



# Blue Max Aces

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**Fun-Fly June 17,  
Parachute Drop.**

**Next meeting June 19.  
Program: Joe Boyd**



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



## From The Hot Seat

by Tim Niemiec, President

**W**e have finally made it to June! As I write this, the weatherman is calling for mid 70's and light and variable winds. What more can you ask for? We



have the club family picnic coming up on Saturday, August 5th. If you have something you would like to donate for the picnic raffle, please contact **Jim Janiak** or **Bob Davit**. For the raffle at the June meeting we have the last of the Toledo purchased planes. It is a .60 sized fun-fly plane called the Stickit V. This plane is similar to a large Somethin' Extra with a carbon tail boom and absolutely huge control surfaces. The landing gear is a bit weird, one wheel, but can be modified to a standard tail dragger with new gear. We will be auctioning off 2 of these kits. Pictured below is the .40 version.

Well, the weather is too nice to sit here and write any more.



I'm heading out to the field! See you there!

*Tim*

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## Safety — Carl Will

This is about safety at the field, not just flying safety but all-around safety.

The weather conditions lately have been up and down, some nice days, some hot and humid days. I feel it's very important to stay hydrated while we are at the field.

Recently we had one person pass out at the field. That is my reason for writing this. If we do not keep ourselves hydrated properly, we are setting ourselves up for passing out or a heat stroke. We need to try to avoid this situation. My wife does this for me by putting a jug half full of water in the freezer the night before I go flying. I think everyone should bring something to drink while they are flying.

Another concern I have is that there have been a number of kids that are running around in the pit area. This can be dangerous. We do have benches for spectators to sit and watch. I feel we need to put some kind of notice up asking parents to keep their kids under their supervision at all times.

Also, when starting your airplanes, I have seen several people just reach over the prop to remove the glo-starter. This is very dangerous and can end up in someone getting cut pretty badly. PLEASE walk around your plane to remove the glo-starter. I don't want to see anyone going to the hospital for something that could have been prevented.

If we ALL work together, we can have a fun and accident free flying season. SAFETY is EVERYONE'S responsibility. If you see something unsafe, correct it or point it out to me and I will do my best to correct it.

Thank you and happy flying!

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## Fun-Fly — Pete Sidor

The May Fun-Fly was cancelled due to weather. The Fun-Fly for **June** will be held on **Saturday, June 17** at 10:00 a.m. Please note this is a change from previous years when fun-flies were on Sunday.

The June Fun-Fly is a **Parachute Drop**. A cup will be strapped to your plane with rubber bands. A number of jumpers (probably 4) will be loaded into the cup. Your plane will takeoff and then drop the parachutes to land in a target area. Extra points will be awarded for takeoff and landing in the circle. You may use your own improvised drop system if you have one.

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.

The Fun-Fly for **July** will be **Touch-and-Go** with maneuvers. To avoid a conflict with the G.A.S. Club picnic, our **July Fun-Fly** will be on **Sunday, July 16**.

## Indoor Flying — Mike McGee

**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](mailto:irishmist430@yahoo.com).

# MEETING MINUTES

by Eugene Kislenko, Secretary



Blue MAX R/C Flying Club  
 May Meeting Notes  
 Meeting Date: May 15, 2006  
 Secretary: Eugene Kislenko

**Ray Zinkowski** called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

## Monthly Fly-In

The program was a continuation of the batteries maintenance program offered by **Chuck Poviliatis**. Chuck explained to The Club in more detail all aspects of working with different types of chargers.

## Around the Hangar

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

Treasurer's report. **Duane Lang** informed The Club that as of the meeting we have about \$5,226 in the account not including any inflows from this month's membership dues and raffle ticket sales.

**Fun-Fly** – this time weather was not cooperating. It is probably because of the return of our weather chairman – **Ron Petterec** back from Arizona. Welcome back Ron!

The make-up fun-fly is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be touch and go with maneuvers. (rescheduled for July -Ed.)

Don't forget that this year's fun-fly's "Big Prize" will be determined by the cumulative score from all fun-flies. Because of this your participation in EVERY fun-fly is important!

Next month the fun-fly will be parachute drop.

**Noise Control.** **Frank** had not too many comments this time.

**Refreshments** for this meeting were brought by **Carl Will**. Thank you again.

**Picnic.** The picnic committee is asking everybody's help. Please donate anything you can for prizes.

**Web Master** – **Pete Sidor Jr.** was present at the meeting. He discussed development of the new site and shared with us some of his ideas. As always, our web master will be very thankful for any help and support he can get.

## New on the Radar

If you are interested in seeing the new web site visit it at the following address:

<http://www.bluemaxrc.com/index2.html>

Another point was made about some electric flyers at the field, flying before 9 AM. Next time if you see guys doing this please remind them about the rules of flying, which are applicable for all fliers, regardless how "quiet" you think your plane is.

## Old Business

**Don Linder** is looking for your support for the newsletter. We know that everyone has something to say. Please use the newsletter for this.

## Taking off Higher

**Ron Petterec** announced the Solo Pilot certificate for **Bill Latoria** who was not at the meeting. Ron noted that Bill is progressing quickly and others should follow his example. Congrats Bill!

## Unhappy Landings

**Duane** crashed the Cub he presented last time to the club. Most likely the problem was battery failure. And that time he had not installed a backup system.

**Ken Grandt** crashed on landing. Apparent reason was – the plane was too slow on approach and stalled.



New on the Runway

**Matt Hauser** brought his MIG 29 (Fulcrum). It was built from the kit from AK Models and was one of the most difficult kits Mat has built. It cost Matt lots of hours.



**Pete Sidor** showed a Spitfire, which he bought very cheaply at Venture Hobbies. The plane indeed looked great and we are certain it will fly great as well.



**Jenny Kimball** brought the electric model she built from her old toy. Great work Jenny!



**Don Linder** showed his electric "Dragon" plane which he built from a kite kit. The wing is from a Goldberg Gentle Lady kit.

Top Gun

This month's winner is **Larry Bochenko**. He won the Grumman F6F Hellicat from Skyshark RC.

Pilots Briefing

**Chuck Poviliatis** continued his presentation on batteries, this time concentrating on chargers. Just like batteries there is a wide variety of chargers. They all have some different features suitable for all kinds of jobs for charging batteries. A separate discussion took place about charging and cycling batteries for the transmitters.

There was lots of good information in Chuck's presentation. This information is a must know by everybody in the hobby, because following Chuck's and Dennis' advise will not only help you save your plane, but also make the hobby safer for everyone.



### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

#### June

Jim Peterson	6/20
Owen Wolfe	6/20
Jim Janiak	6/25
Ryan Peterson	6/27
Benjamin Heller	6/29
Stephen Tomczyk	6/29

#### July

Jason Derbick	7/5
Bill Theis	7/7
Romeo Bachand	7/11
Matt Bender	7/14
Richard Butler	7/17

## Program Committee — Jim Keehan

The June Program is scheduled to be **Joe Boyd** of the Variable Pitch Prop fame and technology. Also, still waiting in the wings, is **Dave Taitel** and his jet demonstration.

## Proficiency — Ron Petterec

Look at page 164. of *Model Aviation*, June 2006. You will see Jenny Kimball and one picture with instructor Ron.

We are making a list of all club members with their pilot rating. We will be offering to help people practice their skills for the next level. About half of our 120 members have not yet passed the Solo rating, while 18 members are Instructor pilots. In between there are about 40 people who could be working to improve their skills and ratings. There are many different ways to enjoy RC modeling. Advanced or Sport Pilot ratings are not necessary for everyone, but if you want to learn the basic aerobatic maneuvers we will be happy to help you.

## Thunder on the Lakeshore — Don Linder

While vacationing in Wisconsin recently, my family and I were lucky to be able to attend the air show at the **Manitowoc** County Airport, Saturday, June 3, 2006. It was a great air show with many features and the best part was that we could park very close and sit as close as we wanted. The weather was fine with clear air and a steady breeze. Concessions included pork sandwiches, gyros, corn dogs, pizza and more.

The program started with a skydiver, and continued with **Dave Dacy** from Harvard IL in his 500 HP Super Stearman biplane. Later he was joined by wing-walker **Tony Kazian**. **Guy "Doc" Baldwin** flew his Extra 300L promoting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Then **Bob Post** and his Pitts S-2B bi-plane wowed us with more aerobatics. **John Mohr** barnstormed with his stock Stearman PT-17. This man was constantly a fraction of a second from disaster. Being stock, his fuel system was not pressurized. He flew inverted about 40 feet over the runway. After about 3 to 4 seconds his engine would starve out and sputter, hitting on one or two cylinders; then quickly he rolled back to normal flight, engine back to full power, pulling out 10 feet from the deck. Crazy!

## Thunder on the Lakeshore — cont.



**Jim Maroney** in his Super Chipmunk (left) put on a good show. An AT-6 Texan and a T-6A Texan II flew by and then the T-6A Texan II did an impressive show. The MIG 17 flown by navy pilot **David Burdine** was very impressive with nearly vertical flight on afterburner. **Fowler Carey** and his fabulous T-33 Thunderbird jet (at right) were a beautiful sight. The only team aerobatics were The Hoppers in L-39's (Albatros). Not exactly the Blue Angels, but fun.



The B-25 Mitchell, Pacific Prowler, escorted by a P-51, made a beautiful fly-by and opened the bomb bay doors. His landing was very good for a big plane and he settled it down within the first 100 feet of the runway.



The highlights of the day were the A-10, flown by the USAF East Coast A-10 Demo Team doing impressive combat-like maneuvers, and an F-16, piloted by **Major Jason Koltes** of Atlanta, GA that flew in. An F-16 doing a four-point roll is a thing of precision.



Then for the finale, **Vlado Lenoch** piloting his P-51, Moonbeam McSwine, flew in formation with the A-10 and the F-16 in what they called the Heritage Flight.



During the day there were more sky divers, RC model plane flights, and model rocket launches. The rare Grumman Duck of **Chuck Greenhill** was on display along with many other vintage aircraft.



# BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 2X

T-Shirts \$10

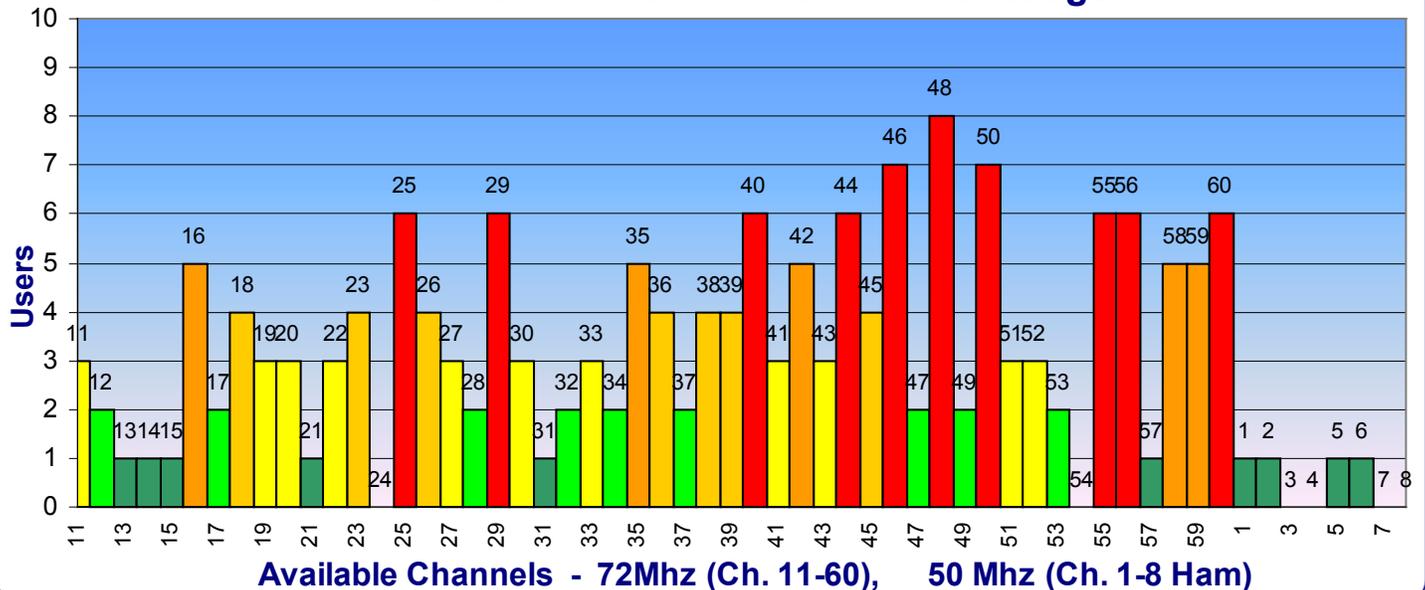
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 Wear your Blue Max caps, T-shirts, and sweatshirts.  
 Caps and sweatshirts are now in stock and available at the meetings.  
 See Ray Zinkowski.

# FREQUENCY CHART

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.

**Blue Max R/C Flying Club  
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[www.BlueMaxRC.com](http://www.BlueMaxRC.com)**

Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR  
June 2006 – August 2006**

**June 2006**

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

**July 2006**

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

**August 2006**

- 5) Picnic on Saturday**
  - 19) Fun-fly - 10:00 a.m. on Saturday**
  - 21) Monthly Meeting - 7:30p.m.**
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