



Blue Max Aces

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Don't forget to update your membership information and remit your 2005 dues.

Winter Banquet reservations can be included with your dues payment.

A self-addressed stamped envelope was included for your convenience.



FROM THE WOLFE'S DEN

by Don Wolfe, President

I would like to congratulate our newly elected club officers for 2005. This year's election was not an easy one as we had a lot of talented candidates from which to choose. No matter what the outcome of this year's elections there was no way that the club members could lose. With this group of candidates it truly was a win win situation. And the winners are, Jim Janiak will be club President in 2005, and Tim Niemiec will be our club's Vice President. The Board of Directors will consist of Steve Haas, Paul Barsamian, Joe Keehan, and Bob Davit. These are all good guys that have been very active over the years and have contributed greatly to the growth and management of the club. I wish them all the best of luck in the upcoming year. It should be a lot of fun in '05 and I am really looking forward to it. At this time I would like to remind everyone that there are still positions in the club that will need to be filled. These positions are appointed positions by the President and the Board of Directors. So if you would like to help your club please let one of our club officers know of your interest and they will make sure to put you to work. We can always use more help.



You should have received your 2005 renewal notice in the mail by now along with an invitation to this year's banquet. Please take some time to review the information as dues are payable by the January meeting.

I know that all of you are planning to attend this year's banquet. The banquet is on Saturday, January 29th at 6:00 PM in Buffalo Grove. Jim Keehan and his team have put together a great program! As always it's going to be a great time, so don't miss out.

You need to look on page 18 in the February issue of Model Airplane News. There you will find a picture of our very own Mike McGee with his electric Sig Kadet. Way to go Mike!

Indoor flying has started at the Buffalo Grove Golf Dome. It is being run by Venture Hobbies and it looks like a blast. Even if you don't have a small electric plane it's a lot of fun to go and watch. I have started to assemble an electric plane so that I also can join in the fun. For more information give the guys at Venture Hobbies a call.

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Don Wolfe

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COMMITTEES

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Pete Sidor

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Tim Niemiec
Ron Petterec

Fun-Fly
Paul Barsamian
Tim Niemiec

Ground Crew
Dennis Brumley

Noise
Frank Stillson

Picnic
Bob Davit

Program
Jim Keehan

Safety
Dennis Brumley

FROM THE WOLFE'S DEN

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In closing I would like to thank everyone for supporting me as club President the last two seasons. This has been a very educational experience for me and I am leaving this position a better person having held this position within the club. Hindsight being 20/20 there are a lot of things that I would do differently, if I could turn back the clock. There is always room for improvement in everything we do. Again I would like to thank all of you in our Deer Grove RC flying community for your help and guidance these past two seasons. I think we did well.

Don Wolfe

MEETING MINUTES

by Dan Deitemeyer, Secretary

Blue Max R/C Flying Club

November Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: November 15, 2004

Secretary: Dan Deitemeyer

Don Wolfe opened the meeting and welcomed two guests -- Mike Evans has been a frequent visitor to the field, and Daniel was referred to the club by Jeff Schulman. We also had two new members present: Larry Feit and Platon Kosmaoglou.

Around the Hangar

- The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.
- **Bob Davit**, Treasurer, was not present.
- **Jim Speers** is requesting pictures and video content for this year's production to be shown at the banquet in January. Nearly all forms of video will be accepted. Pictures may be written to disks, zip disks, CD's or DVD's. Jim asked that all members offering pictures and video have them available at the December meeting.
- **Jim Keehan**, Banquet Committee, said that the banquet will be on January 29th at the Arboretum Golf Course in Buffalo Grove. There will be a cash bar available from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00. An invitation will be sent by mail to members. There will be three menu choices to choose from in addition to a kids' meal. We will be entertained by a magician and we can count on raffle prizes as in the past. Members are invited to display war-birds and other scale models (see Jim or Don if you have models to display).
- **Pete Sidor**, Field Marshall, noted that the picnic tables have been removed by the Forest Preserve for winter maintenance. We also have a new rules sign that faces the parking lot.
- **Dennis Brumley**, Safety Director, suggested cycling batteries for winter storage. He recommended to cycle the battery and then tag it with the amount of charge noted. Bad batteries or bad cells will be detected in the Spring if the charge did not hold. Jim Keehan offered the suggestion to cut the leads off of bad batteries to insure they are not used again. At the same time, he warned not to cut both lead wires together. Crossed leads can lead to an overheated battery, possible fire, or worse.
- **Frank Stillson**, Noise Director, reminded members to keep noise considerations in mind when building over the winter. Soft mounts were suggested as well as thoughtful selection of propellers.
- **Ron Petterec**, Proficiency Director, was not present. There were no proficiency advancements.

Old Business

There was some discussion about the frequency chart being available to the public on our internet site. Channel usage for individual members remains protected on the roster in the Members Only section of the site.

New Business

Mike McGee announced the start of the indoor electric flying season. Printed information is available at Venture Hobbies. Mike talked about two venues for indoor fun: a school in Arlington Heights on Friday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Venture hosts flying at the Buffalo Grove Golf Dome on Saturday evenings.

MEETING MINUTES

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Rough Landings

Duane Lang doubled up crash incidents with his giant scale Edge. For the first incident, he guided the Edge into a spectacular collision with a Twist that was performing a flat spin. Duane safely landed the Edge with little more than some propeller damage. The Twist was shredded in mid air and rained fragments over the field.

The second incident occurred when the electronic ignition failed and Duane was forced into a dead stick landing with the wind on his tail. The Edge flopped on its belly near the bike path and broke apart.

On the Flight Line

Jim Keehan displayed his Tiger 400 electric. Jim discussed his frustration with trying to fly this plane with the supplied motor and prop. He didn't have any success until he replaced the motor, propeller and speed control. Jim also complained about the weakness in the plane's rudder construction. Despite all the "bad" things, Jim had high praise for the Tiger 400 and gave a thumbs up for both it's performance in the air and ground handling.



Jim and his Tiger 400

Top Gun

Ken Grandt won the Hangar 9 Funtana S 90 raffle prize. As a tribute to the plane's designer, Silvestri Sebastino, Ken may sport an autographed cap from SebArt. Tim Niemiec cleaned out the club's attic and a bunch of goodies were raffled off including props, fuel tubing, servo leads and a few jugs of fuel. Winners included: **Jim Keehan, Don Wolfe, Jim Janiak, Murray Randall, Dennis Brumley, Adam Walter, Dan Deitemeyer and Ron Williams.**

It's Official

Election of officers was completed with the counting of ballots. It took some determination and creativity to break into the ballot box because we didn't have any tools. We also took a vote to allow six unsigned ballots.

The new club officers are: **Jim Janiak**, President; **Tim Niemiec**, Vice President. The Board of Directors is composed of **Paul Barsamian, Bob Davit, Steve Haas,** and **Joe Keehan.** Congratulations to our new leadership!



Ken with his Funtanta 90

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

December

12/21 — Matt Giannis
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
1/13 -- Larry Bochenko
1/16 -- Bob Mellang

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

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

WINTER BANQUET NEWS

by Jim Keehan

The Banquet is set. We will be having our annual Winter Banquet at the Arboretum Club on Half Day Rd, in Buffalo Grove, again this year. The date is January 29, 2005.

You should have already received an invitation in the mail with the details of the dinner choices. Please fill out the invitation and bring it with your check to the next Club meeting, or mail it as shown on the invitation.

The cocktail hour will start at 6:00 PM with appetizers. Dinner will start at 7:00. Entertainment, a Club video and prizes will follow dinner.

Jim Speers has agreed to put a 2004 Club video together like he did last year. Please get all your photos and videos to Jim so that he can compile everything. If you can load your pictures onto a CD/DVD this would be best. If you have standard photos (non digital) Jim can scan them into a digital format. If you have videos on digital tape these will work. If you can't get your stuff into a digital format, let us know and we will try to work it out for you. Please get these pictures and videos to us by the December meeting.

We have a great entertainment plan for you this year. Jeff Scanlan, known as the Sports Magician, will entertain us after dinner. First he will go from table to table fascinating you with "up close" magic. After he has made the rounds to all the tables, he will go to the front of the room and continue the show with magic that we all can share together. Jeff has done a lot of magic for famous Chicago sports figures including Scottie Pippen, Mike Ditka, B.J. Armstrong, Stan Mikita, Harry Caray, etc. You can visit his website at: www.jeffscanlan.com.

Airplanes! We need airplanes. Want to show off one of your scale or sport flyers? We plan on hanging several planes from the ceiling as part of the ambiance, so bring your plane and add to the banquet's theme.

The Club has money in the bank (your money), so part of the cost of the dinner and entertainment along with the prizes will be footed by the Club funds. This is a great chance to get some of your money back, so don't miss the Banquet. We will have more fun with you there!



Jeff
Scanlon

PILOT PROJECTS



< Sig Electric Kadet Senior
Michael J. McGee
Palatine, IL

This electric conversion is sure to shock you! Michael—no stranger to RC—found it surprisingly simple to convert his glow-engine Sig Kadet into an electric-powered model. The motor was a perfect fit on the firewall and required no changes to the cowl. The battery pack also slipped effortlessly into the windshield's bay (which was the precise location for maintaining the model's CG). Michael was also quite relieved that the model maintained its 7.8-pound weight and maneuverability after the conversion was complete.

Powered by a brushless Model Motors Axi 4120/18 with a 13x6.5 APC electric prop, this Kadet can fly from 8 to 10 minutes at full throttle and 20 to 25 minutes at cruising speed.



BLUE MAX WEAR

Looking for that special holiday gift? Wondering what to wear to the Winter Banquet? How about stylish and comfortable Blue Max Wear? A sweatshirt and hat are perfect for those cold winter days ahead. See Ira at the meeting.



T-Shirt \$10



Hat \$10



You too can be this happy, just by wearing a Blue Max shirt!

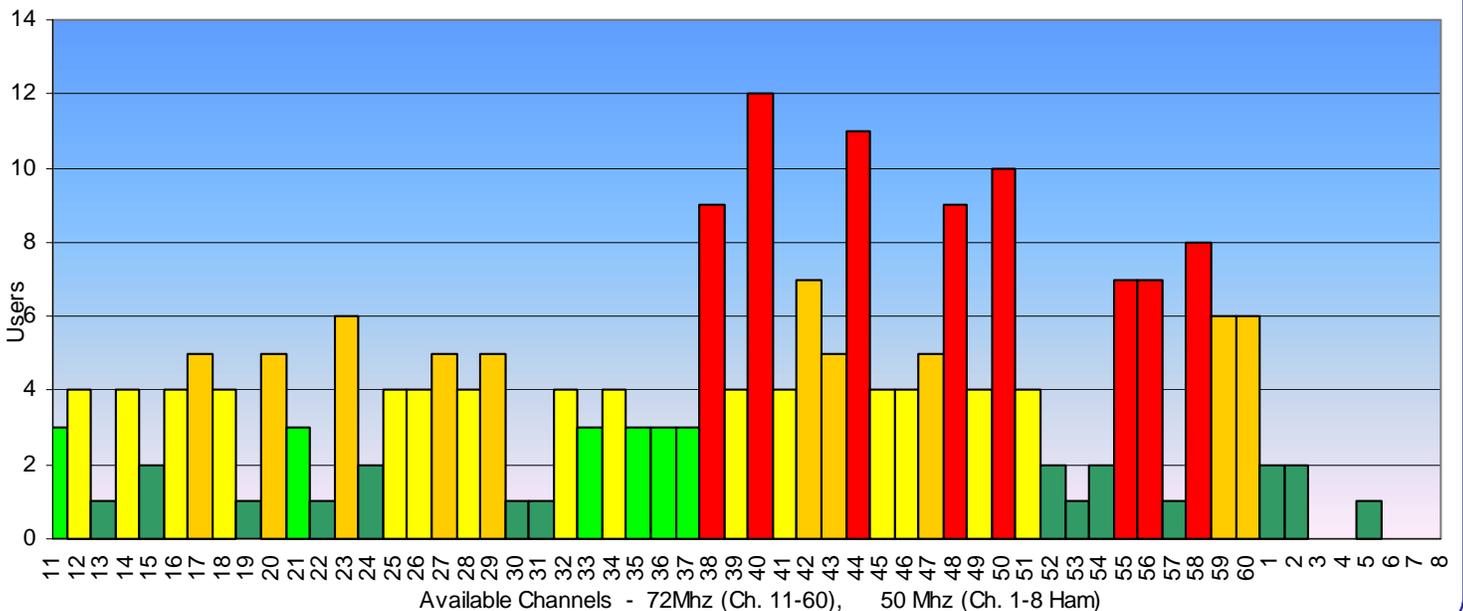
T-Shirt & Hat Combo \$18
Save \$2!



Sweatshirt \$22

FREQUENCY CHART

Blue Max Member Radio Channel Usage



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

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

WINTER FLYING ARIZONA STYLE



FOR SALE

Goldberg Decathlon with a Saito 91, Wingspan: 80.75" (2 piece wing w/aluminum wing tube)
Wing Area: 969 sq in Weight: 9.5-10.5 lb Wing Loading: 23.7 oz/sq ft Airfoil: Semi-Symmetrical, High-Wing **Includes:** Saito 91 four stroke, runs excellent Tru-Turn aluminum spinner APC 14x6 prop 5 - Hi-Tec 605BB high torque servos (2 ailerons, 2 elevators, 1 rudder) 1 - mini throttle servo. All that is needed is a receiver and transmitter, ready to fly. This model has been flown approximately 50 flights. It has never been crashed. Model is covered in Ultra-Cote.



Price: \$450.00. Contact: Larry Breit, TheBreit1@comcast.net



Ultra Stick with OS 70 (4 stroke) engine, Includes: flaps, servos, on-board glow, manuals and both batteries (receiver & on-board glow). **Price: \$275.00** Contact: Jim Keehan, JimmKeeh@aol.com.

SIG Rascal 40 with engine

Includes: servos, engine
Engine is an OS 52 Surpass
Servos are JR517 or Hitch 425

Price: \$250.00

Contact: Don Wolfe at dwolfe@insightpd.com or call (847) 721-5035

Hangar 9 CAP 232 - **Read to Fly**



Includes:

- * Airframe with Hitec dual BB HS605BB servos
- * Saito 1.80 4-stroke engine, lightly used
- * Prop and spinner
- * Futaba 8 channel PCM receiver FP-R138DP
- * NiMH battery (trickle charged)
- * Spare cowl

This airplane is ready to fly as-is! Just put in a new crystal for your frequency, set up your radio, add fuel, and you are ready to go. I prefer to sell the whole airplane, but if you only want parts make an offer.

Price: \$1000 for everything!

Contact: Clay Smith at geekus@comcast.net or call (847) 229-1365

WANTED TO BUY

Buddy Box

Contact: Todd Tiegler at ttiegler@yahoo.com



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**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
December 2004, January 2005, and February 2005**

December 2004

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

January 2005

17) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M

29) Winter Banquet
Arboretum Club, Buffalo Grove

February 2005

21) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M

