



Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting on
March 20.**

**March program:
Basic Aeronautics.**



**Membership renewal
is due NOW!**

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



From The Hot Seat

by Tim Niemiec, President

The February meeting was filled with lots of information for the new year. The board had a three-hour meeting on Saturday Feb 18th, and we went over many items for the 2006 season. Some of which include the 2006 budget, fun-fly contests, honorary memberships, and club recognition in the community. I am happy to report that the 2006 budget will be set by the time you read this and with the help of a fundraiser we are looking



great for the 2006 season. As I said previously, I am budgeting the '06 season with the income that we have at the March meeting. Any new monies we collect from new members, shirt or hat sales will be invested in the 2007 budget. I would also like to put an idea into your heads about the future. I would like to see the club set some funds aside to be used for field repair for the future. The turf we placed wont last forever and I think it will be smart to save a little every year for when it needs replacing. The underlayment will last and all we have to worry about is the top "astro turf" layer. Just something to think about, I will talk about it more at the meeting.

The fun-fly contests that we hold are a lot of fun. The board and I think we have figured out a way to get more of you out there and at the same time to promote the "contest" portion of the fun-fly. Many of our members have a hard time getting to the field on Sunday mornings. I, with the help of Yohay, proposed that we move the fun-fly to Saturdays, and the motion was passed after some discussion. We are also going to have a year long points total contest. We will still recognize top fliers each month at the fun-fly contests, but the big awards will be given at the 2007 banquet. I want to see some competition out there. The fun-fly committee will let you know one month ahead of the contest what it will be and that will give you something to practice for. Believe me when I say if you practice for the contests, it won't be the

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Carl Will

same guys winning every month. To help out those who say, “I don’t have a plane for the crazy fun-fly contests,” I am purchasing 3 Lanier Fun-Fly .40 kits to be raffled off at the March meeting. Make it a point to be there.

I have been in contact with Dave Taitel of Venture Hobbies, and he would like a commitment from us for referring new novice pilots to the field. His concern is that he will refer a new pilot and there will not be any instructors at the field. I mentioned this at the meeting and asked the members if I could tell him that we can basically almost guarantee that we would have an instructor at the field on Saturdays (with the exception of fun-fly Saturdays and inclement weather) between the hours of 10am and 1pm. We get quite a few new members from Venture referrals and I am glad we can help him with instructing new members to the hobby. We as a club have always given help and basic instruction to new fliers, Dave needed to know that we were behind it 100%.

We will be planning a couple of events this year to increase the positive view and awareness of our club in the surrounding community. Whether it is a boy/girl scout day or a food drive/ fun-fly, we have some ideas in the works to get involved with the community. I believe that if we as a club take some time to promote what we do and help others at the same time; we will establish a positive and solid footprint in the community.

Lastly, flying season is upon us and we are poised to have a great 2006 season. We have great people volunteering on the committees and some real positive members showing up at the meetings. We are all doing our best to make Blue Max a club to be proud of. See you at the field!

Thanks,

Tim

Program Committee – Jim Keehan

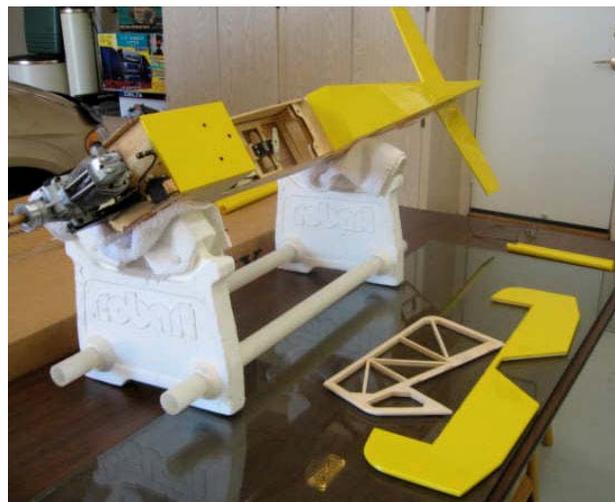
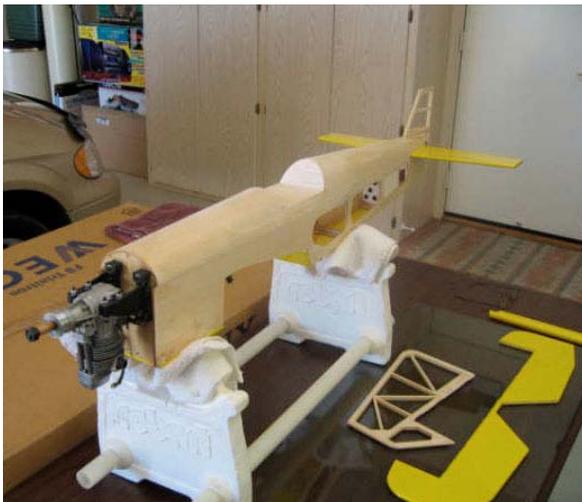
This month we are going to do something different. I will be conducting a “seminar” on what I call “Basic Aeronautics and Phenomenon for the Beginner.” While that is a long title, don’t let it scare you. This program will include information on the theories of lift, tip stall, washout, axial flow, P Factor, adverse yaw, wing shape, etc. The purpose is not to give you a boring lecture, but rather to inform you of some basics and insights of things to look for in your R/C endeavors.

Tentatively, the April meeting Program will be about Radio setup and programming. The May meeting is scheduled to be an informative session on batteries including the DO’s and DON’T’s for the different types of batteries that we encounter in R/C. Beyond that are planned programs that include R/C jets, repair techniques and more.

If you are new to R/C or flying, and don’t know what adverse yaw or P Factor means, I hope that you will find this month’s program to be interesting and informative.

Arizona Flying

Ron doesn’t spend all of his time in sunny Scottsdale flying. These pictures show his progress on recovering the SIG 3D Mayhem that he got last year.



MEETING MINUTES

by Eugene Kislenko, Secretary



Blue MAX R/C Flying Club

February Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: February 20, 2006

Secretary: Eugene Kislenko

Tim Niemiec called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Monthly Fly-in

Today's program was offered by **Jim Keehan** – your choice of videos to watch. The decision was to watch "Warbirds Over the Rockies".

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 about \$3,473 in the account not including any inflows from this month's membership dues.

Fun Fly – Nothing yet, but the expectations are to have a first Fun Fly as usual in April.

Noise Control. No report.

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

Banquet. Mike thanked everyone for the great time and support! The "2005 Year in Review" DVDs should be available soon.

New on the Radar

By popular demand we have the fuel program available this year. If you want to participate at any level (one case purchase minimum, but "team purchases" will still work) – please contact **Pete Sidor** by the March meeting.

The Club's President **Tim Niemiec** brought up a very important topic for a discussion. We must bring back a fiscal discipline, because if we keep spending as we did before The Club may cease to exist by the next year. New budget controls and discipline measures were introduced such as:

- Stop distributing "small prizes" just for participation in the Fun Fly. After all it must be a competition. The proposal is to keep a cumulative score and announce winners in each category at the club's banquet.
- Tighter budget controls over banquet and picnic expenses.
- Another proposal is to change Fun Fly times to Saturday from Sunday in an effort to bring more competition, because Sunday morning is very busy for many members. This motion was seconded and accepted.
- In an attempt to improve budget situation it was proposed to introduce a lottery for a general public. First time 70 tickets will be distributed at a \$20 a piece. Grand prize is either a complete training package for newcomers, or an advanced kit for more seasoned pilots. In any case the value of the package will be over \$500.

Another issue brought to the Club's attention is that our friends from **Venture Hobbies** are reluctant to send people to the field because there is no guarantee that there will be an instructor available.

It was proposed to set and publish specific days and times when we can guarantee the presence of instructors at the field. **Yohay Hahamy** and others supported this idea and it was agreed to establish a "Guaranteed Instruction Time" at the field 3 Saturdays per month (excluding Fun Fly Saturday) from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Motion was supported, carried and passed.

Old Business

Hats and sweatshirts are available.

Unhappy Landings

Chuck Giese tried to fly his electric C-47 on a very windy day. He had a couple of take-offs with no landings. One was a spiral down from about 50 feet. The fuse is OK and the wing is fixable. Chuck is confident the plane will be back in the air in no time.

New on the Runway:



Yohay Hahamy brought his Miss America Mustang that he won in the raffle at the last year's picnic. It is powered by an OS 90. Yohay said it is a great kit, and was easy build. The only part questionable is the landing gear.

Travis Kemp – our first time visitor brought his Avistar 40 trainer, powered by a SuperTigre engine. Our ground crew inspected the plane and announced that it is ready to fly as soon as weather allows.



Top Gun:

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

March

- Michael Evans 3/27
- Malina Phillips 3/27

April

- Kishore Subbarao 4/1
- Dusty Edmonds 4/2
- Bob Schlumpberger 4/2
- Daniel Elekman 4/3
- Terrance Kelly 4/5
- Eugene Kislenko 4/8
- Michael Cohen 4/9
- Steve Cynor 4/12
- Greg Fahrenbach 4/12
- Rich Smitz 4/16
- Chuck Poviliatis 4/17
- Kurt Schmitt 4/17



It looks like the RC gods are looking over **Chuck Giese** because he is a winner of this month's (and second month in a row) raffle prize – **Ultra Stick** from Hangar 9.

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 2X

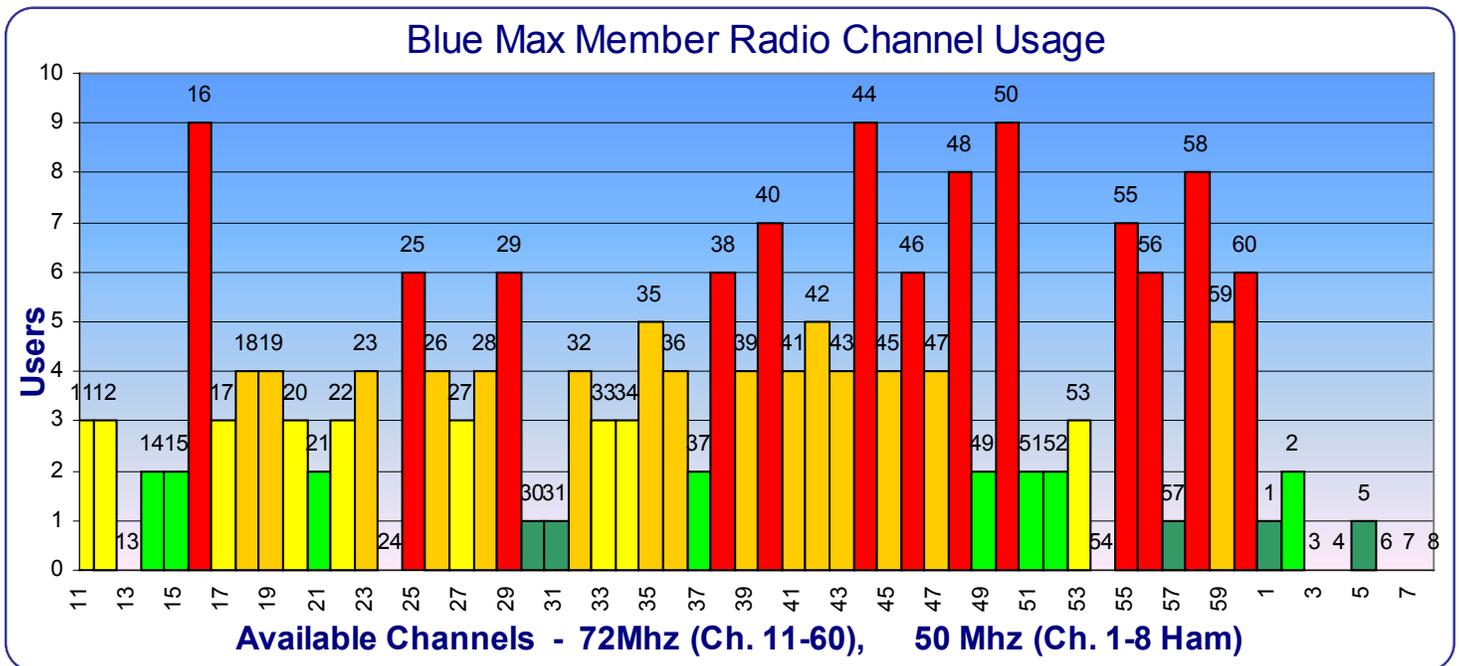
T-Shirts \$10

Available next Spring



Be prepared for flying season with a Spring Fashion!
 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.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
March 2006 – May 2006**

March 2006

**20) Monthly Meeting - 7:30p.m.
Program: Basic Aeronautics**

April 2006

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

May 2006

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