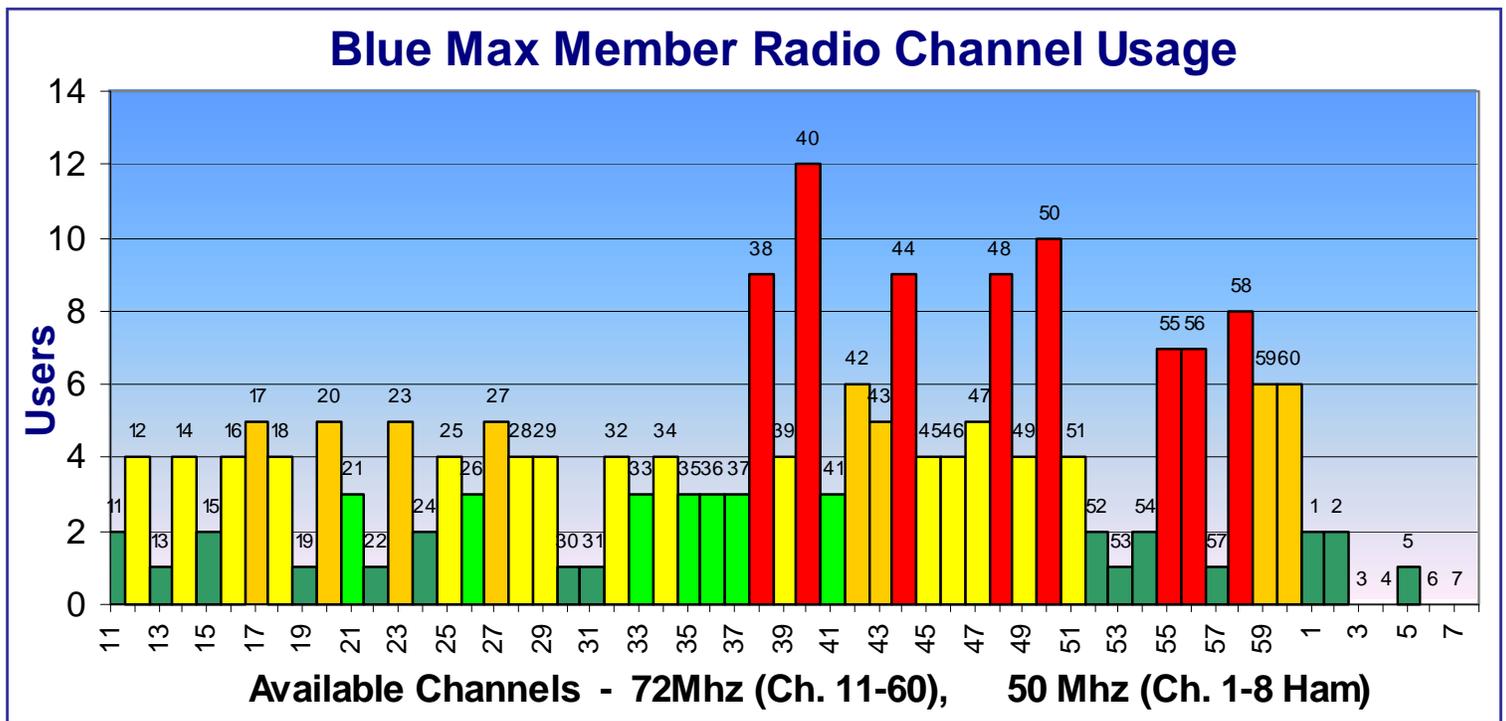
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The August Fun Fly was fun to watch and, if you were prepared, fun to fly in. I just got home from the picnic and we had a great time this year. The Fun Fly was a limbo contest. The posts were six feet high and about 35 feet apart. The limbo line was made from stainless wire and there were 18 inch high boxes strategically placed on the ground to prevent touch and go's. The first two idiots, I mean pilots were Steve Haas and myself. We had 5 minutes once the clock was started to takeoff and make as many passes under the limbo line as possible. Steve crashed into the limbo support pole on his second pass. I couldn't believe it, but I made it under the line four times before my Spad exploded when I hit the limbo support pole myself.

Paul Barsamian and Steve Tomczyk flew foamy electrics and Paul crashed on his first pass, the wind was a bit too much of the foamys. Steve was taking his time and managed to break down the five point balloon and crashed in the process. Next up was Don Wolfe and Ira Katz, Ira crashed on his first pass and cut the support line for the limbo poles. Don had a small time while we fixed the line. Don was the last crash of the day. He hit the support line on his third pass. First prize went to Steve Tomczyk. He picked out a .40 size fiberglass Super Chipmunk ARF with a magnum .45 engine. I won second prize which was a Sky Limbo ARF.

I would like to thank Paul Barsamian for arranging with Jeff Green from Altec-MRC to donate the Sky Limbo ARF. And thanks to Don Wolfe for donating the Magnum .45. We had a great time setting up and flying this event. I would like to do this again next year so keep that in the back of your minds. Get a \$30 Spad or build a plane from crashed parts. This is a great event and you should be a part of it next year.

FREQUENCY CHART



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1. Your name.
2. All transmitter channels (example: 16, 44, 58 and Ham 4).
3. Any other comments.

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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Engine is an OS 52 Surpass
Servos are JR517 or Hitch 425

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Basic

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Primary

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Maurice Forde

INSTRUCTORS

Primary

George Gibisch
Steve Haas
Ira Katz
Kurt Schmitt
Clay Smith
Jim Speers
Frank Stillson
Don Wolfe

INSTRUCTORS

Unlimited

Tim Niemiec
Ron Petterec
Barry Schilling
Bob Tomasulo
Howard Woepse

GROUND CREW

Ardie Arnold
Dennis Brumley
Gene Derbick
Jim Keehan
Joe Keehan
Herb Rizzo

PHOTO ALBUM



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

August

- 8/17 -- Don Linder
- 8/22 -- Marv Schwartz
- 8/26 -- Jeff Schulman
- 8/27 -- Steve Haas

September

- 9/5 -- Ron Petterec
- 9/7 -- Steven Feldman
- 9/9 -- Mitchell Mamon
- 9/11 -- Peter Reynolds
- 9/12 -- Jim Cincinelli
- 9/14 -- Joe Keehan
- 9/17 -- Ardie Arnold
- 9/19 -- Mark Phillips



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
August, September, and October 2004

August 2004

16) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

September 2004

19) Fun Fly! - 10:00 A.M.

20) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

October 2004

17) Fun Fly! - 10:00 A.M.

18) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

