



Blue Max Aces

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**Fun-Fly August,
Limbo.**



**Next meeting Aug. 21.
Program: Q & A**



**Caps and Sweatshirts
are now available.
See Ray Zinkowski.**

From The Hot Seat

by Tim Niemiec, President

Man oh man has it been hot the last few days. I have no idea whether any of you have attempted to fly in this 100° weather or not, but I said no way. I spent my time on the water enjoying a cool beverage. As I write this, we are a few days away from the picnic and all looks good. The weather should be nice, the permit and insurance are in order, we have some nice raffle prizes, and the food is ordered. I am trying to get a plane finished for the limbo



contest; it is always fun to participate in. I hope to see you all there!

On another note, I have recently been asked quite a few questions about our instructor program. And would like to break it down and explain the basics of each instructor type. First we have the Ground crew. These are the guys who can take a look at a new or rebuilt plane and check it for airworthiness. They check for servo setup/ reversing and binding, landing gear, control surfaces for glue and throws, pushrods, etc. These people also can help break in a motor or help tune it. After your plane passes the ground check, a primary instructor will take your plane up for a maiden flight and trim the plane. This means that the plane will be set for straight and level flight at or near 1/2 throttle. When the instructor lands the plane do not re-center your trims on the radio!! (If you do, the trim flight will have to be completed again, and sometimes if the next pilot isn't as experienced as the primary instructor and he doesn't know the plane isn't trimmed the plane may crash.) The plane will normally be rechecked after 1-2 flights to make sure servos/ pushrods/ engine/ etc. are tight. Now you can start to learn to fly with a Basic instructor. These guys will takeoff and land for you and let you fly the basic pattern until you get proficient at basic flying and should offer some "ground school" e.g. starting and refueling the plane, servo adjustments, and basic upkeep on the plane. Once you are ready to start learning how to takeoff and land you will be

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Joe Keehan

handed off to a Primary instructor. These pilots have demonstrated that they have quick fingers and can regain control of the plane at low altitudes. This is important when landing and taking off. I can't remember how many planes I have saved when the student is making his final turn on a landing approach and gets the plane inverted. The primary instructors can also teach/ test for intermediate pilots. When you are ready to move up to advanced or sport, you will be taught by an unlimited instructor. The Unlimited instructors can maiden aerobatic and multi engine planes as well as test and instruct for the advanced and sport levels.

I hope you have a better understanding of the program and how it is modeled. One thing to keep in mind though, every instructor flies differently. One guy might let you practice loops and let you get into trouble way lower than another guy. Maybe you are real close to getting your solo and you fly with a different instructor one day. He may not be as lenient on the first few flights as the guy you are used to flying with. Please don't take offense to this; each instructor has one thing on his mind. That is to let you fly, but get your plane back without incident. Don't mistake someone being cautious for someone not letting you fly. We are all there to have a great time and fly. See you at the field!!

Tim

Safety — *Carl Will*

Well fellow flyer's, the season is almost finished and we have done extremely well as far as safety goes. No hit and run accidents reported!! First of all I would like to say that the Blue Max picnic was very nice and thanks for having extra Brats, my wife really liked that!

As far as the weather man says, temps will be starting to drop soon BUT please continue to keep yourselves hydrated while at the field and you might as well do it at home too! While the temps are starting to drop the wind will start picking up so your flying skills will really be tested.

Always check your equipment while in the pit and once you get your plane on the field for take off, double check it again because things can and do happen so for safety sake, double check please. Make sure your frequency channel is put up so others will know that your frequency is being used at that time.

A suggestion here for people who have trainers, it is best to use 3 inch wheels and use an aluminum spinner because a lot of times when you start your engine, your spinner or prop comes flying off. I know a lot of trainers come with plastic spinners but the plastic spinners is whats causing the props to fly off. And someone could get hurt really bad by this.

When you go solo and you go from a trainer to a low wing, make sure you have a spotter beside you because it's a whole complete ballgame and we want to prevent as many crashes as we can.

Whoever has computer radios make sure you put expo on it, 20 or 30% because this will help on your landing, I have noticed some people with computers when landing, they are wing tipping and with the expo it will help that a lot. If you have any questions about this, ask any instructor about it.

All in all we have had a really safe flying season this year, lets keep it that way.

HAPPY FLYING & SEE YA AT THE FIELD, *Carl Will*

INDOOR FLYERS - Next Fall the Indoor Flying Group will be arranging for 10 flying sessions in the Forest View Field House on Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting September 22, 2005. The cost for the 10 sessions will be \$44. If you are interested or want more information write to **Mike McGee** at irishmist430@yahoo.com.

MEETING MINUTES

by Eugene Kislenko, Secretary



**Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
July Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date: July 17, 2006
Secretary: Eugene Kislenko

Tim Niemiec called meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Monthly Fly-In

The program was exciting and informative. **Yohay Hahamy** showed a video and talked about his experience in aerial dog fighting.

Around the Hangar

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

Treasurer's report: **Duane Lang** said our expenditures were running ahead of our income by about \$1400. The discussion led to the conclusion that the club funded a greater proportion of the winter banquet that was expected. The free raffles at the picnic and the banquet will be cut back. It was suggested that the raffle at the banquet could be eliminated.

Picnic: The picnic is scheduled for August 5th. **Bob Davit** says that insurance is okay. He will get the necessary permits. The picnic committee is looking again for everybody's help. Please donate anything you can for raffle prizes.

Fun Fly – The third fun-fly of the year was held on July 16. There were seven participants on this hot day. This fun fly was Touch and Go with maneuvers. The participants spun a pointer to select maneuvers from their proficiency level. Results are:

Sport	Intermediate	Solo
1. Ron Petterec	1. Bill Latoria	1. Pete Sidor
2. Don Linder		2. Matt Hauser
3. Paul Barsamian		
4. Frank Stillson		



Don Pete Bill Ron Matt Frank

The next fun fly is scheduled for August 5 at the picnic. It will be Limbo.

Noise Control: Frank measured noise levels of the planes at the fun-fly. The noise levels ranged from 88dB to 92 dB. These are all pretty good numbers.

Refreshments were brought by **Carl Will**.

Safety chairman – Carl Will talked about transmitter safety and protocol. Be sure to turn off your transmitter when you are done flying and put your transmitter on the impound shelf. Find out who else is on your channel each day and then share and be careful not to have two transmitters on the same channel at the same time.

Web Master – Peter Sidor: The new site is pretty well done except for pictures. Give the webmaster feedback on how you like it or offer suggestions for changes. You must register to post on the message boards.



Paul



Ron Petterec – the Proficiency chairman, awarded the Solo Pilot certificate to **Dan Elekman**.



Bill Latoria passed both Solo and Intermediate Pilot tests.

Old Business

The merchandise with the club logos is still available. Everyone should proudly show The Club colors!

Unhappy Landings

Tim Niemiec had a brand new Hangar 9 Ultra Stick 60 crash on his second flight due to complete loss of radio control. The reason has not been determined.

Ron Petterec and Barry Schilling were doing simultaneous spins and pulled out at the same time, unfortunately heading directly toward each other. The mid air collision completely ruined Ron's Ace 460 biplane, while Barry was able to land his damaged Somethin' Extra.

Adam Walter took off in his Nexstar with the radio programmed to the wrong model. He lost control and broke the fuselage.

Duane Lang was flying vertically down in his Hangar 9 P-47, using about 1/3 throttle. This produced too much speed; the stab fluttered and then broke, which prevented Duane from pulling out of the dive.

New on the Runway

No new airplanes were shown.

Top Gun

Kurt Schmitt won the raffle, a \$150 gift card to Venture Hobbies.

Pilot's Briefing

Yohay "Ouzo" Hahamy talked about and showed video of his air combat experience in down-state Illinois. He took air combat training lessons provided by Air Combat USA. This is the same organization that was featured on one episode of the TV show "The Apprentice".

Flying from Kankakee in the SIAI Marchetti SF260 with the instructor pilot "**Pigmy**", "**Ouzo**" Hahamy tried the basic yo-yo maneuver used to get onto the opponents tail, and then participated in 6 dog fights, winning 3.





The Marchetti is a current production, Italian-built, fighter aircraft. It has 260 horsepower, can fly at 270 MPH, is FAA certified to +6 to -3 G's, and can

perform unlimited aerobatics. It was originally designed to transition student pilots to jet fighters. It is maneuvered by the stick grip complete with gun trigger, identical to the F4 Phantom. The pilot and guest-pilot sit side-by-side with dual controls. The Marchetti is used by dozens of Air Forces worldwide. Air Combat USA owns and operates a fleet of SIAI Marchetti aircraft nationwide.



During the flight, a cockpit camera video recorded Pigmy and Ouzo flying side-by-side. While in the dog fights a second camera recorded the gun sight. The enemy bogey leaves a smoke trail after it is hit by your guns. During the dog fights, Ouzo's body experienced forces up to 5 1/2 G's. In his sixth dog fight of the day, Ouzo exceeded the fighter's performance envelope and aircraft buffeting occurred.

Yohay said the entire experience was very exhausting, but like nothing else you will ever do.

Program — Jim Keehan

The Program for August will be something that we have not done for a few years, but has been well received in the past at this time of year.

The new flyers have gotten the hang of things and may even have plans for new planes next year. However, there are always questions that we have, but never seem to ask. Even those that have been flying for a few years have things that they are not sure of, but never seem to get good answers to.

Well here is your chance to get the answers to these questions from the "experts." We have a lot of Club members that have asked the same questions that you have. Therefore, this month's Program will be a Question and Answer session. Write down your questions and bring them with you to the meeting. Don't worry. No questions are too trivial, and there is no penalty for asking too many questions.

We have a lot of experience and knowledge in this Club. Remember that the purpose of the Club is to have FUN. We want to help you have FUN and will be happy to answer any of your R/C questions.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

August

Jeffrey Schulman	8/26
Steve Haas	8/27
Todd Vazquez	8/31

September

Ronald J. Petterec	9/5
Joe Keehan	9/14
Shawn Meadows	9/14
Ardie Arnold	9/17

Fun-Fly — Pete Sidor

The August Fun-Fly was held on **Saturday, August 5** at the picnic. The event was Limbo. The winner was Steve Haas. You can see pictures on the web at <http://www.bluemaxrc.com/funflys.asp>

The September Fun-Fly will be Sunday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. The event will be the Las Vegas Crap Shoot.

1. You have your plane ready, but not running.
2. Time starts when you pick up the dice.
3. You must roll a double, then start your plane, place it behind the line, take off, do a loop and a roll, land.
4. Taxi back across the line, pick up the dice and roll a 7 or 11. Time stops. Quickest time wins.

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 may be checked.

Picnic

Jim Janiak and **Bob Davit**, your picnic committee did their usual excellent job. Our friendly forest preserve authorities were prompt to check permits before the tent and grills were set up. Too bad they aren't as diligent about cutting the grass. Many thanks to all who helped set up, run events, and clean up.



The Bluemax picnic on Saturday, August 5 was attended by over 100 people. The events included a parachute drop, kid's glider toss, the limbo fun-fly, lots of flying, raffles for the members and for spouses, and plenty of great food.

We are especially grateful to **Ken Grant**, **Jason Derbick**, and **Gene Derbick** who did the cooking of hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats. Potato salad, chips, cole slaw, cookies, pie, and barrels of soft drinks complemented the main course, and fully satisfied all.

Raffle prizes included 2 planes, Venture Hobbies gift certificates, fuel, and several items from Dave Eden's legacy. The spouse raffle featured gift cards from Lettuce Entertain You.

The August fun-fly, airplane limbo, was contested by **Tim Niemiec**, **Steve Haas**, and **Dennis Brumley**. Steve was the winner of a new airplane kit, clearly showing his superior skill in the event.



Several big impressive planes were flown like this Edge 540 by the Ed and Kyle Der team.



BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 2X

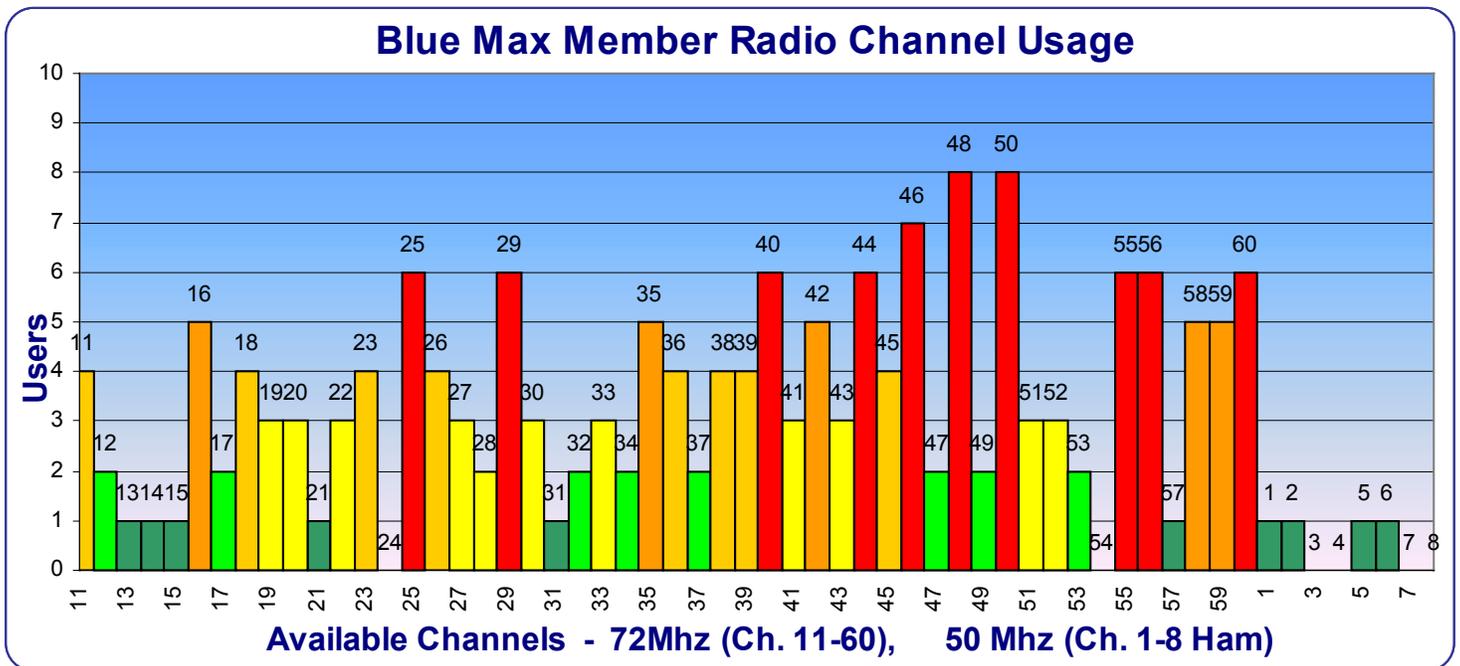
T-Shirts \$10

Available Now!



Show your Club Pride at the field!
 Wear your Blue Max caps, T-shirts, and sweatshirts.
 Caps and sweatshirts are now in stock and available at the meetings.
 See Ray Zinkowski.

FREQUENCY CHART



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.

**Blue Max R/C Flying Club
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Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
August 2006 – October 2006**

August 2006

- 5) Picnic & Fun-Fly on Saturday**
- 21) Monthly Meeting - 7:30p.m.**

September 2006

- 17) Fun-fly - 10:00 a.m. on Sunday**
- 18) Monthly Meeting - 7:30p.m.**

October 2006

- 15) Fun-fly - 10:00 a.m. on Sunday**
 - 16) Monthly Meeting - 7:30p.m.**
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