



Blue Max Aces

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**Fun Fly Sept. 18
Pylon Race**

**Sept. program: Bob
Walker about AMA**



**"No Fly" Sept 24 due
to track meet**

**Static Show at the
Villa September 25**

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



Jim's Jabber

by Jim Janiak, President

The Club's calendar has been busy and will continue to be busy again this month. We had a fantastic picnic with perfect weather and plenty of flying. Last week we put on an R/C demonstration for a group of about 15 Indian Guides and their fathers. Looking ahead, this month we have our fun fly, monthly meeting and the Addolorata Villa Air Show.



I think everyone had a great time at the picnic. We had a great turnout of members, spouses, kids and grandkids for a day of food, flying and fun. The limbo contest was a big hit, as it usually is with

most planes not surviving the event. This year's top prize was awarded to Dennis Brumley for the best crash. Not only can Dennis build planes well, he can design them to create an impressive explosion of balsa and ply when his plane hit the limbo pole. Read more about the picnic elsewhere in the newsletter.

As you know from my string of e-mails we also put on an R/C plane demonstration for a group of Indian Guides and their fathers. Our demonstration also attracted the attention of a nearby soccer team practicing in an adjoining field. Several of them joined us to learn about our great hobby.

Many thanks to our members who helped make this event a success. Participants included Don Linder, Ben and Lean Heller, Jenny and Deb Kimball, and Dusty Edmonds. Don, Ben, Jenny and Dusty covered various topics about R/C flying and explained the planes they brought for display. Jenny and Dusty impressed the crowd with excellent flight demonstrations using their electric planes. Dusty taxied his Ultimate around to give everyone a chance hear the roar of a glow engine and enjoy the wonderful smell of nitro in the air.

Looking ahead we have the Addolorata Villa Air Show coming up on the 25th. Mark the date and plan on bringing

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Safety
Dennis Brumley

a plane or two for the static display. The Villa graciously let's us use their meeting room each month at no cost. Not only does this save the club a substantial amount of money each year, but it is an ideal place to meet with lots of room for our show and tell displays. Let's show the Villa residents how much we appreciate their support by making this year's program the best ever by having a strong turnout of members and planes. In addition, it's a great way to show off your latest project.

Please make note of this important calendar item. **We are voluntarily closing the field on Saturday, September 24th.** This is the date of a high school track meet at the Deer Grove Forest Preserve. There will be about 3,000 track and field participants and their coaches at the park that day. In prior years when this event occurred, we have had runners crossing the runway and standing too close to the arrows. They aren't aware of the flying field and the potential dangers of getting too close. Due to the large number of people so close to the field, Dennis Brumley, Safety Chairman and I have agreed the safest (and smartest) thing to do is to close the field.

I ask each of you to honor this request. We have an excellent safety record at the field and intend to keep it that way. In the spirit of being responsible AMA members and good neighbors please don't fly at Deer Grove on September 24th. An accident or even a close call is not worth it.

Fly safe and have fun,

Jim

Next Fun Fly: Pylon Race - September 18th, 2005

Our fifth Fun-Fly of 2005, **Limbo**, was on August 14 at the picnic. See page 6 for pictures.

Our next event will be **September 18th**. The event will be a **Pylon Race**. Two pylons 20 feet high will be located on the field 400 feet apart. There will be a pylon judge with a flag to indicate any planes that cut short of the pylon. Each pylon cut short is a one lap penalty. Each racer will have a lap counter-spotter. Two to four contestants will fly at a time, depending on the level of participation. A race will consist of 10 laps; each contestant's race will be timed.

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

September

Thomas L. Jetson 9/22
Alexander Gutierrez 9/28
Cas Dabrowski 9/30

October

Tim Niemiec 10/3
Ravi Sarvepalli 10/4
Duane R. Lang 10/7
Yohay Hahamy 10/11
Clay Smith 10/18

GROUND CREW

Ardie Arnold
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Larry Bochenko
Gene Derbick
Jim Keehan
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Basic
Duane Lang

INSTRUCTORS

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Kurt Schmitt
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Jim Speers
Frank Stillson
Don Wolfe

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Unlimited

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Ron Petterec
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MEETING MINUTES

by Eugene Kislenko, Secretary

Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
August Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: August 15, 2005

Secretary: Eugene Kislenko



Jim Janiak called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Jim welcomed new member Josh Short.

Monthly Fly-in

Tonight's program was presented by our own **Eugene Kislenko**. He shared with The Club Information about the latest computer dangers – viruses, spams, hoaxes and others.

He also shared some insights as to how to protect your computer from these unwelcome guests.

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 financially strong. The Operating Fund as of the beginning of the meeting is \$6,791.01. However, this number is before deduction of the expenses for the Picnic. Estimate is about \$1,600. We are very grateful to the Jewel food store which agreed to take back about \$130 worth of unused food. Final accounting will be available by the next meeting. For those who are interested, you can see 3 years of complete Treasurer's reports online on the BlueMax web site.

Fun-Fly. Bob Davit and **Don Linder**. As we all know the Fun-Fly this month was a Limbo contest at the picnic! It was lots of fun for everyone, including all "voluntary kamikazes"! Yohay Hahamy won the actual contest.

And the winner of best crash by the noisy (sorry Frank!) vote of the crowd was Dennis Brumley!

Next Fun Fly is scheduled to be on September 18th. Check the web site for more details.

Noise Control. The worst offense of the month was the crowd voting for the first place Fun Fly winner at the picnic.

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

Dennis Brumley, Safety Director, has not noted any significant safety issues, except some dangerous flying at the field by helicopter guys. Just watch for these guys. Sometimes they are flying too close to safety net.

Also, remember – your frequency **MUST** be displayed on the transmitter.

Our ground crew should pay special attention to checking radios, especially older models.

The **Picnic** was a GREAT BLAST!!! Everybody had so much fun! Big kids enjoyed the limbo contest and little kids enjoyed the foam model toss. And everybody enjoyed great food. Thanks to our great cooks, and thanks everyone for excellent participation and support.

An emotional moment of the day was the opening of the memorial pin in memory of **Al Rychlik**.

Proficiency. Ron Petterec noted good improvements in proficiency among club members.

Dan Deitemeyer (shown left)– progressed to Advanced level

Platon Kosmaoglou – is now an Intermediate pilot





Adam Walters and Jenny Kimball (at right)– passed Solo test

Webmaster. It was proposed to have an introduction to web logon to be published in the newsletter. In addition, it was proposed to have a “New Members” section.

New on the radar

The motion was made for the club to buy AMA stickers for the planes. Date to remember – September 25th – the Static Air Show.

Old business

We are still on the lookout for a buddy box and a cable.

Unhappy Landings

Rudy damaged his Stinger 140. His engine died and the plane came in a little too steeply. The firewall with the engine attached came out because the long pipes of the Pitts style muffler hit the ground.

Jim Keehan crashed his electric Tiger 3. Possible problem – overheated electronics.

Duane’s helicopter lost a rotor and hit the ground.

New on the runway:

Joe Keehan with the Twist he won last summer in raffle.

Jenny Kimball showed her scratch built electric.



Chuck Poviliatis showed a little C-ZKA electric. The plane weights only about 16 Oz, but it is very nice flier. It is built with balsa and powered by a C-8 engine. This Kyosho Calmato shown by **Chuck Giese** has 4 stroke power.





Carl Will showed a very nice Laser 200 powered by gas Mustang 50 engine.



Top Gun:

Jenny Kimball won this month's raffle prize – an electric Mustang P51D.

Pilot's Briefing:



Eugene Kislenko has over 20 years of experience working in the computer industry. Within the last couple of years he and his company turned their attention to helping individuals and businesses to fight the latest computer threats – viruses, spyware, adware and other problems.

Unfortunately today you can not be too careful when working on your computer. The best advice is to exercise caution every time you are dealing with pieces of software, especially e-mail from unknown sources.

One should never forget anti-spyware and antivirus software. AND, do not forget to update it on a regular basis as new viruses (or clones of the old ones) gets released "in the wild" almost every week. It is a known fact that today there are over 300,000 sites on the internet where you can get unwelcome pieces of software, which may affect everything you do on your computer.

Try to educate yourself and others around you. If you suspect something bad already happened to your computer you should seek professional help ASAP.

Limbo - 2005 pictures by Mike McGee



Dennis won the prize for the best crash. **Yohay** won for most points after a rock-paper-scissors tie breaker.

2005 Picnic Report – by Jim Janiak - pictures by Mike McGee

The 2005 Blue Max picnic was held on August 14th. Although threatening weather preceded the event, Ron Petterec, Weather Chairman, came through once again with perfect weather. Approximately 120 members and friends attended the picnic and were treated to some of the best outdoor cooking courtesy of Chuck Poviliatis, Ken Grandt, Romeo Bachano and Ardie Arnold. Jim and Jodie Speers ran a shuttle service from Jewel to the field delivering the food early that morning.

We had an impressive ground crew of Ed and Kyle Der, Steve Haas, Joe Keenan, Jim Keenan, Dennis Brumley, and Bob Davit helping set up all the grills, canopy, moon walk and sound system. Tim Niemiec was our equipment coordinator supplying us with a sound system and generator.

Bob Davit and Tim did an excellent job running the Limbo contest. Bob's selection of high-end prizes motivated the limbo pilots to push their abilities to the limit. Spouses also took home some prizes in the spouse raffle. Prizes included gift certificates to Lettuce Entertain U restaurants or Barnes and Noble Book Stores.

Youngsters had a great time in the glider toss. Everyone had the chance to assemble and color a 24" foam glider and then see who could make it fly the farthest.

We also remembered Al Rychlik, who passed away earlier this summer. His wife Anne and other family members were in attendance. A frequency pin in Al's honor is being made and will be displayed on the impound stand.

The picnic air show included regulars Brian Johnson and Tim Niemiec, but also included Jenny Kimball, one of our youngest members who put on an impressive show with her electric plane.

Jim Keenan kept us informed as the official picnic Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to everyone who helped before, during and after the picnic. Your efforts help make this another successful and fun-filled family event.

Chuck and Ken, two of our expert grillers.



Everyone enjoyed the food.

No shy people here. The food was great.



There was an air show to watch while we ate.



Three contestants in the glider toss.



The pits were full of airplanes



More airplanes



The winning Limbo Crash entry



BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 2X

T-Shirts \$10

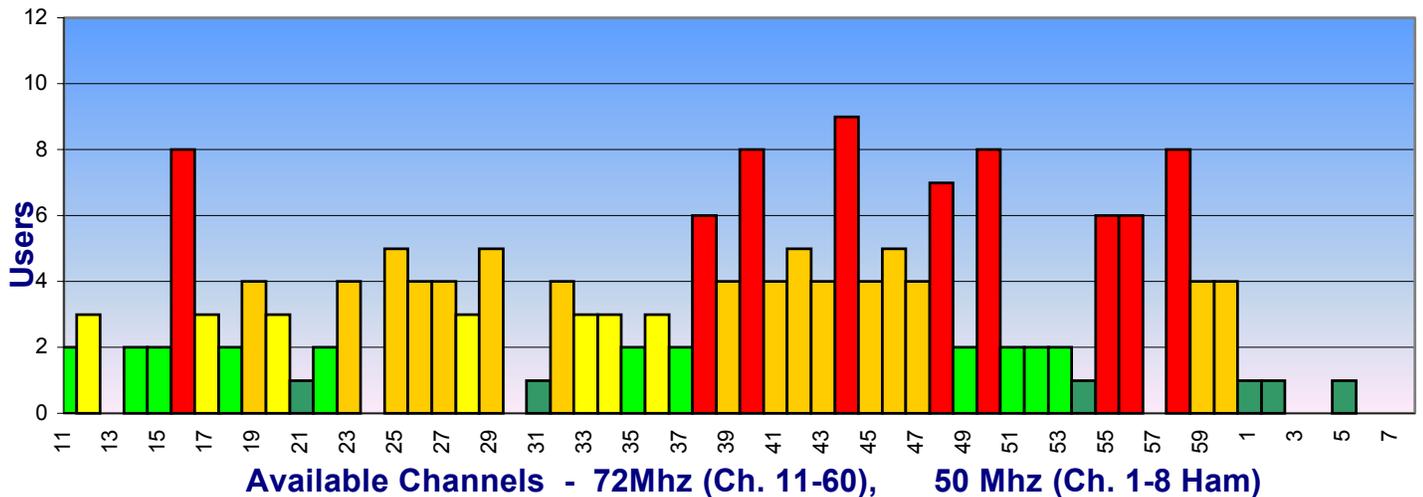
Available next Spring



Be as cool as these two wild and crazy flyers.
 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) 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
September – November 2005**

Sept 2005

- 18) Fun Fly**
- 19) Monthly Meeting**
- 24) Track meet at Deer Grove – “No Fly”**
- 25) Villa Air Show**

October 2005

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

November 2005

- 21) Monthly Meeting**
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