



# Blue Max Aces

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**Fun Fly Oct. 16  
Touch and Go**

**2006 Officer  
nominations at Oct  
meeting.**

**Oct program: Dave  
Taitel from Venture**



**Caps and Sweatshirts  
are now available.  
See Tim Neimeic**



## Jim's Jabber

by Jim Janiak, President

It's hard to believe it is already October, and we're entering the last few months of 2005. It seems like it was only yesterday that we were getting our planes ready for the flying season. Soon it will be time to think about those winter building projects.

The Club remained busy last month by participating in the Addolorata Villa Air Show. This was the first year we participated as part of their annual "Villa Fest" event. Unfortunately threatening weather kept some people from attending, but it did not scare away a number of club members who were eager to display their planes and talk to the residents and their families. The Club displayed a wide variety of planes including scale war birds, trainers, electrics and helicopters. Although the crowd was smaller than in past years due to the weather, their interest and enthusiasm were still very high. All-in-all I believe everyone had a great time. A big thanks to our dedicated members who did not let a little rain deter them and who put on an excellent show.

The October meeting is when we nominate fellow club members for Club President, Vice President, and the four Board of Directors positions. This meeting is important to all club members as it is your opportunity to set the direction and priorities of the club for 2006. This is an opportunity for everyone to be more involved with the Club, either by holding an elected position or by helping with one of our committees, such as the Winter Banquet Committee. If you are interested in holding an elected position, but are unable to make the meeting, let me know in advance.

After the nominations, each person will have an opportunity to speak to the members in attendance to state their case, sell themselves, and their ideas.

The more members we can get involved in our club, the better off our club is. Not only does this spread out the work, but it gives us new ideas and view points. This is your club; help make it better by getting involved in its activities.

Dave Taitel, from Venture Hobbies, will be our speaker this month. Dave will be discussing the recent advances in R/C technologies and the positive impact it has on the

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## COMMITTEES

**Banquet**  
Jim Keehan

**Field Marshal**  
Pete Sidor  
Yohay Hahamy

**Flying Proficiency**  
Tim Niemiec  
Ron Petterec

**Fun-Fly**  
Bob Davit  
Don Linder

**Ground Crew**  
Dennis Brumley

**Noise**  
Frank Stillson

**Picnic**  
Jim Janiak

**Program**  
Rudy Krolopp

**Safety**  
Dennis Brumley

price/performance on radios, receivers and servos. This is a must see topic if you're planning any building projects this winter.

I encourage you to attend the October meeting, even if you do not wish to hold an elected position. You can hear what the candidates have to say and that will help you make a more informed voting decision. Dave's presentation will demonstrate how to get great performance with R/C electronics without breaking your budget.

Fly safe and have fun,

*Jim*

## Next Fun Fly: Touch and Go - October 16th, 2005

Our September Fun-Fly was planned to be a Pylon Race. However, at the last minute it was decided to change to a repeat of the Climb and Glide event. Winners are pictured in the meeting minutes.

Our next event will be **October 16<sup>th</sup>**. **Special Note!!! This Fun-fly will start at 9:30 a.m. instead of the usual time.** This event will be a repeat of the Touch-and-Go contest that we have had before. Each pilot will have 2 minutes to take off, do as many touch-and-go's as possible and then land. One maneuver must be completed between touch-and-go's. Extra points will be awarded for take off, landing and touch-and-go's in the circle.

Noise is a major concern at the Deer Grove Flying Field. Planes over 100 dB are prohibited from flying in the Fun-Fly. Planes will receive bonus points for every decibel below 100dB. Decibel readings are taken at the beginning of each Fun-Fly and AMA cards may be checked.

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

#### October

Clay Smith	10/18
Don Wolfe	10/20
Alex Hepler	10/23
Scott Zeliar	10/25
Brian R. Kueker	10/27

#### November

Tony Padovano	11/6
Anders Lindstrom	11/7
Raymond Marazas	11/7
Platon Kosmaoglou	11/13
Dennis Macumber	11/13
Lou Roberts	11/17
Ron Waxman	11/17
John Brach	11/20

### GROUND CREW

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

### INSTRUCTORS

Basic  
Dennis Brumley

### INSTRUCTORS

#### Primary

Paul Barsamian  
Ed Der  
Jason Derbick  
George Gibish  
Steve Haas  
Duane Lang  
Don Linder  
Kurt Schmitt  
Clay Smith  
Jim Speers  
Frank Stillson  
Don Wolfe

### INSTRUCTORS

#### Unlimited

Tim Niemiec  
Ron Petterec  
BobTomasulo

# MEETING MINUTES

by Eugene Kislenko, Secretary

Blue MAX R/C Flying Club  
August Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: September 19, 2005

Secretary: Eugene Kislenko



Jim Janiak called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

## Monthly Fly-in

Tonight's program was presented by the former owner of Robart – **Bob Walker**, who is now with AMA and **Eric Karl** from Robart. Bob Walker briefly discussed current events in the AMA, and then Eric Karl presented a line of products from Robart and shared his experience flying a turbine powered F9F Panther.

## Around the Hangar

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

Treasurer's report was not presented because **Dan Deitemeyer** was absent at the beginning of the meeting, however you can examine 3 years of complete Treasurer's reports online on BlueMaxrc.com.

**Fun Fly.** **Don Linder** informed The Club that the initial plan was to have a pylon race, but because of the heavy presence of spectators the competition was changed to Climb and Glide. The objective was very simple – take off, climb as high as you can for 30 seconds, turn engine to idle and glide as long as you can.

As before in this kind of event an absolute winner was Ron Petterec. Congratulations Ron!

Following are official results in all categories:

Solo: (right to left)

1. Adam Walters
2. Mike McGee
3. Pete Sidor



Intermediate/Advanced:

1. Dan Deitemeyer (not pictured)
2. Dennis Brumley
3. Jenny Kimball

Sport:

1. Ron Petterec
2. Steve Tomczyk (not pictured)
3. Don Linder
4. Duane Lang
5. Paul Barsamian (not pictured)

Congratulations to all winners!



Next Fun Fly is scheduled to be on October 16<sup>th</sup>. It may be a pylon race, if weather cooperates.

**Noise Control.** Frank was not present at the meeting.

**Refreshments** for this meeting were brought by Rudy. Thank you again!

**Dennis Brumley, Safety Director,** pointed out the importance of maintaining batteries on the airplanes, because within one week there were a number of incidents which seem to single out problems with batteries and servos. In addition Dennis suggested not using receivers and servos from unknown sources. Dennis is planning to present an overview of battery theory and practice soon.

**Proficiency. Ron Petterec** noted another month of significant proficiency advancements among club members.



**Adam Walter** receives his Solo Pilot certificate.



**Scott Zeliar** – passed the Intermediate test.



**Platon Kosmaoglou** - passed the Intermediate test.



**Jenny Kimball** - passed the Intermediate test.



**Dennis Brumley** – is now a Basic Instructor

**Webmaster.** No new updates.

#### **New on the radar**

Club members were advised to start thinking about next year club nominations. Nominations will be made at the October meeting.

#### **Old business**

Hats and sweat shirts are available. The board will investigate the feasibility of ordering jackets.

The AMA stickers/tags for the airplanes have been printed and are available to all members. The Club agreed to give the Something Extra project to Jim Keehan to finish. Then The Club will make a decision as to what will happen to this plane.

Unhappy Landings

**Duane** crashed one of his planes because of the exhaustion of the onboard batteries. He also lost another plane because of the problems with the batteries in the transmitter. **Carl** lost his plane because of the bad rudder servo. **Jenny** crashed her electric plane tail down because of a sudden stall.

The worst landing happened to **Dan Deitemeyer**. His plane lost the horizontal stab and flew to the UPS facility. The extent of the damage the plane caused to the UPS roof is a reminder of how serious incidents can be.

Top Gun:

**Adam Walter** won an electric Edge with the motor and speed control.



**Michael Kohen's** Extra 300, built from the Great Planes kit

New on the runway:

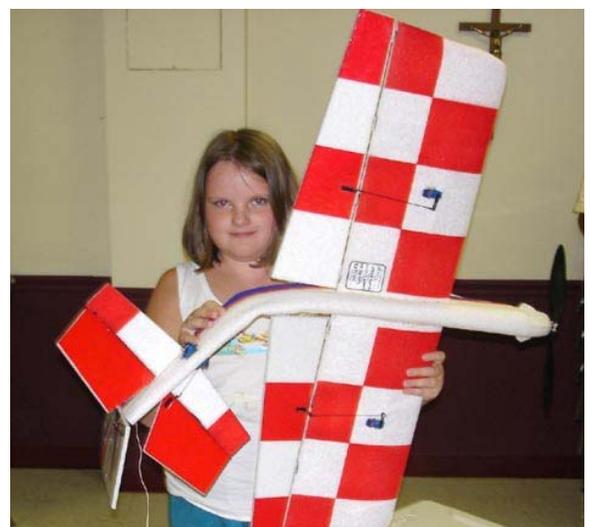
**Dennis Brumley** presented his Twist.



**Pete Sidor** brought his Voyager, repaired by Yohay.



**Jenny Kimball** presented her new electric foam plane.





Yohay showed his Tiger 2.



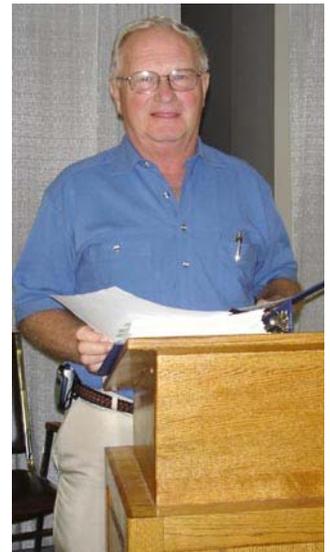
Ron Petterec built an electric mini Fontana

### Pilot's Briefing:

**Bob Walker** who owned Robart, now serves AMA in District 6 which includes Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. Currently there are over 15,000 active members in the district and over 265 clubs. Total AMA has over 163,000 members and is growing. There are also over 2500 clubs officially registered with the organization. Annual budget of AMA is about 8 million dollars. There are 50 employees working for AMA.

Bob shared with The Club information about the latest developments in the organization. He also discussed issues and how to handle non-standard situations and accidents, which, unfortunately, can happen. For example, if an accident happens you should contact headquarters (and not your local representatives) ASAP. You should also remember that you can allow your guests to fly only once – because AMA insurance covers only one flight by an uncovered member.

In addition, Bob brought to the club's attention to the fact that recently AMA opened-up a plane plans archive, which currently contains over 5,000 plans. All plans are available for the members for a very nominal fee. For more information visit the official AMA site at [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org).



The next guest, **Eric Karl**, talked about the current Robart. Eric has been with the company for over 5 years and has flown RC models since 1988.

Eric brought a static display with the current line of Robart retracts and some literature about company products.

The centerpiece of his program, however, was the story of turbine powered model of the F9F Panther. The plane is relatively old, but is in a very good shape. It is powered by a single turbine engine. The fuel it uses is K1 kerosene. The plane can fly for about 7 minutes on a one load of the tank which is about 54 oz in size. The plane also has real suspension, pneumatic brakes and you need some propane to start the engine.

According to Eric, the flying characteristics of this plane are exceptional and, because of ease of controlling, this plane can be considered to be a good jet starter model.

Both presentations were very informative. Members of The Club had a number of questions for both speakers and really enjoyed spending time with these folks.

# BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 2X

T-Shirts \$10

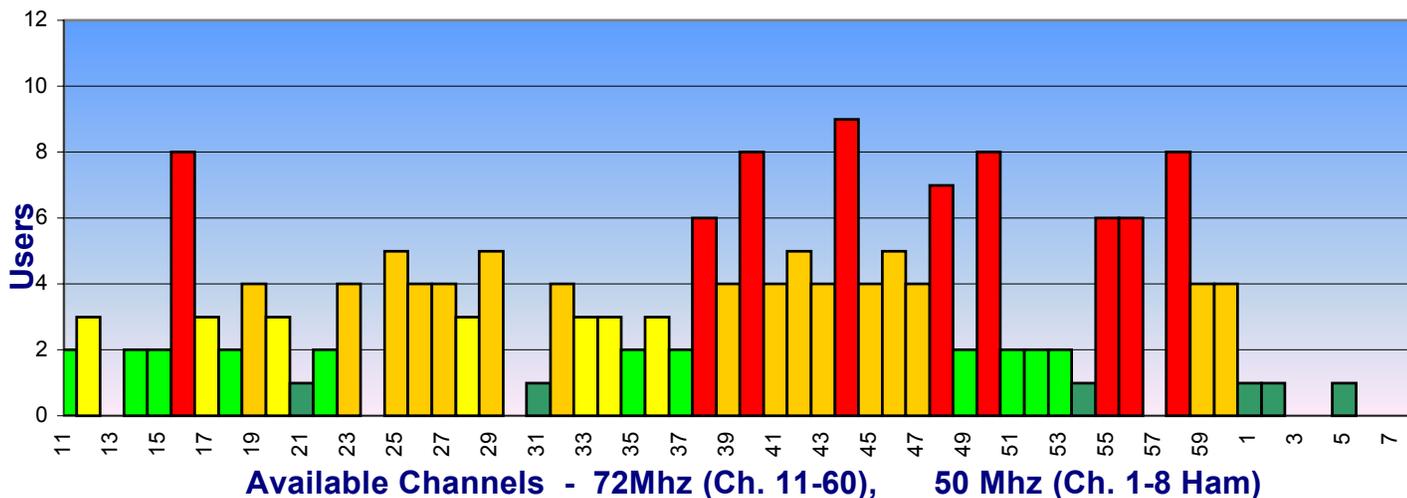
Available next Spring



Tim and Ray are thrilled with their caps and sweatshirts.  
 Get your Blue Max caps, T-shirts, and sweatshirts.  
 Caps and sweatshirts are now in stock and available at the meetings.  
 See Tim Niemiec

# FREQUENCY CHART

Blue Max Member Radio Channel Usage



Please contact Blue Max at ([Info@BlueMaxRC.com](mailto: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  
October – December 2005**

**October 2005**

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

**November 2005**

- 21) Monthly Meeting**

**December 2005**

- 19) Monthly Meeting**
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