



Blue Max Aces

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**Fun-Fly May 15,
Timed Glide.**

**Be working on the
next level pilot skills.**



**May program: Chuck
Giese Aluminum P-51**

**We need a Picnic
Chairman**

**Future programs on
Writing a magazine
article, Field safety,
Hobby Q&A, and a
Presentation by
Bob Walker**

Jim's Jabber

by Jim Janiak, President

Flying season is now in full swing. I hope everyone has had the opportunity to get out and fly a few times. I was very surprised to see how well last month's fun fly contestants did. Many of you have done an excellent job of keeping your flying skills sharp over the winter months.



I was reviewing the pilot's exam forms for the various flying proficiencies. Except for a couple of tricky moves in the Sport exam, most of the required procedures are very doable. That doesn't mean they are not difficult to do properly, but they are well within the reach of most club

members. Doing a good loop, roll and Immelman will get you to Intermediate Pilot. Throw in an outside loop, split-S, a little inverted flying and a touch-and-go and you're up to Advanced Pilot. Sport Pilot gets a bit more complicated with a four-point roll, double Immelman, Cuban eight and a horizontal eight. Achieving Sport Pilot clearly demonstrates a pilot's flying ability and skill. Many of the maneuvers we practice while preparing for Solo are required for Intermediate and Advanced proficiency.

At the May meeting we'll review some of the changes we've discussed in the recent meetings to improve pilot proficiency. These changes include a progress form for the pilot and instructor to track progress and avoid repeating the same things over and over. In addition we'll begin using pins to identify instructors and ground crew. This will enable a smoother hand off between ground crew and instructors for new pilots. This will allow an instructor or ground crew to be "off the clock" and have personal time to fly by simply removing his pin.

This month's program will be a special treat. Chuck Giese will be bringing his 25% aluminum skinned P-51. Tim, Dennis and Bob ran into Chuck at the Toledo Weak Signals

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Program

Rudy Krolopp

Safety

Dennis Brumley

last month. Check out a preview of Chuck's plane in the pictures section of our website under Weak Signals Toledo 2005.

Rudy has been busy planning our programs for the next several months and as a great lineup planned for us. He's still looking for a few suggestions so be sure to give Rudy any ideas you have for an upcoming program event.

Don't forget about the Fun Fly this Sunday at 10:00 am. It promises to be another fun and challenging event. We'll be serving up hot dogs afterwards, so plan on stopping by. I hope to see everyone at the field this weekend.

Safe flying,

Jim

Next Fun Fly: May 15th, 2005

Our first Fun-Fly was held on April 17. It was a timed **Touch and Go**. Eight club members participated, 2 Soloists, 1 Intermediate, 1 Advanced, and 4 Sport Pilots. Winners are pictured in the meeting minutes.

Our next event will be May 15th. The event will be **Timed Climb and Glide**. You will have 30 seconds to take off and climb as high as possible, then throttle back to idle and perform a loop and a roll maneuver, then glide as long as possible at idle and land in the spot for extra points.

Start time is **10:00 a.m.** and usually runs about 1 hour. The Fun-Fly is set-up so that all skill levels can participate, even if you're on a buddy box with an instructor. Every participant receives a prize for participating in the Fun-Fly. A handicap system is used to give everyone a chance at the good position / prizes.

Noise is a major concern at the Deer Grove Flying Field so as an incentive to quiet down our planes, bonus percentages are added to your score. Planes over 100 dB are prohibited from flying in the Fun-Fly. Planes with a dB reading of 90-95dB receive a 5% bonus and planes below 90dB receive a 10% bonus. Decibel readings are taken at the beginning of each Fun-Fly and AMA cards maybe checked.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
Peter W. Sidor	5/19	Rudy Krolopp	6/7
Max Haas	5/20	Charles Hutchinson	6/9
Jordan Torf	5/21	Scott Dickes	6/12
Bruno Ozga, Jr.	5/22	Miles Mamon	6/14
Robert Davit	5/25	Christopher Wojdyla	6/15
		Kyle Kueker	6/17
		Owen Wolfe	6/20

GROUND CREW

Ardie Arnold
Dennis Brumley
Larry Bochenko
Gene Derbick
Jim Keehan
Joe Keehan

INSTRUCTORS

Basic
Don Linder

INSTRUCTORS

Primary
Paul Barsamian
Ed Der
Jason Derbick
George Gibish
Steve Haas
Ira Katz
Kurt Schmitt
Clay Smith
Jim Speers
Frank Stillson
Don Wolfe

INSTRUCTORS

Unlimited
Tim Niemec
Ron Petterec
BobTomasulo

MEETING MINUTES

by *Eugene Kislenko, Secretary*

Blue MAX R/C Flying Club

April Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: April 18, 2005

Secretary: Eugene Kislenko



Jim Janiak called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Cockpit Announcement

We had the privilege of welcoming new members **Don Barbieri**, **Carl Will** and **Chuck Poviliatis**. Don just recently was transferred to a close-by Navy base. And he felt like he has not enough excitement in his life, so now he is ready to try this hobby. He learned about our club in Venture Hobbies. Carl and Chuck are both former members of the club. We are glad that they both decided to come back. This is another great endorsement for the club. Welcome to the club! You will have lots of fun here!

Monthly Fly-in

Tonight's program was presented by our own **Don Linder**. Don presented his in-process project of building a large DC-3. After 3 years in the hobby, Don decided to become "serious". He shared with the club all pros and cons of such a significant undertaking.

Around the Hangar

The Secretary's report was accepted as published in the newsletter.

Dan Deitemeyer, Treasurer, provided an update of our financial situation. We are still financially strong. The operating fund is approximately \$7,161. The complete Treasurer's report is available online.

Fun Fly.

Bob Davit and **Don Linder** volunteered to chair fun flies for this season. Thanks guys!

The first fun fly of the season took place on April 17th. The day was very pleasant and the program was very appropriate for the beginning of the season – take-off, do some maneuver, touch-and-go. Repeat this exercise as many times as possible in 4 minutes.

There were 8 competitors in this event and here are the results:

Sport category:

1st place – **Steve Haas**

2nd place – Duane Lang

3rd place – Paul Barsamian

4th place – Don Linder



Intermediate/Advanced category:

1st place – **Dan Deitemeyer**

2nd place – Bob Davit

Solo category:

1st place – **Eugene Kislenko**

2nd place – Jim Janiak

Unfortunately Bob Davit crashed. Investigation revealed that the pilot, **Fred Flintstone**, decided to take on a too risky maneuver – tight turn into the landing area. Pilot survived the crash; the plane can be restored.



Picnic. Bob Davit agreed to co-chair the event. We are now looking for somebody with a big truck to be the Chairman!

Noise Control. Frank Stillson reminded everyone again about the importance of noise control. Unfortunately Frank was not available at the fun-fly to take noise measurements.

Refreshments for this meeting were brought by **Rudy Krolopp**.

DVDs. Jim Speers has them ready. We should have them by the next meeting.

Dennis Brumley, Safety Director, warned everyone about some incidents on the field where some guys showed up on the field with a radio and without planes. They were unable to explain why they were there and what their plans were. On a related note please read a posting “Beware Black SUV” published by Don Linder on the members only area of the club’s web site. Please keep an eye on things like this in the future.

Apparently everyone is noticing lots of new faces on the field. There are lots of people who we do not know flying their planes and teaching others. This is perfectly fine because our field is open to everyone; however club members should display a certain sense of stewardship and should not hesitate to educate new flyers if necessary about rules and regulations of the field.

Remember other important rules:

1. Channel number MUST be clearly displayed on the radio (attached to the antenna).
2. If you are flying a gasoline engine – you MUST have a fire extinguisher designed to extinguish gasoline and oil product related fires.

Webmaster. We should have a link to the club’s page from the AMA site. Also, new members were asking about the link to the channel ID template that was published on the old site. If it is not there we should have it back.

Program Committee. Rudy is looking for ideas for the monthly meetings. If you have any ideas please contact Rudy. Every reasonable offer will be discussed.

[New on the radar](#)

New motion has being made in order to encourage everyone in the club to move to the next flight level of proficiency. **Tim Niemiec** is working on the new program for those folks who just joined the club and are learning how to fly. We soon will have new proficiency sheets, which will allow progress tracking of the new pilots. In addition, we have a “New pilot manual” available for everyone who is just starting in the hobby. Please contact Jim Janiak for more information about this document.

Because of the growing number of new pilots in the club, new discussion was open about the best ways to identify available and willing-to-teach instructors. As we all know, instructors are teaching on a voluntary basis and sometimes they are on the field trying to fly their own planes and are not open for teaching. A number of potential approaches were proposed. Among them:

1. Sign-on sheet on the field;
2. If instructor is NOT willing to teach at any given day he should not wear instructor’s badge;
3. Personalized instructor’s pins on the board;

We are looking for more ideas.

The motion was made to have club lunchtime hot-dog times on the field each Saturday or Sunday. Some people liked the idea; some don’t – reasoning that this will fast become a “free lunch event” for park visitors who have very little if any interest in the hobby.

Bob Davit proposed the idea of promoting the club during annual Buffalo Grove Days event. In Bob’s mind this is a great way to promote the club and increase it’s visibility in the community.

If you like to contribute to any of these discussion please feel free to send e-mails to The Board or start a discussion thread on the club’s web-site.

Unhappy Landings

As it was reported pilot's error caused the crash of **Bob Davit's** Venus-40.

John Brach crashed his plane while he was trying to land coming from the left. Fence happens to be on the landing path....

Mike McGee crash landed on the bush. Plane took some beating but will probably fly again.



All who attended the club's banquet should remember **Don Linder's** Ryan... Last time engine quit on the plane after 4 minutes of flying. Don made a mistake of trying to turn plane around and bring it to a good landing spot, instead was forced down in the weeds to the west. (Now repaired and flying again-Ed.)

Top Gun:

Dennis Brumley is the proud owner of the raffle prize – Ultra Stick 60 ARF.

Pilot's Briefing:

This month's "special guest" was Don Linder with his new project. Don started in the hobby about 3 years ago with help and

encouragement from Rudy Krolopp.

Today Don is already a seasoned pilot and was looking for more challenges for himself. The challenge came in the shape of the historic DC-3. There are number of reasons why Don picked this specific plane. It was a combination of his interest to specific time in history, the fact that this plane was the first commercially profitable air carrier, and the glorious history of this plane modified to be a military transport.

Another area of interest for Don is building an IMAA legal multi-engine plane. All these factors were translated into Don buying the Top Flight DC-3 kit from another modeler. Don does not like to take any chances with engines. That's why he picked two OS 46 FX engines as power-plants for this plane. Don is trying to do some creative programming of his Futaba radio to control this plane and specifically engines. Expectations are that engines will spin 10x6 or 10x7 3-bladed props.

One of the greatest experiences and learning exercise during building this model for Don was working with different grains of Balsa wood. Learning about characteristics and functional differences between three main balsa grains without any doubt made Don better builder on this project and gave him valuable insights for all future projects.



This plane has Robart retracts, has a wing span of 82.5", has two fuel tanks, and should weight a little over 10 Lb dry.

The model will be covered with Monokote with some painting on the plastic parts.

Everybody definitely enjoyed this great presentation and can't wait to see this bird on the field.

Creative Musings – Original Writing By Our Members

Ooooooh I got that itch
 You know the one where your thumbs start to twitch.
 Oh how I yearn to fly,
 No wind, clear conditions, today's big blue sky.
 I can almost hear the low growl of a four stroke idling in the pits.
 I can almost see the smoke, and hear the roar of an open throttle, as the airplane launches from where it sits...
 A snap roll, an Immelman, a giant loop so divine....
 A slow roll, left then right, and then my plane gets smaller, into the sky on a picture perfect up-line...
 As I gently back off the throttle, and kick the rudder hard right,
 A perfect hammerhead would be executed in the distance and my plane comes screaming back into sight.
 I could be reveling in the smell of fresh cut grass mingled with nitro fumes,
 But instead today I am stuck inside looking at the sky from windows in meeting rooms.
 Flights of fancy and day dreams of soaring oh so high,
 As I sit earth bound looking listlessly out the window, as I let out a mighty sigh.
 Oh how I wish I could be flying today,

Written by **Paul Barsamian**

The following is by **Tim Niemiec**

How I long for blue skies and calm winds.
 A long flight of aerobatic bliss.
 The sound of cursing from the pits,
 some guy can't start his plane.
 Was that a crunch I just heard?
 A quick check and my plane is still there,
 a guy just crashed his new plane.
 I wonder how many pieces there are?
 I round the pattern and someone yells DEAD STICK,
 poor guy never had a chance.
 I pull into a hover. Ahh, the sound it makes
 Then a smash, as two planes collide,
 rubble falls.
 I head into the blue, as gravity tries to catch my plane
 I give way, it tumbles and spins.
 Birds fly nearby gracefully gliding,
 and just like that one gets ingested into a prop.
 It is so calm in the blue sky, I get ready to land.
 a perfect flight, none has been better.
 A scream,
 I told him not to touch the prop.
 And so another day closes and I reflect.
 The grace and glory that is flying r/c is hard to beat.
 So until next time, I sit here in my seat.

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10
 T-Shirts \$10
 Sweatshirts \$22

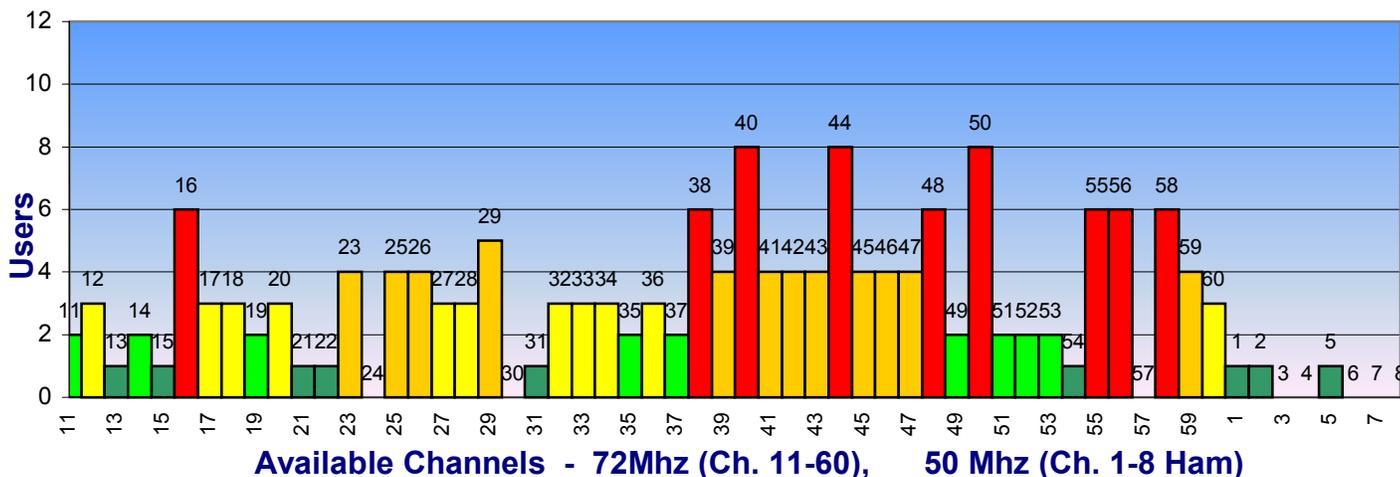
Save \$2
 T-Shirt & Cap Combo \$18



Be as cool as these two wild and crazy flyers.
 Get your Blue Max caps, T-shirts, and sweatshirts.
 Available at the meetings. See Ira Katz

FREQUENCY CHART

Blue Max Member Radio Channel Usage



Note: this chart looks like less channel usage than last month because about 50 former members were dropped from the roster for unpaid dues.

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.

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Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
May – July 2005

May 2005

- 15) Fun Fly**
- 16) Monthly Meeting**

June 2005

- 19) Fun Fly**
- 20) Monthly Meeting**

July 2005

- 17) Fun Fly**
 - 18) Monthly Meeting**
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