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FROM THE WOLFE'S DEN

by Don Wolfe, President

Well summer is finally here and maybe now we can stop flying between the raindrops. We have had a very wet spring this year and it seems that all out-of-doors activities are getting off to a late start this year. After last month's meeting Dennis Brumley and I were talking in the parking lot and watching the lightning show to our north. "It sure looks like they are getting hit hard up there.", said Dennis. "Yes, it sure does.", I replied. Little did I know that my home was one of them in the line-of-fire of this storm and the others that came through in the following weeks.



As some of you may know, I do not live far from the Fox River. In fact I can see it from my deck. In all of the twelve-plus years that I have live there, I have not seen the water come up as high and as fast as it did this spring. After the rain last weekend the river had come up to just across the street from my house. Scary stuff! And that poor sump pump was going non-stop for weeks. Well, that was a little over a week ago and the waters have gone back down to near-normal levels. Many of us that fly and build RC aircraft have a workshop or area where we keep and work on our planes. Mine happens to be in the basement and although it did not flood, I did get some water in my workshop due to leaves that had plugged a drain in a window well. When I got home that night the window well looked like a fish tank, a very leaky fish tank. Water was spraying in from all sides of the glass. My wife and kids had done a great job of keeping the water contained to the workshop by building a dam with towels to direct the water into the sump pump. Very heads up on their part. After the rains had stopped and we cleared the drain it was time to clean up and do damage control.

All in all I feel that I was very lucky, as I only lost one aircraft and a ton of old magazines. The airplane just happened to be on a bench right in front of the fish tank / window well. It looked as though it had been sprayed down with a garden hose. Balsa wood does not hold up well to this kind of abuse. As for the magazines? Do any of you guys know how heavy a garbage can of wet old model airplane news magazines can get? I did

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FROM THE WOLFE'S DEN

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not think that my wife and I were going to get this up the stairs. Heavy! This forced me to do a major reorganization and clean up of my work area. I think that I may need to talk with Jeff Shulman about a back up pump! If you are building in your basement check your drains and try to keep things off of the floor and you should be all right. You do not want to have a fun night in the shop like I did.

Bob Davit is heading up the 2004 picnic committee this year and if you would like to help out please talk with him. Bob has some big plans for 2004 and could use all the help he can get. The date for the picnic has been set for August 8th. This is a family event and it would be nice to see everyone there. This is your chance to show the wife and kids what you are doing on nice summer days. It will be fun.

Pete Sidor has been doing a great job as Club Field Marshall and Pete will be putting together a work party in the near future to tie up a few loose ends. The field and pit area are in the best shape they have been in for years. There are just a few things left to do, mostly spreading some new mulch. So if you would like to help out, see Pete. Way to go Pete!

We had to move the date of the Addolorata Villa static show. I talked with Brian Gerson and there was a conflict for the 18th of July. Not it will be the following Sunday, July 25th. So all you guys mark your calendars. This event went over very well last year and I feel that it will be even better this year. I will fill you in on more details, as we get closer to that date.

For the June meeting program we will try and finish the club's Somethin' Extra building project, and I promise that we will in fact work on it this time. Jim Keehan has been busy putting things in place for future programs that I know you guys will not want to miss. I will have Jim shed some more light on this at the next meeting.

Raffle prize for the June meeting? I have pre-ordered the new big Funtana by Hanger 9. If it is in, we will be looking for a new home for it. If it isn't in? You will have to see what Brian and I can come up with. Maybe a war bird in honor of the 60th anniversary of D Day? You will have to come to the meeting to find out. I hope to see you all there.

Don

MEETING MINUTES

by Dan Deitemeyer, Secretary

Blue Max R/C Flying Club

May Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: May 17, 2004

Secretary: Dan Deitemeyer

Don Wolfe opened the meeting and welcomed our visitor, **Ray Rohde**. Ray had met **Tim Niemiec** over a year ago when Ray was working on a sail plane. He has since finished the hand-launched plane and is considering joining our club. Ray took one of our membership applications so we hope to see him again soon.

Around the Hangar

The Secretary's report as published in the newsletter was accepted. **Bob Davit**, Treasurer, was on vacation so there was no financial report. **Pete Sidor** confirmed the regular mowing of the field and the wider, longer manicured area. Pete said there was a load of wood chips on order and he will look for volunteers to help spread them out. **Ron Petterec** acknowledged that he'll be our Proficiency Director this year. **Jim Keehan** volunteered to print out the proficiency certificates.

Frank Stillson, Noise Director, was on hand during the May Fun Fly to take noise readings. There was only one plane above 100 db and there were five planes under 90. **Bob Davit** will head up our picnic this year. The picnic is scheduled for August 8.

Also on our calendar of events is the Addolorata Villa static show. The show is scheduled for July 18 with a rain date of July 25. This is a great opportunity to display our planes and talk about our sport while giving something back to the community.

MEETING MINUTES

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Dennis Brumley, Safety Director, recalled an incident where a pilot left the flying station to make some quick adjustments to his aircraft that had been landed and taxied to the side. It was the intention of this pilot to take off again and resume flight. In the meantime, another pilot believing the station to be free for use, assumed the vacated station and began his flight. Dennis said that the second pilot in this case was correct and that the first pilot should not have walked away from the station had he the intention of resuming flight.

Another safety discussion was initiated by **Don Linder**. Don asked about the proper procedure for taxiing aircraft back to the pit area. The preferred method is to taxi to either outside edge of the safety net, turn the aircraft so that the nose is toward the field away from the pits, and shut down the engine. In no event, should the aircraft be taxied beyond the safety net toward the pit area.

Jeff Schulman, the club's Webmaster, has been out of town and the new web site is still under construction. As a reminder, the domain name is www.bluemaxrc.com.

Jim Janiak, Newsletter Editor, handled the sale of the always fashionable Blue Max gear: sweatshirts, hats and T shirts.

Ballots Cast

There were three votes of the membership during the meeting. All issues passed unanimously.

1. The first vote was to make an unsolicited donation to Addolorata Villa that is consistent with our gifts of prior years.
2. The second issue voted on was to purchase the required materials for building out the interior of the radio impound box. **Dennis Brumley** and **Jim Keehan** will handle the construction.
3. The third vote was an affirmative response to the club's sponsorship of hot dogs at each Fun Fly event.

Rough Landings

- ➔ **Dennis Brumley's** Shoe String found its way into the trees on the left hand side. Dennis blamed the wind, and of course the tree was culpable too.
- ➔ **Don Wolfe's** name makes the Rough Landings column for the second time in as many months. Don's Rascal never got under control after the leaving the ground. Don was able to limp across the field before the plane rolled over and quit in the tall grass. Luckily, there's not much damage and we'll see this plane again soon.
- ➔ **Duane Lang** nosed his Great Planes Corsair when it torque rolled to the left on take off. We're reminded that war birds need ample ground speed before pulling back for take off.
- ➔ Proving that the Blue Angels really are special, **Ron Petterec's** Somethin' Extra rear-ended **Herb Rizzo's** matching SIG model on the ground after attempting a formation landing.

Fun Fly Results

May's Fun Fly consisted of flying four maneuvers of pilot's choice in three different point value ranges. Extra points were given for take off and landing within a circle. **Paul Barsamian** won the event with the highest overall point value. Sport pilots following Paul in order were **Ron Petterec**, **Don Linder**, **Frank Stillson**, **Don Wolfe**. Intermediate pilots in order were **Dennis Brumley**, **Dan Deitemeyer**, **Duane Lang**, **Gene Derbick**. **Eugene Kislenko** was the single novice contestant.

On the Flight Line

We were treated to a close look at a classic plane and a history lesson from **Jim Keehan**. It's taken Jim almost six months to build his Nieuport 17 from a Balsa USA kit. The model has an 80" wing span and is powered by a Zenoah G26 gas engine. The model of the plane flown by the Lafayette Escadrille also boasts of a pull/pull rudder and stab, has a custom made prop nut, a very clever shock absorbing landing gear, and is covered with Solartex.

Lee Eckert rescued parts from his crashed Giles (see April crash reports) and installed them in a beautiful red 160 Extra from Great Planes. Lee carved a smile on the face of the pilot bust – and why shouldn't he be smiling at the controls of this 14.75 lb acrobat muscled by a prototype Magnum 180.



MEETING MINUTES

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John Brach is back in the air (see April crash reports) too with a Bridi 20 trainer powered by a O.S. FX25 engine. The plane was built from an old kit that is no longer available. The highlight of John's presentation, though, was his experience with a local Cub Scout troop that wanted to see John's R/C planes. In addition to showing off his R/C model, John



introduced the Scouts to the sport by giving them balsa, rubber band powered planes.



Eric Toalson brought in his Ultra Stick 40. Eric has recently moved up from a trainer and this is his second plane. He's recovered the model to add his personal touch. Nicely done.

Top Gun

Lee Eckert won the raffled Carl Goldberg Matrix 40 3-D ARF.

Pilot's Briefing

Our regularly scheduled monthly program was put aside to make time for an auction of models, tools and supplies from **Bob Hirth's** estate. Bob's wife donated the gear so that the proceeds from the auction could help support the club. Bob's memory will be honored by new pilots being introduced to the enjoyment of our hobby at the controls of his eclectic collection of trainers.

The auction was lively and fun thanks to auctioneer, **Ron Petterec**, assisted by **Pete Sidor**.

NOISE CONTROL - A SOUND DISCUSSION

by Frank Stillson

At the May fun fly we measured the sound level of the planes participating in the contest. The range of sound level measurements is interesting. All measurements came in under 100 DB. One was at 99 DB, 4 between 90 and 93 DB, and 5 from 89 down to 86 DB.

The number of planes under 90 DB is very good. The planes over still could use a little time to improve.

The highest reading came from an ARF. It had considerable airframe and propeller noise. Some actions that might help are to install an APC prop along with increasing the pitch by one size. A different muffler could further reduce noise levels.

Much of the noise reduction efforts should be done during assembly of the aircraft. Additional sound reduction comes from proper propeller and muffler selection.

Always remember, when viewing DB noise levels, a reduction of 6 DB reduces the sound by 50%. So when we can go from 99 DB to 93 DB, we have eliminated the sound of the aircraft by half.

All of these sound level discussions are not meant to diminish the joy of our hobby, but to be better members and friends to all.

See you at the field,

Frank Stillson

FUN FLY

by *Tim Niemiec and Paul Barsamian*

This month's fun fly is plane bowling! The object is to make two passes with your plane and knock down as many pins as you can while towing a light plastic ball at the end of your plane. You can get 10 extra points for landing in the circle and 10 bonus points for getting a strike. The pins are worth 5 points a piece.

For our buddy box and solo pilots, we will have an obstacle course set up for you. You will have to use your ground handling skills and navigate your plane through the cones as fast as possible without nosing over. Points are made by best time and how far you make it through the course.



SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 8TH

The annual Blue Max picnic is planned for Sunday, August 8th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Food and fun for the whole family. More details coming soon, but mark your calendars today! See Bob Davit to volunteer or for more details.

Activities will include:

- Fun-fly (Limbo contest)
- Kids Glider Contest
- Wives "Buddy Box" contest
- A feast to be had by all!



Scenes from last year's picnic



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: \$400.00 or make offer. Contact: George Gibisch, Geeegib23@aol.com.

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.

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



1. 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**

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.**



SPAD plane

40" wingspan Includes tank, 3 Futaba 3004 servos, plane. The Engine is not included, but the mount will stay with the plane. The plane is designed for a .25 2-cycle plane. I had a TT 36 in it. **Price: \$40.00 Contact:** Tim Niemiec at TENGM1@aol.com



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3 - Covering Irons (2 Top-Flite Monokote / 1 Royal)
Price: \$25.00 for all three (New is \$42.29 including tax)

Fox Step Prop Reamer Metric 10 & 12mm
Price: \$10.00 (New is \$16.43 including tax)

DuBro E/Z Fill Fuel Cap Fitting (gallon jug) - New
Price: \$5.00 (New is \$10.30 including tax)

Various Weighted Prop Washers
Price: \$5.00 (New is over \$20.00)

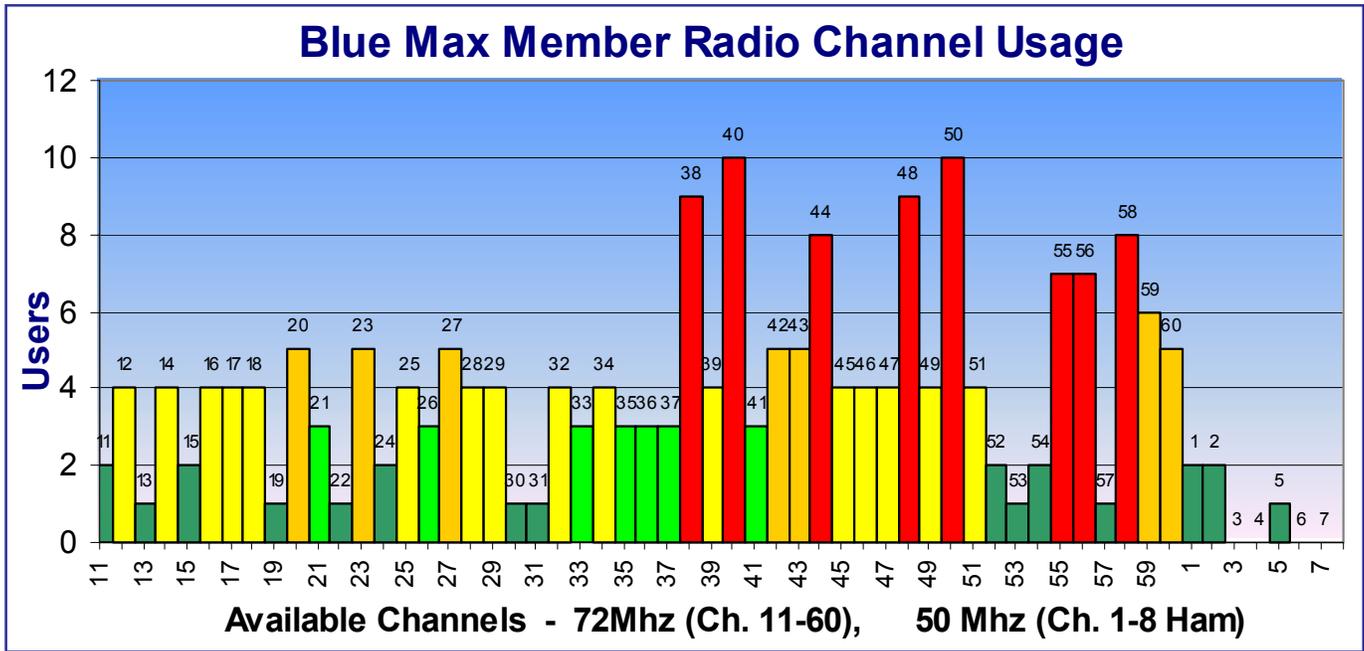
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WANTED TO BUY

Buddy Box

Contact: Todd Tiegler at ttiegler@yahoo.com



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

BLUE MAX WEAR

Need something special to wear to the picnic? Make sure your summer wardrobe is complete with the latest in Blue Max Wear. Hats and t-shirts for the hot summer days and a sweat shirt for those cool spring evenings. See Ira at the field or club meetings.



T-Shirt \$10



Hat \$10



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WEBSITE UPDATE

by Jeff Schulman

Well, summer is upon us. I imagine most of you have already dusted off your planes and are ready to head to the field. Unfortunately, the current weather patterns may have made it difficult to get much flying in. If you find yourself at home on a Saturday afternoon because of bad weather or are looking for something to do in the evening, take some time and check out the new Blue Max RC website at www.bluemaxrc.com.

The site has gone through some minor changes cosmetically that I hope everyone will find both appealing and easy to navigate. In upcoming weeks and months be on the look out for considerable changes to the content of the site. I will be working with fellow club members to create additional content for the site. This will include building tips, flight training for all flying proficiencies, and additional information on new trends in the hobby, such as lithium batteries and electric flight.

I encourage everyone to e-mail or pull me aside at the field with comments and suggestions. If you have an idea or would like to contribute please let me know. The Blue Max site is not only a great place for club members to visit, it also acts as advertisement for the club. In my short time as webmaster I have received several e-mails from new members that found us simply by browsing the web.

The last thing I need to mention is regarding your login and password for the new site. We will need to issue new accounts for everyone and will do so during the next month. For the interim, a temporary password has been set up and was e-mailed to you during the second week of June. If you have any questions or experience problems accessing the members only area, please contact me at info@bluemaxrc.com.

I hope everyone enjoys the changes and I look forward to seeing everyone out at the field.

Happy Flying!

Jeff



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

June

6/22 — Pete Giannis
 6/23 — Ken Alter
 6/25 — Jim Janiak
 6/26 — Zhiqi (Jeff) Guo
 6/29 — Stephen Tomczyk

July

7/11 — Amy Bochenko
 7/11 — Romeo Bachand
 7/14 — Matt Bender
 7/17 — Richard Butler
 7/18 — Ira Katz

INSTRUCTORS

Basic

Don Linder

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Paul Barsamian
 Larry Breit
 Ed Der
 Jason Derbick
 Maurice Forde
 George Gibisch
 Steve Haas
 Ira Katz
 Kurt Schmitt

INSTRUCTORS

Primary

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 Frank Stillson
 Don Wolfe

Unlimited

Tim Niemiec
 Ron Petterec
 Barry Schilling
 Bob Tomasulo
 Howard Woepse

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 Herb Rizzo



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**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
MAY, JUNE, AND JULY 2004**

June 2004

- 20) Fun Fly! - 10:00 A.M.
- 21) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

July 2004

- 18) Fun Fly! - 10:00 A.M.
- 19) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
- 25) Addolorata Villa Static Show

August 2004

- 8) Picnic - 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- 15) Fun Fly! - 10:00 A.M.
- 16) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

