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BANQUET REMINDER!

Have you turned in your Winter Banquet reservation? Be sure to return the reservation form before the February 17th deadline. Remember spouses and children are welcome too. Need the invitation form? See the Members Only section on the web site.

Visit Our Club Web Site at www.BlueMaxRC.com



BLUE MAX WINTER BANQUET

by Ira Katz and Ray Zinkowski

It's that time again, and the winter banquet is just around the corner. This year's banquet will be held at the Arboretum Club in Buffalo Grove on Saturday, March 6th. The banquet starts at 6:00pm with dinner being served at 7:00pm. This year's menu includes a tasty choice of: Pecan Chicken, Grilled Salmon, or London Broil. And, if you want to spice it up a bit, we're going to ask Ken Grandt to provide some of his tasty "Pappa Lou's Cajun Spice" which is really good stuff. Additionally, we have added a reduced price children's meal for those 12 and under. By doing so, we hope to make this a more affordable evening for the entire family. And of course, there is a senior discount, but no sneaking in; we will check your age on the club roster!



The legendary video presentation highlighting the club events of the past year is now in production. Jim Speers and Base Zero Productions have agreed to put this year's video together. We cannot wait to see it. Jim has a lot of expertise in this area and with Jodie supervising, we feel confident that it will be an all time highlight. Although the deadline is past for submitting material for the video, if you have any pictures or videos that you would like to see incorporated into the banquet presentation, please contact the Banquet Committee or Jim Speers directly.



Since entertainment was a highlight of last year's banquet, we have decided to carry on the tradition this year. This year's entertainment headliner will feature the renowned hypnotist Bill Anderson. From what we've heard, Bill's performance will have everyone laughing, applauding, and hopefully volunteering. Don't be afraid to volunteer for the performance!

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BLUE MAX WINTER BANQUET

continued

Ira and I talked to many of the volunteers from Bill's previous performances, and they enjoyed it. Yes, you may get some ribbing if you volunteer, but that's just part of the fun.

In keeping with past tradition, we will also have lots of raffle prizes. There will be plenty of airplane related prizes. We will also have raffle prizes for the spouses and, new this year, a few kids prizes as well. As always, we are looking for individual donations for this portion of the event. If you have a kit that's been lying around for years, an extra piece of equipment that is unused or something even unrelated to airplanes that you think would make a good gift, your donation will be appreciated, and in the next newsletter we will acknowledge all that donated gifts to this event.

We will soon be asking individuals to part with their planes for an evening so we can have a static "ceiling" display as in previous years. We know, this is painful, letting that beauty out of the house for a night worth of fun. We would like to have a theme this year, and we are thinking a "Warbird" theme. If you have a Warbird that you would like to see on display, please contact Ira or Ray. We promise to return your plane "dool" free.

This year, 95% of the invitations were mailed electronically. This resulted in huge savings for the club (over \$100) by avoiding postage and printing. For those individuals who do not have an email address listed with the club the invitation went out by traditional snail mail. If you have misplaced your invitation, or for some reason did not receive one, the invitation can be downloaded and printed from the "Members Only Section" of the club website.

We would like our guests to RSVP by February 17th with their meal selection, the name(s) as they should appear on the name tag, and of course, a check to cover expenses.

This WILL be an entertaining evening for the entire family. Please join us for a night of fun and enjoyment.

We hope to see everyone there.

Ira and Ray



Mark and his raffle prize

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THE WOLFE'S DEN

by Don Wolfe, President

I have to say that I am really impressed with how are club's SIG kit group build is going. And once again I have to thank our team leaders -- Barry Schilling for heading up the wing group, Dennis Brumley the fuselage group, and Jim Keehan as the tail group leader.



All three groups made great progress in the construction of their subassemblies for the club's Somethin' Extra. It was great to see that just about everyone was getting into the construction of this kit. We had a nice mix of people get involved. From accomplished builders to guys that build occasionally, to guys that have never glued two sticks together. These meetings are for those of you who have never built a kit before, so don't be afraid to jump in and get your hands dirty! And please don't worry about making a mistake, we all make them and seeing how to unglue parts is also part of the learning process. After all, it is only balsa wood and if a part cannot be salvaged it is not that difficult to fabricate a new one from scraps in the kit or balsa from the hobby shop.

I know that some of you have purchased this kit and are building it on your own at home. This is great! In my opinion this is a fantastic first kit to build with all of the laser cut parts that just seem to drop into place, a great hardware package, and easy to follow instructions. What more could you ask for? That it flies well? It sure does. There is a reason that so many guys are flying this aircraft in club fun flies. So if you are toying with the idea of building this kit, go for it. As a club member, you have a very large pool of knowledge to draw from if you run into trouble during construction of your plane. Don't be afraid to use it.

Another thing you should know, Jim Keehan has agreed to be Program Director for 2004 flying season. This is great news and thanks once again Jim for stepping up to the plate. Any of you that have possible leads for programs need to pass this information on to Jim. For this meeting's program we are trying to get some of the guys from Venture Hobbies lined up to show us some of the new products that are coming out. I thought it would be a good idea to get back to a more traditional meeting. See you all there.

Thanks,

Don



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MEETING MINUTES

by *Dan Deitemeyer, Secretary*

Blue Max R/C Flying Club

January Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: January 19, 2004

Don Wolfe opened the meeting and acknowledged the appreciation of the Salvation Army for the gift the club made in memory of Bob Hirth.

Cockpit Announcement

We had the privilege of welcoming a new member, **Dan Elekman**. Dan entered the sport through his interest in model helicopters and more recently has a developing interest in airplanes.

Around the Hangar

The Secretary's report was accepted as published in the newsletter. **Bob Davit**, Treasurer, provided an update of our Operating Fund and the Field Renovation Fund. Bob also remarked about the level of last year's expenditures of \$18,745 as being a measure of the club's size and scope. The complete Treasurer's report for last year is available on-line.

Ray Zinkowski and **Ira Katz** head up the Banquet Committee and Ray provided an update of the plans. The banquet will be held March 6 at the Arboretum Golf Club in Buffalo Grove. Invitations have been sent by email to all members. Members are to indicate their dinner selection and return the invitation with payment. **Jim Speers** is putting together a video to show at the banquet and can use more digital pictures. Digital pictures can be sent to Jim by email or copied to a CD. Members are asked to contact Ira or Ray if they wish to display planes at the banquet.

Pete Sidor was introduced as our Field Marshal. Congratulations, Pete. **Frank Stillson**, Noise Control, reiterated his remarks made in the December newsletter regarding components to be mindful of when preparing planes for the coming season. **Dennis Brumley**, Safety Director, reminded us that we only have a couple of months to go over our planes and give them a thorough check. He suggested we check clevises and to be certain to cycle batteries. Dennis also suggested installing a new switch.

Mark Matzuka reminded members to pay dues for the coming year. Dues not paid by the close of the January meeting resulted in suspension of member privileges. Renewals received after March 1st require payment of the club initiation fee. New membership cards are available from Mark.

Rough Landings

Cold weather has kept most fuel powered planes grounded so there were no crash reports. Dennis Brumley remarked about issues or faults with the SIG Li'l Rascal ARF. He recommended that members who own one leave it in the box until he can provide more feedback. His model dove suddenly when given rudder input.

On the Flight Line

Don Linder brought in his new Ryan STA to show. The trim scheme replicated the YPT-16, the first low wing trainer used by the Army. Don's Great Planes ARF is powered by a Saito 100 four stroke engine, weighs 11 pounds, and sports an on board glow that Don made from Radio Shack components.



Don and his Ryan STA

Tim Niemiec showed off his park flyer, a copy of a Tribute that Tim fabricated from foam. Tim made the Tribute copy after first building on 3DX plans.

Ron Williams displayed his Christmas present from his Mother-in-law; a Japanese Zero powered by an O.S. 50. The plane was built professionally and obviously meant for a Happy Holiday for Ron.

Paul Barsamian will make his presence known at the golf dome when he flies his newest foam creation, a 20 oz.

Ultimate bi-wing. Paul's Ultimate has carbon fiber strapping to add stiffness and has a brushless motor putting out an intimidating 40 oz. of thrust.



Tim with his Tribute

Top Gun

Mark Hepler won the raffled Saito 72 four stroke engine.

Pilot's Briefing

This month's program continued the building of the SIG Somethin' Extra. **Barry Schilling** oversaw the building of the wings. **Jim Keehan** led the assembly of the ailerons and tail group. **Dennis Brumley** coached construction of the fuse. Don Wolfe brought in his Somethin' Extra for reference. **Larry Breit's** photos documented the building progress. This month's program was the second installment of kit building with both new and experienced builders getting benefit from the knowledge shared in these sessions. Building tips came fast and furious and varied from using CA with accelerator, sanding with various types and shapes of bar sanders, and bending balsa sheeting without cracking. We also received tips on how to modify a kit, strengthen the frame, insure straightness by using weights and clamps, and many more.



Paul and his
Ultimate



Ron displays his new Zero

A large advertisement for Base Zero Productions. The background is a blue sky with white clouds. On the left, a red and white biplane is shown in a steep climb, leaving a white smoke trail. On the right, the text "ON THE EDGE" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below this, in smaller blue text, it says "Design for print, video & multimedia". At the bottom, the text "BASE ZERO PRODUCTIONS" is written in white capital letters on a dark blue background. To the right of this text is a white logo consisting of a circle with a crosshair. Below the company name, the phone number "(847) 670-7696" and the website "www.bzprod.com" are listed in white text.

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SPRING JITTERS

by Dan Deitemeyer

A quick scan of the club's roster confirms that a lot of our members are, like me, new or novice in flying experience. After getting my solo and intermediate certificates last season, I plan on moving up to my first sport plane. Many of my long winter evenings have been spent bent over the building table positioning and smoothing the parts of a new plane that I hope to fly in the coming season.

But more importantly than building a new sport plane, I've started to prepare for the coming season by giving attention to my trainer. I've carefully performed some repairs on my trainer and have given it a thorough check. You see, it is my trainer that I intend to fly first this Spring. I'm going to leave the new plane "in the hangar" until I am comfortable again flying the pattern and making the plane do what I want it to do rather than reacting to what it's doing. And even though I'll be flying the trainer with which I achieved some measure of success last year, I'll appreciate some experienced help in performing a ground check. I'll still be nervous and anxious those first few flights.

Danny Cox flew supersonic jets for the Air Force and served as a test pilot and air show pilot. In his book, *Seize the Day*, he writes the story about a friend of his who was driving from Chicago to Detroit one hot summer day. About two hours west of Detroit, his friend spotted a man beside the road. The man had his tie loosened and his collar was open. There was an empty gas can sitting beside the man who had his thumb up in the air and a "I know you're not going to stop either" look on his face. Danny's friend pulled over and the man ran up to the car and jumped in.

The gasoline can had no lid so they decided to wedge it between some suitcases in the trunk rather than risk spilling it the car. With the can secured, they were off. On the way, the man told how he had walked 20 miles in just over four hours to get to the gas station and spent almost another two hours trying to thumb a ride. Apparently hundreds of cars had gone by and no one had stopped.

After the 20-mile journey back to the man's car, Danny's friend pulled over and the grateful man jumped out. As Danny's friend pulled away he was bursting with satisfaction at his good deed. He gave the man a salute in his rearview mirror and drove the remaining 90 miles to Detroit. As he opened his trunk to unload his luggage, there sat the man's gasoline can. Danny's friend has nightmares about what the man must have felt as he realized the car with the full gas can in the trunk wasn't coming back.

The moral of the story is, while being grateful for the help you've received, you may not have received all the help you need.

Unlike the out-of-gas traveler, 20 miles from nowhere with no help in sight, I'm appreciative that our club has many experienced flight instructors and ground crew to assist. I'm not going to be shy about asking someone to look over my plane and help with a range check. I might even dust off my buddy box and have one of the instructors help me overcome the initial jitters of being back in the sky this Spring.

INSTRUCTORS

Basic

Don Linder

Primary

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

February

2/19 – Robert Young

2/21 – Rubin Torf

2/22 – Brittany Bochenko

2/22 – Matt Hauser

2/24 – Harvey Stair

2/26 – David Paprocki

2/28 – Steve Paisley

March

3/5 – George Jeczalik

3/6 – Ray Zinkowski

3/7 – Adam Korn

3/8 – Herb Rizzo

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Price: \$500.00. **Contact:** George Gibisch, Geeegib23@aol.com.

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Price: \$475.00. **Contact:** Larry Breit, TheBreit1@comcast.net.

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



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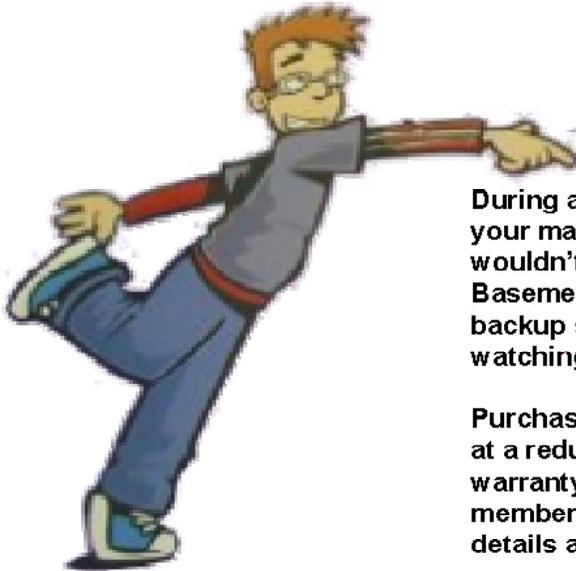
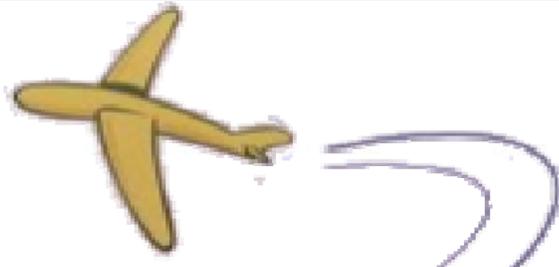
2. SIG Rascal with Saito 56 (4 STROKE) engine, Includes: servos, on-board glow, manuals and both batteries (receiver & on-board glow). **Price:** \$300.00.



**Club
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January 2004

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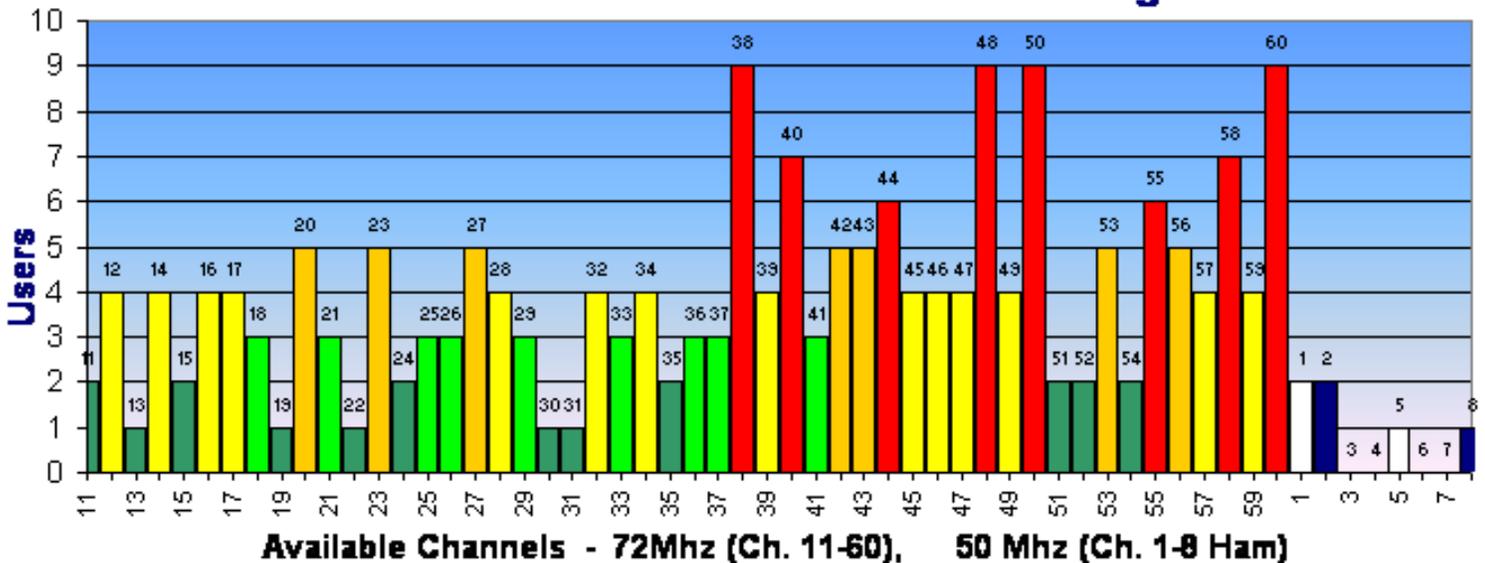


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1. Your name.
2. All transmitter channels (example: 16, 44, 58 and Ham 4).
3. Any other comments.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 2004**

FEBRUARY 2004

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

Topic:

When To Consider A Gas Vs. Glow Engine
by Brian Johnson, Venture Hobbies.

MARCH 2004

- 6) Annual Winter Banquet - 6:00 P.M.
- 15) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

April 2004

- 18) First 2004 Fun Fly!
- 19) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

