



Blue Max Aces

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**Fun-Fly Oct. 14,
Mail Run.**



**Next meeting Oct. 16
Program:
"Improving ARF's"**



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

From The Hot Seat

by Tim Niemiec, President

Here we are in October already! The leaves are changing, I have my Halloween decorations out and the air is cool. It has been a busy month for Blue Max. The Banquet committee is rolling along with preparations. Nametags have been ordered, and we have been trying to get the grass issue at the field settled. As it turns out, I made numerous calls to the forest preserve to get information about the possibility of cutting the grass



ourselves. It is almost impossible. To make a long story short, they don't understand why we need extra cutting when they already cut the grass for us. I explained our situation to half a dozen people and finally got someone who was willing to help. I do have some information that we can use next year if the grass cutting becomes an issue again and it will save us a lot of headache. Come to the next meeting to find out what it is!

Election nominations will be presented at the October meeting, this is your chance to help out the club and present some new ideas or just help out. Board members meet about four times a year and are the voting body of changes in the club. It is a great way to get involved. The president obviously writes an article every month and tries to keep the club pointed in the right direction. The VP is the president's right hand man and is a vital part of helping out at the meetings. Don't be afraid to step up. You don't have to be a great flier; all you need is the drive to make the club better. We have many great members, and I would like to see you at the meeting.

The raffle for October will be a Great Planes Big Stik .40.

Tim



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Pete Sidor
- Ground Crew**
Dennis Brumley
- Noise**
Frank Stillson
- Picnic**
Jim Janiak
Bob Davit
Platon Kosmaoglou
- Program**
Jim Keehan
- Safety**
Carl Will

INSTRUCTORS**Unlimited**

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Paul Barsamian
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George Gibisch
Steve Haas
Yohay Hahamy
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Don Linder
Kurt Schmitt
Clay Smith
Jim Speers
Frank Stillson
Carl Will

INSTRUCTORS**Basic**

Dennis Brumley
Duane Lang

GROUND CREW

Ardie Arnold
Dennis Brumley
Larry Bochenko
Gene Derbick
Jim Keehan
Joe Keehan

Fun-Fly — Pete Sidor

The September Fun-Fly was Sunday, September 17. The event was the **Las Vegas Crap Shoot**. Ron Petterec was the winner.

The last fun-fly for the year will be on **Saturday, October 14** at 10:00 a.m., weather permitting with a rain day of Sunday the 15. The event will be **Mail Run**.

Have your plane ready but not started.

1. Start the timer, grab an envelope, and strap it on your plane.
2. Start your plane, make three rounds around the field with a loop on each round.
3. Land, take the envelope off, and stop the timer.
4. You also draw a card that adds or takes off seconds.

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.

A sound beginning! — Frank Stillson

As we close this year's flying season, some things should be done, even before you start planning the new project for next year. Everyone should clean up all his or her equipment, and store it properly, the airframe, engine, radio, and batteries.

Particular attention should be given to the trusty aircraft that you have been flying all year. Clean it and Check it! Look for any cracks or holes in the covering or airframe. Pay careful attention to the movable surfaces, ailerons, elevator and ruder; be sure the hinges are very secure. All these items do make a difference in the performance and noise level. Attention now may prevent a crash next year.

When selecting a new project, whether an ARF or kit, consider the construction. Build a solid airframe from a kit, or scratch. Be sure the ARF you purchase is constructed solidly. When constructed correctly, the airframe should be very

solid. It does not need to be built heavy, but it should be solid. If it sounds like a drum, it will act like one in the air. Solid airframes, good mufflers and properly pitched propellers all relate to lower noise levels from the air plane that we love to fly.

The Blue Max has had a noise reduction program in affect for over 30 years. It is to everyone's benefit to strive to hold down the amount of noise that our aircraft produce. Excessive sound can cause hearing problems, and we need to be good neighbor to the condominiums just to the East of the field. It just makes good sense to keep the noise output from our aircraft at a minim, for our own sake.

Have a nice winter season of construction and look forward to the next flying season.

Winter Banquet

Blue Max winter banquet will be held at the Arboretum Club in Buffalo Grove on Saturday, February 3, 2007. More information at the next meeting. --**The Banquet Committee**

Proficiency — Ron Petterec

This is your last chance to move up a notch in proficiency before the Oct. meeting! I will be in Arizona after that. -**RON**

MEETING MINUTES

by Eugene Kislenko, Secretary



**Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
September Meeting Notes**
Meeting Date: September 18, 2006
Secretary: Eugene Kislenko

Tim Niemiec called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Welcome guests

Dan and **Brian Moude** visited Venture Hobbies and caught the bug. **Giacomo Fanizza** was introduced to The Club by **Dennis Brumley**. Welcome to The Club guys. We will have lots of fun!

Monthly Fly-in

The program was revisiting basic principles of flying by **Jim Keehan**.

Around the Hangar

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

Treasurer's report. **Duane Lang** had a dead computer and was unable to produce a current account balance. The price tag for the picnic came to \$847. Not too bad because the projected budget was \$1,000.

Picnic. Let's wait for another great picnic next year!



Fun Fly – was on Sunday, September 17th and turn out was extremely bad! However between those who showed up the competition was great! Following are results:

Ron Petterec (left) took the first place,

Duane Lang (center) took a second place.

Carl Will (right) finished third.

The next and last fun fly for the year is scheduled for October 14th. Note – it is **Saturday**. The competition will be "mail run". The pilot needs to take an envelope, fly with it, and perform maneuvers without losing the envelope. Lost envelope means immediate disqualification. Good luck pilots!

Noise Control. **Frank** had few comments at this time.

Refreshments for this meeting were brought by **Carl Will**.

Safety chairman – Carl Will emphasized again the importance of the safety on the field. It was noted that the rule of flying not closer to the safety net than the center-line of the field must be reinforced somehow.

Field chairman - field condition is currently available online. However there was a serious discussion about quality of the grass cutting at the field. The suggestion was made to move back to mowing the field by The Club again, as we used to do earlier. It is expensive, yet it may save us some grief in dealing with the forest preserve people who may use this conflict to shut the field altogether. The motion was made to discuss this issue with the GAS club in order to pull some kind of joint effort in this respect.

Web Master – The new web site is up and running.

Ron Petterec – the proficiency chairman informed us that there were some good advancement activities:



Intermediate Pilot **Pete Sidor**



Solo Pilot **Ryan Weinberg**



Solo Pilot **Giacomo Fanizza**



Solo Pilot **Gene Zerega,**

Scott Zeliar – (not pictured) moved to Advanced and **Paul Zeliar**, (not pictured) Soloed.

Congratulations to all pilots who advanced their skills and everybody else should take a note!

[New on the radar](#)

Get your thoughts for next month's officer nomination meeting.

We need to find a new supplier for the name tags.

[Unhappy Landings](#)

Yohay Hahamy crashed the gift from Duane. Duane complained that the plane is very unstable even in slightest wind. Yohay wanted to test it and got a confirmation..... Now the plane is given to Ron to be hung on the wall.

Duane Lang – got himself a fast plane – a Great Planes Minnow. The plane had three great flights. The fourth flight was not so happy. It seems like everything started flickering and Duane lost it due to radio failure.

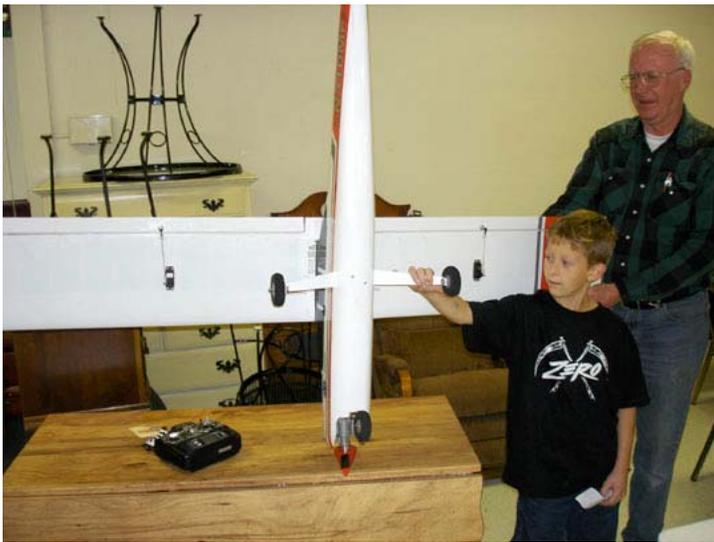
New on the runway



Pete Sidor proudly demonstrated his new Air Tiger from Vimar ARF. The kit included everything, including the aluminum spinner. It is powered by a .46 Thunder Tigre. The plane is fast and is available from Richmond RC in Canada



Carl Will demonstrated a partially built Something Extra from a SIG kit. The building of this plane has a special meaning for Carl; he wants to fly with the demonstration team of Ron, Barry, and Herb.



Joe Keehan's grandson **Sean Meadows**—demonstrated a NexStar built from ARF kit, completed with OS .40 SF engine and six channel Futaba radio. The plane features dual aileron servos.



Yohay Hahamy just finished building Gold Edition P45 mentor from Top Flight. According to Yohay it is a great kit, but not for beginners. Before you can build this plane right you will have to get couple of simple projects under your belt.

INDOOR FLYERS

26 People signed up for indoor flying at District 214. This Fall there will be 10 Friday sessions from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Flying started on Sept 29. We skip Thanksgiving week. For more information write to Mike McGee at irishmist430@yahoo.net



Adam Walter demonstrated a custom built biplane.

Top Gun

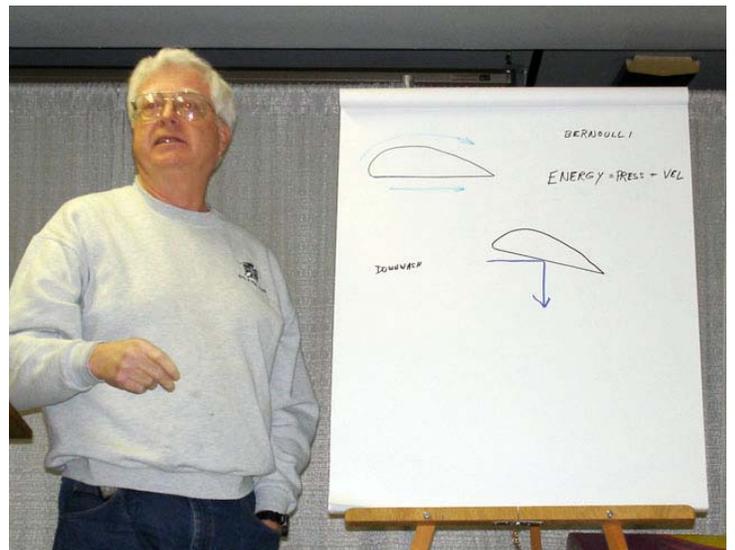


Ron Petterec is in the process of creating a 25% clipped wing J-3 Cub. Ron described the building process and explained how he modifies the kit to get a more scale-like appearance.

Pilots Briefing



This month's raffle winner is Mark Hepler. He won the Anniversary edition J-3 Cub from Carl Goldberg. (Editor's apology for poor picture)



Our own Jim Keehan presented the program on the topic "Why planes fly and why they sometimes fall from the skies". He already presented this program once but it was thought to be beneficial to re-visit the topic because we recently welcomed a good number of the new members to The Club.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

October

- Clay Smith 10/18
- Alex Hepler 10/23
- Scott Zeliar 10/25
- Brian R. Kueker 10/27

November

- Anders Lindstrom 11/7
- Raymond Marazas 11/7
- Platon Kosmaoglou 11/13
- Dennis Macumber 11/13
- Lou Roberts 11/17
- John Brach 11/20

BLUE MAX WEAR

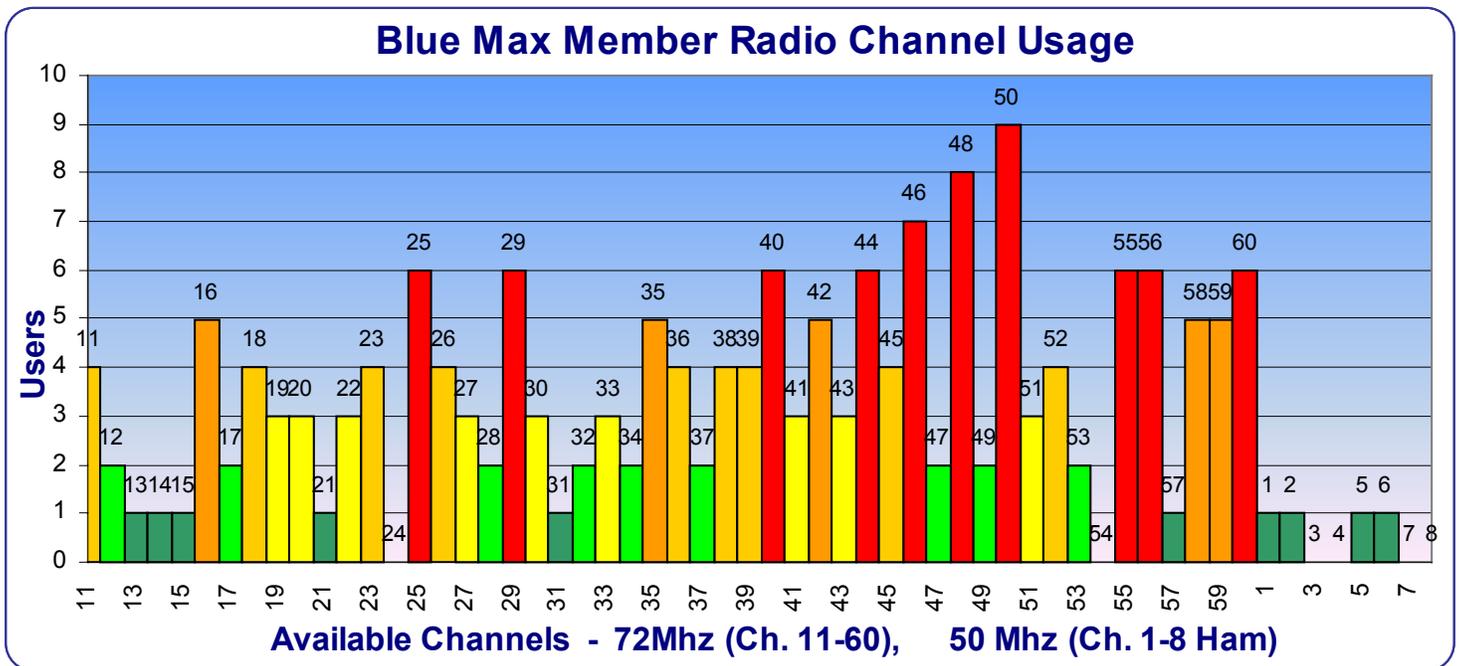
Caps \$10
 Sweatshirts \$20
 Sizes: Small to 2X

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.

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Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
October 2006 – December 2006**

October 2006

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

November 2006

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

December 2006

- 18) Monthly Meeting - 7:30p.m.**

Future Plans

- 3 Feb. 2007 Winter Banquet**
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