



Blue Max Aces

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**Fun-Fly Sept. 17,
L V Crap Shoot.**



**Next meeting Sept 18.
Program:
"Aeronautics"**



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

From The Hot Seat

by Tim Niemiec, President

The picnic was a blast and I hope you had a good time. I would like to see more of you get something together for the limbo contest in the future. It doesn't



take much to get a plane together. I used 1/2 a wing from a crashed Tiger 60 and part of its tail. For a fuse I used the long ailerons that came with my Ultra Stik (I used the split ailerons on the Stik and these were going to get thrown out). You can also use PCV gutter pipe for a fuse. Basically I

spent \$2 on a prop for my TT36 engine. Use your imagination and get something together for next year. The trash bin is a gold mine for building a limbo plane.

At the last meeting we had a question and answer/ gripe session. I think it went very well. Some great ideas for programs were presented and people got to voice their opinions. Grass cutting was at the top of the list and for whatever reason, Cal with the forest preserve, refused to cut the grass for weeks on end. Calls from Pete went unanswered, when confronted at the field, he promised to "cut it tomorrow". The following day, enough of us had called the forest preserve that the field was cut by 12:30. I think it is terrible that we have to call the preserve to get the grass cut, but we had no choice. Cal is required to cut the field every 7-10 days, per preserve contract. It is a public grove and we are users of that public grove. We do have a moral and financial investment to keep it in the best shape we can. With the help of our members and the Gas club we reconstructed the pit area, built a new flight box, and built a new fence line. Grass cutting once ran \$3000 and now we are required to get permits if we want to cut the grass on our own. In researching the grass issue, we can obtain a permit to cut grass if "we require grass cutting shorter than what is provided". My comment to the preserve was that "we don't require special cutting, we would be delighted if Cal would just cut the grass on the schedule you have just outlined for me". Hopefully, the grass will be cut on a more

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regular schedule in the future.

The raffle prize at the September meeting will be a Carl Goldberg 76" Anniversary Piper Cub kit.

Tim

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.

The fun-fly for October will be **Mail Run**. The rules will be announced next month.

Field Report — *Don Linder*

Recent grass cutting: Following several phone calls the grass was cut on August 22. The next grass cutting, again following phone calls was September 8. This is an interval of 17 days. The entire park is in rough shape with very infrequent mowing of the picnic groves and play areas.

On September 8th, Deer Grove East was the site for a cross country meet between Palatine HS and Fremd HS. The Palatine coach was quoted, "Our Juniors did a really good job today and **the grass is pretty tall out here**, so I'm real happy with the times."

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

September

Mark Phillips 9/19
Thomas L. Jetson 9/22

October

Robert Kamensky 10/2
Tim Niemiec 10/3
Duane R. Lang 10/7
Yohay Hahamy 10/11

INDOOR FLYERS – *Mike McGee*

Sign-up time is here for indoor flying at District 214. This Fall there will be 10 Friday sessions from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting on Sept 29 (skipping Thanksgiving week). Only a few openings are left. Cost is \$44. Sign up at www.ce214.org for class # 9264; or for more information write to Mike McGee at irishmist430@yahoo.net

Program — *Jim Keehan*

For September's meeting the program will be a continuation and embellishment of my "Aeronautics for Beginners" presentation.

The program for October will be info on inspecting and improving ARF's.

MEETING MINUTES

by Eugene Kislenko, Secretary



Tim Niemiec called meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Monthly Fly-In

The program was a group question and answer session.

Around the Hangar

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

Treasurer's report: **Duane Lang** said our income for 2006 is ahead of expenses by about \$973.81, but the picnic bills have not been submitted yet. Currently our balance is \$5021.48.

Picnic: The picnic was held August 5th. A report was in the August newsletter. Pictures of the picnic can be seen on the Bluemaxrc.com web site.

Fun Fly –The fourth fun-fly of the year, Limbo, was held at the picnic. Steve Haas was the winner.

The next fun fly is scheduled for September 17. It will be Las Vegas Crap Shoot.

Noise Control: **Frank** says our sound levels are pretty good overall.

Refreshments were brought by **Carl Will**.

Safety chairman – **Carl Will** no report.

Web Master – **Peter Sidor**: Look for new pictures.

Banquet: A committee for the 2007 winter banquet has been formed. **Kurt Schmitt** will head it. **Carl Will**, and **Frank Stillson** are helping. Kurt plans to make the banquet pay for itself and not be a burden on the treasury.

Field: **Pete Sidor** made some phone calls to a Cook County Board member informing him of the condition of the field. (Grass not cut for 6 weeks.) Tim asked the members to make more calls.

Ron Petterec – the **Proficiency** chairman, was absent. **Ryan Weinberg** passed his Solo Pilot test.

Old Business

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

Yohay "Ouzo" Hahamy received a certificate for presenting last month's program on the Air Combat Dog Fights.

Unhappy Landings

Pete Sidor had a bad week crashing four planes:

Mustang due to receiver failure (Steve Haas was piloting); **Dirty Birdy** which stalled on landing (repaired); **Spitfire** which Pete lost control of in a sort of "Dutch Roll;" **Biplane** which had a mid-air collision at the GAS club Golden Age fly-in. Pete is going for the crash award in competition with **Chuck Giese**. (see Jan 06 newsletter.)



New on the Runway

Ray Zinkowski brought a pulse jet on a test stand and told of his youthful experiences with it.



Top Gun

Lou Roberts won the raffle, a JR Transmitter set from Venture Hobbies.

Pilot's Briefing

The program for the meeting was a Q&A session. Ray talked about his pulse jet engine. Don Linder pointed out an article stating that glow plug life in 2-stroke engines is shortened by running lean. It was suggested that we have some seminars for helping beginners learn about the hobby more easily. **Pete Warenski** volunteered to submit a list of topics.

Ryan Weinberg described his experience as a Civil Air Patrol honor cadet. He went on a refueling mission on a KC135 tanker. He flew out of Grissom Air Base in Kokomo Indiana. It was a 4½ hour flight. They refueled an F16 at 22,000 ft and another plane at 24,000 ft. On the trip he and the crew had the "Air Force box lunch" which Ryan said was pretty good.

Thank You!- Brian Johnson

I wanted to thank the clubs and their members for letting me get to know you, share your experiences and help you along the way. The past 7 years at Venture Hobbies has allowed me to meet interesting people from all walks of life. Some of my best friends I have met through all of the clubs, and through this great hobby of ours. I will miss hearing about the "not-so-smooth landings" or the successful maidens of your new projects. The Venture staff is like family and it will be hard not to see them everyday. My experiences there and the lessons learned will stay with me as I explore a new career path. I will continue to fly RC and look forward to seeing all of you at the field. Once I have settled into my new job, I may return to Venture as the newest part-time evening staff. Thanks again, and happy flying! I hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely,

Brian Johnson bjohnson80@hotmail.com

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 2X

T-Shirts \$10

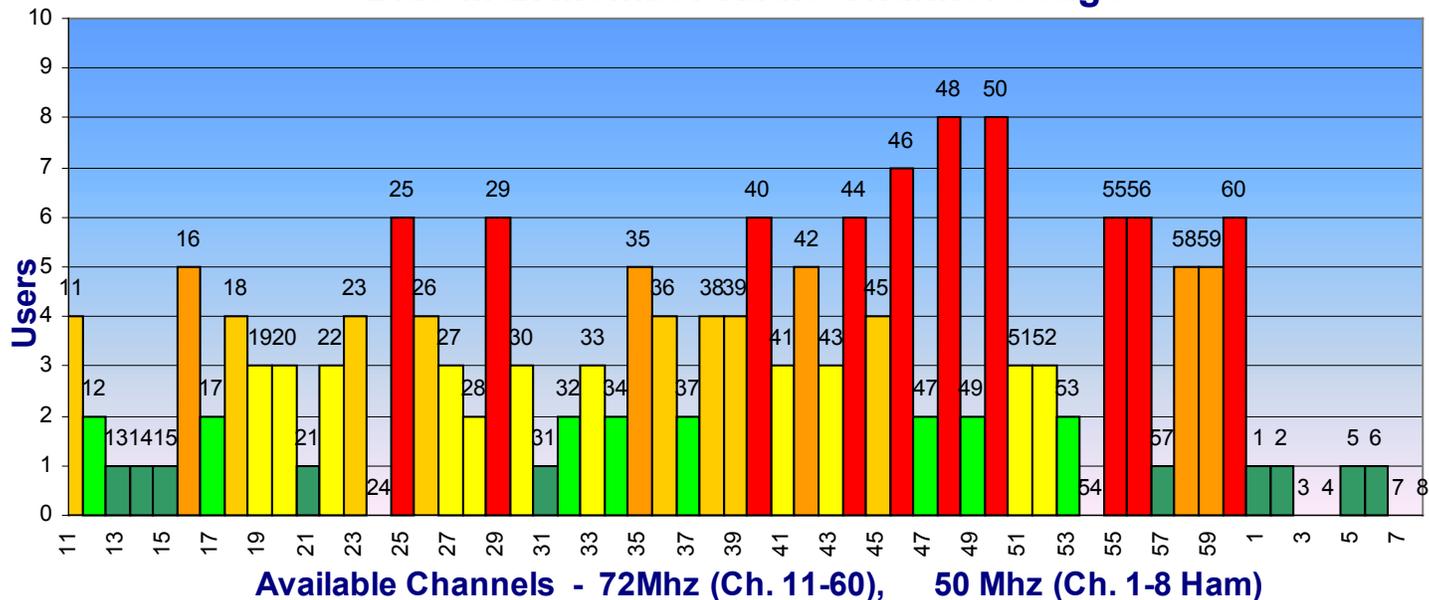
Available Now!



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

Blue Max Member Radio Channel Usage



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
August 2006 – October 2006**

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.**

November 2006

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