



Blue Max Aces

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Jan program:
Glen Zurawski on
electrics.

Banquet: Jan 28th.
Call Mike McGee
about bringing a
plane for display.



Caps and Sweatshirts
are now available.
See Tim Neimeic.



Jim's Jabber

by Jim Janiak, President

I would like to wish everyone a great 2006. Let's make this a great year for the club and flying. We have all the talent and resources we need to make this year one of the Club's best.



I believe last year was a good year for Blue Max. We started off the year with the Annual Banquet – good food, entertainment and Jim Speers' awesome Blue Max Year in Review Video. We all stretched our flying skills with some exciting fun fly contests. I think everyone had a great time at the picnic, and the limbo content proved as

challenging as ever. At least this year we awarded prizes for the most spectacular crash! We didn't let rain keep us from another Addolorata Villa Static Show.

This year we lost two long-time club members and friends – Al Rychlik and Dave Eden. Both will be deeply missed.

Don't forget about this year's banquet. It will be on January 28th at the Arboretum Club. Cocktails start at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. It promises to be a great way to start off the new year. If you haven't sent in your reservation, please do so by the next meeting on the 16th.

We completed the elections for Vice President last month. Tim Niemiec was re-elected and will join board members Ardie Arnold, Steve Haas, Pete Sidor, and Yohay Hahamy as your elected club officers for the year. Be sure to contact any of us with your ideas and suggestions.

Tim and I will be working with the board to set our direction for 2006. If you have any suggestions or ideas, let us know. We are also working to fill the various committee chairmen positions for the club. If you are interested in helping the club out by volunteering, and we have not contacted you yet, please give me a call.

Best wishes for a fantastic 2006, and remember, fly safe and have fun!

Jim

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Jim Janiak

Vice President

Tim Niemiec

Editor

Don Linder

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Ardie Arnold

Steve Haas

Yohay Hahamy

Pete Sidor

Secretary

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Treasurer

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Webmaster

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COMMITTEES

Banquet

Mike McGee

Jim Keehan

Eugene Kislenco

Field Marshal

Pete Sidor

Yohay Hahamy

Flying Proficiency

Tim Niemiec

Ron Pettec

Fun-Fly

Bob Davit

Ground Crew

Dennis Brumley

Noise

Frank Stillson

Picnic

Jim Janiak

Program

Rudy Krolopp

Safety

Dennis Brumley

Banquet Committee – Mike McGee

Don't forget the winter banquet will be on Saturday, January 28th at the Arboretum Club, 401 Half Day Road in Buffalo Grove. Cocktails start at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. We hope you are planning on attending. Here are a few reminders about this event:

1. Return your invitation no later than the next meeting (January 16th) or you can mail it to the club PO Box so that we get it by the 16th. Be sure to make your dinner selection.
2. If you are bringing a plane to show, call Mike McGee @ 847/496-4530 so we have a count and for instructions. This year's theme is "Your Favorite Plane".
3. If you have any items that can be used for door prizes, please call Mike McGee and bring to the next meeting.

Flying Proficiency – Ron Petterec

Ron sends his greetings from sunny Scottsdale, where it is always 76 degrees and no wind. "Just tell everyone to practice on a simulator if they have one till I get back." Our club has a great tradition of helping people to get started in the hobby, with building tips, checking out new airplanes, and pilot training. Our web site at Bluemaxrc.com has lots of good information for beginners and some of it should be reviewed by the more experienced flyers from time to time.

Basic Flying Field Procedures: This section contains some of the basic safety and courtesy procedures used at the Deer Grove Flying Field.

Beginner Basics - Beginners Guide to R/C Flight: This section by Howard Sullivan is an excellent overview of R/C Flight. Contains many diagrams and images, very comprehensive.

Learning to Build Model Airplanes:

Beginner's Corner: This section by Scott Christensen goes into your first lessons as a new R/C Student.

Beginner Tip's & Hint's: This section contains some of the hints & tips that will make your R/C experience much more enjoyable. These are some items that have been learned through years of experience.

Radio Installation Guide: Helps with getting your radio installed correctly.

Daily Aircraft Check: This section covers the daily safety checks that should be performed on you aircraft before each flying day.

Aircraft First Flight Checklist (PDF Format) All members who build a new airplane (kit or ARF) should be sure all items on this checklist are satisfactory before bringing the airplane to the field.

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 Gibisch
Steve Haas
Yohay Hahamy
Duane Lang
Don Linder
Kurt Schmitt
Clay Smith
Jim Speers
Frank Stillson
Carl Will
Don Wolfe

INSTRUCTORS

Unlimited
Tim Niemiec
Ron Petterec
Bob Tomasulo

In Memoriam

Dave "John David" Eden, 84, of Des Plaines for 55 years. Born Dec. 9, 1921, in Chicago, he died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005. Mr. Eden was a World War II veteran, having served as a pilot in the Army Air Force. He was a member of AMA, Golden Age Aircraft Club and GAS Modeling Club. He was the husband of the late Janet T. Eden (nee Thompsen); father of Jill Eden, Polly (Kurt) Jensen and John F. (Lauren) Eden; grandfather of Kim, David, Amanda and John-John; and great-grandfather of Camilla, Kevin and Aidan. He was close to his neighbors and flying buddies and also leaves his faithful companion dog, "Pearl."

I have been in this hobby less than four years. At first I knew only about two people, then spending more time at the field and continuing going to club meetings, I got to know more of the regulars who come out to fly. It was easy to know when Dave was at the field because Pearl would always be there too. Most people would say "Hello" to Pearl before greeting Dave.

My acquaintance with Dave was pretty casual until I got interested in building the DC-3. The kit that I built had been a gift to Dave by his late wife several years ago. He didn't think he would be able to build it, so I bought it from him and started in. He also said, almost offhand, that he intended to make it a C-47 because he flew them in World War II. That started a whole other phase of scale modeling. I had learned years ago when I was doing scale model rockets that it is important to have good documentation of your scale model and that, if possible, you should model a particular unit, not just the generic type.

So, every time Dave came to field during the spring and summer of 2005, I would ask him questions about his airplane. Then I shifted into asking him about the flying, how he got started, where he did his training, where he was stationed, what the missions were like. It was very interesting and it gave me a completely new perspective on a period of time when I was too young to be aware.

Eventually, the C-47 model, named **Lamb Chop** in honor of his late wife, was completed and flown at the field in mid August. Dave and Pearl were there to see it.

Dave was already past 80 when I first knew him. His health was not good and was in a gradual decline. But he was always cheerful and really enjoyed coming out to the field and flying. He got a lot out of this last summer, even if he could only make one flight each time out. People would help him unload his car, get set up in the pit, and help him get the plane out to the flight line. Nobody had to help him fly. That he could do all by himself and pretty well. His eyesight was good and his thumbs still knew the controls.

It was an honor to know him and I treasure the experience. He and the hundreds of thousands more who have served this country deserve our respect, our thanks, and to be remembered.



MEETING MINUTES

by Eugene Kislenko, Secretary



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

Meeting Date: December 19, 2005

Secretary: Eugene Kislenko

Jim Janiak called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Monthly Fly-in

Tonight's program was presented by **Paul Barsamian**. Paul presented to The Club his computerized machine for carving and cutting complex shapes in most any kind of material we are using in our hobby – from balsa to aluminum.

Around the Hangar

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

Treasurer's report. **Dan Deitemeyer** informed The Club that as of the meeting we have \$2,600 on the account, yet new membership renewal and banquet money are already flowing in.

Fun Fly – soon! Just a couple of months left. Hang on there!

Noise Control. **Frank** had no problems with noise.

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

Dennis Brumley, Safety Director, has not reported any serious issues. Dennis gave some more advice for building. He suggested not building planes in the cold!

Proficiency. **Ron Petterec** again sends his warm wishes from sunny Arizona!

Webmaster. No new updates.

Banquet. The Banquet is scheduled for January 28th. Please respond to the invitations ASAP. Also, if you are planning to show your planes at the banquet please plan to be there no later than 5:00 PM.



Rudy suggested for The Club to select a new **Program Chairman**. Everybody has a month to think about this.

Old business

Hats and sweat shirts are available. Do not hesitate showing our Club colors!!!

Unhappy Landings

It looks like **Chuck Giese** is on his way trying to establish a Club Record for the number of crashes in the same day! Chuck managed to crash three of his planes in one day. And the only reason there weren't more is because Chuck did realized that crash number four will leave him "without a wings" for some time.

New on the runway:

Pete Sidor proudly showed his Mustang, recovered for better visibility. In it is a Tracker III radio from Polk Hobbies. Pete noted high quality workmanship of this radio and he has put it into all his models.

Top Guns:



Mike McGee won the Tiger Moth 30.



Mickey Cohen won the Tensor 40

Elections results

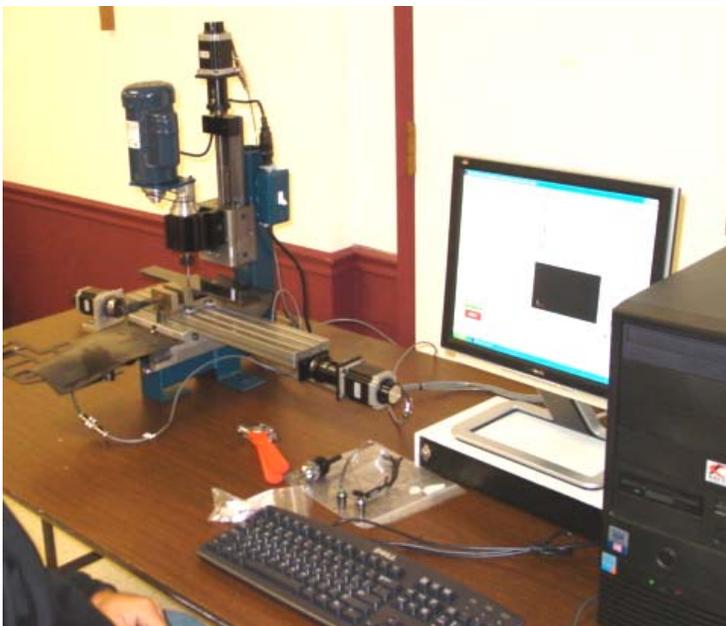
As you all know we decided to hold additional elections for the Club VP because of the mistake in the ballots. According to the elections our VP is **Tim Niemiec**. Congratulations Tim!

Pilot's Briefing:



Paul Barsamian presented his computerized carving and cutting tool. The tool is quite expensive and comes with three or four controlling motors, which allows moving the carving bits in all directions. Paul demonstrated basic steps of preparing and programming the tool in order to

create complex cuts in the material. In conclusion of the presentation Paul set the tool for creating a quite complex shaped detail for his new helicopter.



Indoor Flying

by Tim Niemiec

Winter has arrived even though it's been raining lately, and the Buffalo Grove dome is open. Electric planes are a great way to spend the winter and you have to give it a try. I recently purchased an E-flight Blade CP helicopter after trying out Bob Davit's. Let me tell you that it is fun and fairly cheap to fly. Planes are as cheap as \$20 through Cox and go up from there. You can even build your own planes from fan fold foam siding available at home supply stores. Many plans are available online. There is no need to spend lots of money on a brushless setup if you want to test out electric planes. Many fly great with the can motors they come with. If you desire more performance out of your plane you can always upgrade to a brushless setup. See the folks at Venture for info on electric planes and helicopters, I promise you wont be disappointed.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

January

William Baumann	1/22
Larry Feit	1/28
Dan Deitemeyer	1/29
Jenny Kimball	1/31
John Wooden	1/31

February

Michael Kislenko	2/4
Adam Walter	2/5
Paul Barsamian	2/7
Steven Kislenko	2/7
Edward Popiolek	2/11

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 2X

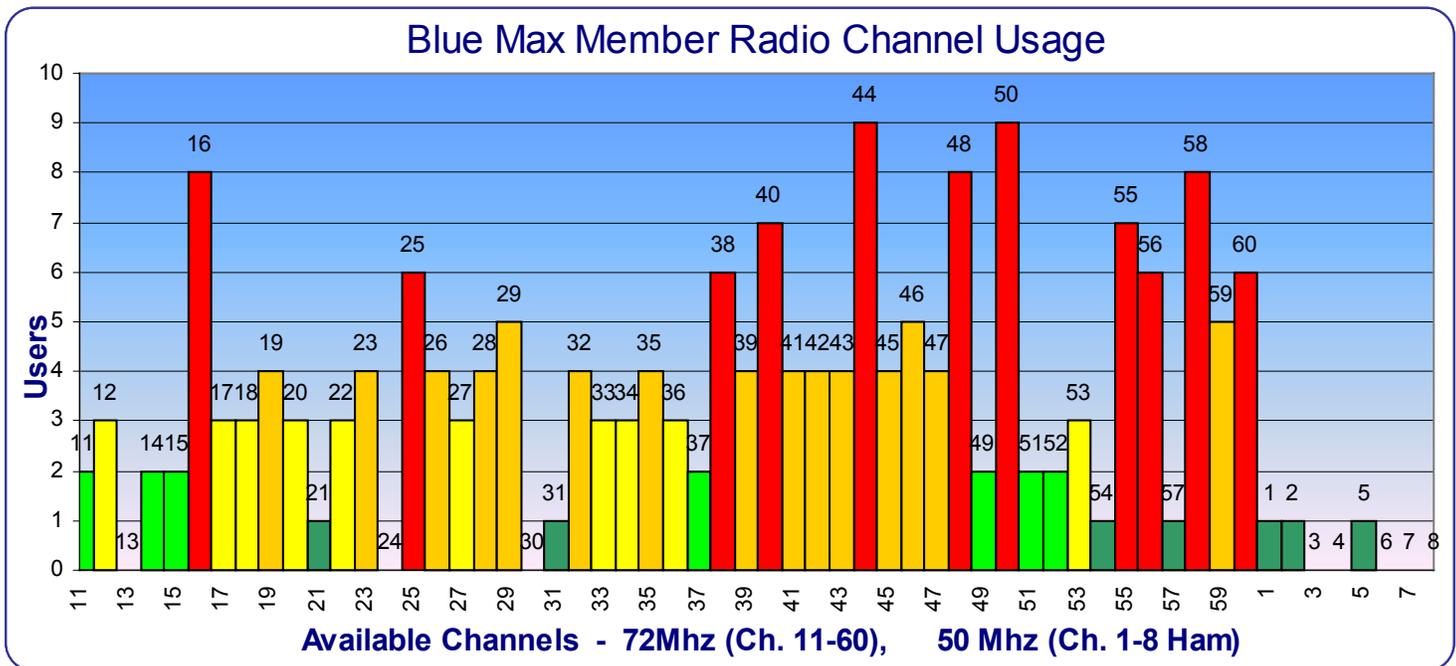
T-Shirts \$10

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



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
AMA # 1040
www.BlueMaxRC.com**

Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
January 2006 – March 2006**

January 2006

- 16) Monthly Meeting**
- 28) Banquet**

February 2006

- 20) Monthly Meeting**

March 2006

- 20) Monthly Meeting**
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