



Blue Max Aces

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This month is the election of Club Officers and Board of Directors members. Be sure to vote at Venture Hobbies if you cannot attend the meeting.



FROM THE WOLFE'S DEN

by Don Wolfe, President

November is election month. We have just put our country's national elections behind us, and I hope that you all got out to vote. I also hope that you all have sent in your ballot for the AMA elections. You should have received a ballot with your AMA renewal form. That leaves us with our own club elections. I hope that you have taken some time to stop by the Venture Hobbies and cast your vote. I must thank everyone that threw their hats in the ring and are running for club office. We are fortunate that we have such a great group of candidates from which to choose from. All of these people running for office are very dedicated club members and if elected will do a great job for the club. This does not make it any easier for us in deciding how to cast our votes. I think that this is a good problem to have. So please take the time to vote in the club elections. I am looking forward to next year with new club officers with new and fresh ideas. It should be a fun year.



It is also the time of year that we need to renew our memberships in both the AMA and the Blue Max RC Flying Club. There will be renewal forms available to you at the next meeting.

Flying season is almost over for 2004, but we have been lucky with some nice fall weather to help extend the season. I hope that you have been able to take advantage of it. If you have not been able to get out to the field, you still have indoor flying to look forward to. The indoor flying season should be starting soon.

I had a great day at the field a few weeks ago. I got a call from a possible new member looking for his son to get some flight instruction, so we set a time to meet at the field.

Bobby D. did a pre flight check out of his trainer and found everything to be in order. We then went on to set up one of

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Don Wolfe

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Steve Haas
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Banquet
Jim Keehan

Field Marshal
Pete Sidor

Flying Proficiency

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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the club's buddy boxes and found that it would not work. So we decided to get this kid some flight instruction the old way. By old way I mean passing the transmitter back and forth! Let me tell you that I was very surprised by how well this young man flew his aircraft. This kid really did his homework I never had to take the transmitter once! The only time I had the transmitter was on take off and landing! In talking with him and his Dad I was told that he had been studying up on this and had been using the flight simulator that had come with his trainer. I had two things going for me as his instructor. First I had a very motivated student, and second he had a very good aircraft to learn with. I hope that these guys join our club; they made it a very satisfying day at the field for me.

I will see you all at the next meeting. Remember it is election night at the next meeting.

Don

MEETING MINUTES

by Dan Deitemeyer, Secretary

Blue Max R/C Flying Club

October Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: October 18, 2004

Secretary: Recording for Dan

Deitemeyer is Jim Janiak

Don Wolfe brought the meeting to order. There were no guests, but one new member – Adam Walter.

Around the Hangar

- ➔ The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.
- ➔ Sweatshirts, tee shirts, and hats were available for purchase.
- ➔ **Bob Davit**, Treasurer, reported that the club treasury has \$6,236 consisting of \$5,538 in the general operating fund and \$698 in the field renovation fund. It looks like we will be ending the year financially sound.
- ➔ **Jim Keehan**, Banquet Committee, reported the date has been set for the banquet. It will be Saturday, January 29th. Although the cost has not yet been set, you can start to contemplate your dinner selection. Choices include: chicken, grilled salmon, filet, and a children's meal. Hors d'oeuvres will also be served. "Family friendly" entertainment is also in the works.
- ➔ **Pete Sidor**, Field Marshall, reported everything is fine with the field. We are still waiting for the wood chips and hopes we can get them before winter, but was not counting on it. Pete also reported we have officially stopped cutting the grass for the season.
- ➔ **Dennis Brumley**, Safety Director, said that everyone was still "behavin'" so we missed our monthly sermon for two consecutive months. Dennis did report the safety fence was working, as evidenced by several catches it has recently made.
- ➔ **Frank Stillson**, Noise Director, congratulated the members on their efforts in noise control this year. He stated almost all of the db readings this year were under 90 db. Frank reminded everyone to consider noise reduction as part of our winter building projects; since it is much easier to incorporate noise reduction into a plane than to try to retro fit it in later.
- ➔ **Jeff Schulman**, the club's Webmaster, was absent so there was no report.
- ➔ **Bob Davit** and **Jim Speers** provided the refreshments for this month's meeting.

Winging It

Ron Petterec, Proficiency Chairman, awarded **Lou Roberts** with his soloist certification. Lou worked hard over the past two years with Ron to achieve his certification. Lou even traveled to Arizona last winter to work with Ron during the winter. Congratulations Lou!

MEETING MINUTES

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Fun Fly

The October fun fly was timed touch and goes. Pilots had four minutes to do many touch and goes with at least one maneuver in between each touch. Additional points were awarded for landing in the circle.

Ron Petterec was the overall winner with 21 points and 14 touch and goes. Second place went to **Duane Lang** who made 16 touch and goes in four minutes. **Tim Niemiec** took third place with 13 touch and goes. Other contestants in order of finish were: **Paul Barsamian, Don Linder, Frank Stillson,** and **Dennis Brumley.**

Pilot's Briefing

This month's program was provided by Dan Moormann from The Sign Advantage (1286 E. Dundee Rd, Palatine). The Sign Advantage is a full service sign shop that specializes in pressure sensitive vinyl adhesive graphics. Dan has made several graphics for Blue Max and G.A.S club members. If you create a picture of what you want they can convert it to a vinyl graphic. There are between 80 – 90 stock colors to choose from or if you provide a picture they can reproduce it in full color on adhesive backed vinyl.



Lou with his Solo Certificate

The vinyl is fuel resistant with a life expectancy of about eight years. Simple graphics, letters and line art can be created by cutting multiple colors of vinyl in a mosaic and laminating them together into a single graphic. Aircraft line numbers can be reproduced by simply giving them the numbers, font and size you need.

The cost varies based on the size and complexity of the graphic, but Dan reported most of the graphics he has made for RC airplanes run about \$10 - \$15.

If you want to paint your plane, The Sign Advantage can make paint mask vinyl stencils of your artwork. They can also create graphics that fit on compound curves, but this may require a little experimentation to get the proper effect.

The proper way to apply vinyl decals is to first mask the top of the decal to create a hinge. Place the decal on the plane and when satisfied with its placement, press the hinge in place. Next cut between the letters to create individual decals, still held in place by the tape hinge. Remove the backing from each letter and apply with a credit card or squeegee. Repeat for the remaining letters. Dan pointed out this method not only keeps the proper spacing between letters, but allows each letter to conform to the airplane, creating a smoother finish.

Dan had a price list and business cards. He encouraged members to call him with any questions. He also said they give discounts to club members and generally will price the graphics to cover their costs.



Dan Moormann

The Board of Directors recommended the election for 2005 officers and board members be conducted using paper ballots only. The Board's intent is to keep the election fair and open. After some discussion the following voting procedure was agreed to by everyone present at the meeting:

1. All votes will be cast using paper ballots.
2. You may vote at the November meeting (held November 15th)
3. Or you may vote at Venture Hobbies
4. Electronic, e-mail, or postal mail votes will not be accepted.
5. Election procedures and a ballot will be e-mailed to all voting members. You may print off and complete the e-mailed ballot and bring it to the meeting or Venture Hobbies. Ballots are also available at Venture and at the November meeting.

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6. To vote at Venture Hobbies:
 - a. Tell a Venture employee you want to vote in the Blue Max election.
 - b. Show them an ID – driver's license, AMA card, or Blue Max membership card. They will check your name off the roster.
 - c. Place your completed ballot in a sealed envelope.
 - d. Write your name on the outside of the envelope.
 - e. Place the envelope in the voting box.
7. The same process will be used for voting at the November meeting.

Tim Niemiec built the voting box and brought it to the meeting. The box is completely sealed, except for the voting slot. It will be broken open at the meeting. The number of envelopes will be counted and matched to the number of names checked off the roster. Then the envelopes will be opened and ballots removed. Two independent groups will count the votes.

Nominations for club officers and board of directors were conducted. Members who were nominated, seconded, and accepted the nomination are:

President:

Dan Deitemeyer (Not present, but accepted later)

Jim Janiak

Pete Sidor

Vice President:

Duane Lang

Tim Niemiec

Pete Sidor

Board of Directors (Elect four)

Ardie Arnold

Steve Haas

Eugene Kislendo

Tim Niemiec

Paul Barsamian

Jim Janiak

Duane Lang

Pete Sidor

Bob Davit

Joe Keehan

Don Linder

(Editors note: **Jim Keehan** was incorrectly listed in an earlier release of the newsletter.)

(Following the meeting Don Linder decided to focus his election efforts on his nomination for Board of Directors and not the Vice President position.)

Rough Landings

This month's rough landings are brought to you by our club officers and committee chairmen.

- ➔ **Tim Niemiec**, Fun Fly Chairman, crashed at the fun fly. Tim was flying just above stall speed about ten feet off the ground when the wind stopped. He pancaked in.
- ➔ **Ron Petterec**, Proficiency Chairman, crashed his Shoestring while doing an Avalanche. The plane came out of the maneuver the wrong way and went behind Ron, crashing in the trees.
- ➔ **Bob Davit**, Treasurer, was taxiing his C-130 at a field in Manito, IL with 15 mph cross wind. Bob was having problems with engine 1, which failed on take off as the plane caught a gust of wind. As a result he tore off the right landing gear. The damage is not serious and the plane should be fixed soon.
- ➔ **Don Wolfe**, President, crashed a Goldberg Eagle that someone bought off the Internet. It had a wireless video camera attached to it. Brian Johnson was watching the video while Don was trying to keep the plane in the air. Even with full up elevator, Don couldn't keep the plane up. Brian noticed a sudden loss of video about the time the plane went in. The good news is the plane is repairable.



Paul

On the Flight Line

Paul Barsamian brought in his latest helicopter, an XRV Cama. It comes as a complete kit including the necessary building tools. Its counter rotating rotors makes it so stable, his wife was flying it at home. Paul also brought in a Seduction Fun Master Profile Kit from MRC. The recommended engine size for the plane is .15-.20, so Paul decided on a Sato 30 just to make sure he has a little extra power.

MEETING MINUTES

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Dennis Brumley brought in a gas engine from a weed whacker that he's converting for airplane use. When Dennis is done he'll have a 25cc engine with the same weight and performance as a G26 for about one tenth the cost.

Pete Sidor displayed a beer can airplane he saw while in Wisconsin. Although it doesn't fly it does have character. Pete presented the plane to Tim for safe keeping.



Tim and Pete



Dennis

Top Gun

The October raffle was a beautiful ARTF Laser 2000 in bright yellow. The new captain of this airship is **Eugene Kislendo**. Eugene, we look forward to seeing the completed plane at a future meeting.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

November

- 11/16 — Dick Altschuler
- 11/17 — Lou Roberts
- 11/17 — Ron Waxman
- 11/18 — Clyde Ploense
- 11/20 — John Brach
- 11/25 — Jim Speers
- 11/25 — Jeffrey Livorsi
- 11/26 — Bob Tomasulo
- 11/28 — Murry Randell
- 11/28 — Sachin Patel
- 11/30 — Guillaume Dougados

December

- 12/02 — David Gordon
- 12/02 — Gus Menoudakis
- 12/02 — Lorenzo Gutierrez
- 12/13 — Greg Tomczyk
- 12/16 — Scott Alaniz
- 12/18 — Walter Kitt

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



The Blue Max RC Flying Club
 of Buffalo Grove, Illinois

SOUND RESOLUTION

by Frank Stillson

The building season is upon us, except for the few brave souls that like to freeze everything for the sake of continuing to fly.

Remember, in the winter because of the cold air and lack of foliage, the sound of our aircraft is even more pronounced than in the summer. Try to keep the noise level down as much as possible. Use the correct prop pitch to produce the lowest noise level that is still compatible with your aircraft, engine, and flying skill.

This winter when you build your new pride and joy, take some time to incorporate some of the practices that I have mentioned throughout the year. We need to be good neighbors to the condos and ourselves.

I wish you happy building this winter and good luck working on your new flying machines.

FUN FLY REPORT

by Tim Niemiec

The last fun fly of the year was a blast. We had a timed touch and go with a maneuver after each touch and go. Ron Petterec achieved the high score, followed by Duane Lang. I hope everyone had a good time with the fun fly's this year. Paul Barsamian and I came up with some different fun fly contests this year and gave away a few planes and an engine. The club had its first limbo contest at this year's picnic. It was fun to watch.

If you wanted to compete this year but didn't have a plane to possibly crash, head over to Ebay or Spad to the bone and pickup a Spad plane. These planes are \$15 - \$35 and are great for this type of event. You can use standard servos and fly without any financial worry.

On a personal note, I am running for the Vice President and Board of Director positions. Since joining the club three years ago, I have been involved in many club positions and wish to continue contributing to the club. I spent my first two years as club secretary and headed up the picnic committee. I also became an unlimited instructor. This year I was fortunate enough to be elected as a member of the Board and headed up the fun fly committee. I have brought some new ideas and have been a strong voice in the club and hope to continue keeping this awesome club and hobby on the right track in the years to come.

WINTER BANQUET REMINDER

Plans for the Annual Winter Banquet are well underway under the guidance of Jim Keenan. Jim's experience in planning lunch runs to Kosta's at the field has prepared him for coordinating the banquet. Meal selections include chicken, grilled salmon, filet, and a children's meal. Hors d'oeuvres will also be served. Jim anticipates having some information about the entertainment at this month's meeting. The banquet will be at the Arboretum Club for the second consecutive year. The Arboretum Club got great reviews from those who attended last year. Be sure to mark you calendars. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Jim Keenan.

Date: Saturday, January 29th, 2005

Place: Arboretum Club
451 West Half Day Road
Buffalo Grove, IL

BLUE MAX WEAR

The weather is starting to get cool. Now is the perfect time to get an extra Blue Max sweatshirt and hat. See Ira at the field or at the meeting to get your comfortable and durable Blue Max Wear.



T-Shirt \$10



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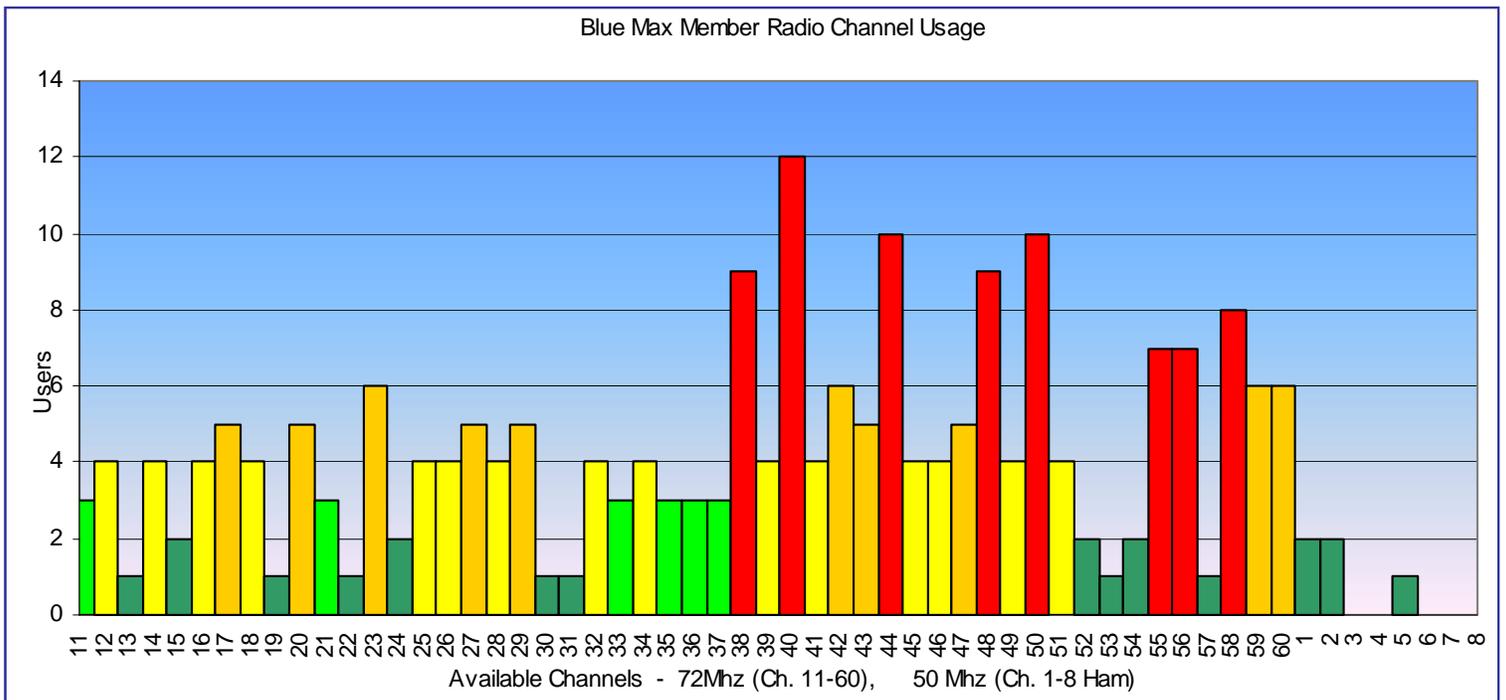
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1. Your name.
2. All transmitter channels (example: 16, 44, 58 and Ham 4).
3. Any other comments.

OCTOBER FUN FLY PICTURES



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.
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SIG Rascal 40 with engine

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

Buddy Box

Contact: Todd Tiegler at ttiegler@yahoo.com



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
November - December 2004 and January 2005

November 2004

15) Monthly Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
Election of Club Officers and
Board of Directors

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

