



Blue Max Aces

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**Fun-fly April 15 at
10:00 a.m.
Climb and Glide**



**Next meeting Apr. 16.
Start time - 7:00 p.m.
Pay your dues.**



**Program will be a
paper airplane toss.
Use one sheet of 22#
8.5x11.**

C-130 Adventure

by Howard Weinberg

As some of you know, my son **Ryan Weinberg**, a Bluemax member, is active with the Civil Air Patrol wing out of Palwaukee. Last year, he had the privilege of being invited on a KC-135 refueling mission, and, as honorary cadet, rode in the cockpit jumpseat. What an exciting adventure for a young man! (At the August 2006 meeting **Ryan** described the KC-135 flight. He flew out of Grissom Air Base in Kokomo, Indiana. It was a 4½ hour flight. They refueled an F-16 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.-Ed.)

On January 7, 2007 several of the CAP wings were invited for a ride on a USAF C-130 Cargomaster out of Mitchell Field in Milwaukee. Here are some photos that Ryan took from this flight. They were up for 2 hours flying south along the shoreline, and did a demonstration of dropping cargo and supplies with the back doors open in mid air. I thought you would enjoy these photos as I did.

Howard Weinberg



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- Fun-Fly**
Matt Hauser
Pete Sidor
- Ground Crew**
Dennis Brumley
- Noise**
Frank Stillson
- Picnic**
Tim Niemiec
Carl Will
- Program**
Jim Keehan
- Safety**
Carl Will



Jim's Jabber

by Jim Keehan, President

Is it Spring, Yet?

OK. OK. I know that I talked about getting out the Field to fly last month. Don't blame me. I am not in charge of the weather. That has been Ron Petterec's job for as long as I can remember. Anyway, I hope to see many of you, at the Field, flying, over the next few weeks. (In spite of the politically correct world that we live in, I am saying that it is OK to pray for some better flying weather. While you are at it, don't forget that we want a FUN and SAFE year.)

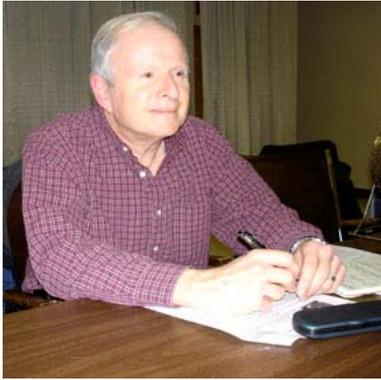
This month is the time for the Blue Max Fuel Program. The fuel should be at Venture on Friday or Monday (the day of our monthly meeting). Please pick up your fuel at the meeting on Monday – April 16th. There will be someone outside the meeting, in the parking lot, to give you your fuel before the meeting starts. So, get there a few minutes early, so you can put your fuel in your car before the meeting starts. Remember the meetings start at 7:00 PM, now.

Don Linder and I did manage to do a little repair work a few weeks ago. You will note that the shelves on the radio impound station have been fixed and supported. This does NOT mean they are a ladder. If you cannot reach the top to place or remove your pin, please ask for help. We are all here to help each other to have FUN!

Jim Keehan

MEETING MINUTES

by Murry Randell, Secretary



Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
 March Meeting Notes
 Meeting Date: March 19, 2007
 Secretary: Murry Randell

Don Linder, substituting for **Jim Keehan**, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. We are trying to start at 7:00 p.m. now, so we can be finished before 9:00 p.m.

Welcome Guests

No guests were present this month.

Around the Hangar

The Fuel Purchase program was detailed in the March newsletter. We must have our orders in by April 9 so that Venture Hobbies can order the fuel for delivery before the April 16 meeting.

So that we don't run late at meetings, **meetings will continue to start at 7:00 p.m.**

Secretary's report: Don Linder substituting for Murry – **Pete Sidor** moved, **Chuck Poviliatis** seconded, and the club passed to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Duane – Our account balance is about \$6200 not including dues and fuel checks received at this meeting.

Committee reports:

- ✈ **Banquet:** No report.
- ✈ **Field - Jim** has contacted the Forest Preserve District by phone on field maintenance. He is trying to get something in writing.
- ✈ **Fun Fly - Pete** – A lengthy discussion on what type of planes should be allowed at events ensued. The club moved, seconded and passed a motion to allow any planes that pass the noise limit for any of the fun-fly events.
- ✈ **Newsletter** – **Don** asked for contributions from club members to add interest to the newsletter. **Bob Davit** suggested that we have member profiles. **Howard Weinberg** reminded the editor that he had sent in an article. A "new member" package was requested.
- ✈ **Noise - Frank** reviewed the situation with the condos directly east of our field and stated that we want to be good neighbors. Most of our planes can be operated with a noise level at or below 90dB. The AMA limit for our planes is 99db.
- ✈ **Picnic** – **Carl Will** is to contact **Tim** and set a date.
- ✈ **Refreshments** - Thanks to **Carl** for pop, and **Mike** for doughnut holes. Discussion about whether solid refreshments were desired in addition to the usual liquid refreshment resulted in most of the club saying the cookies or doughnuts are not needed. Then the box of doughnut holes was passed around and they went like hot cakes.
- ✈ **Proficiency** - no report.
- ✈ **Program** - **Bob Davit**, **Mike McGee**, **Duane Lang**, **Rudy Krolopp**, and **Terry Kelly** each volunteered to provide one program.
- ✈ **Safety - Carl** – Get your airplanes ready for the season. Check your fuel tanks, your switches, and your batteries
- ✈ **Webmaster**- The Member Roster is going to be kept up to date at least monthly. Both pdf and Excel versions are now available. **John Brock** asked for help on access to the members only section. If you haven't been

able to get access to the members only section, send an email to Don Linder who will reply with an instruction sheet. Peter is always requesting photos to be sent in for the web photo album.

Board of Directors – **Pete** is asking for a fun-fly budget. The board and the treasurer will consider this. Pete ordered 3 cases of fuel for fun-fly prizes.

Old Business

Adam Walter asked about a program to build kits at the meetings. Discussion pointed out that we have limited time at the meetings. **Rudy Krolopp** volunteered to help people one-on-one in kit building. **Pete** said **Yohay** would probably do the same.

The Instructor Roster for Venture Hobbies was brought up. **Steve Haas** added his name to **Yohay Hahamy**, and **Don Linder**.

People without dues paid by the end of March will be dropped from the Roster (Our Constitution says by the first of March). Some members paid at the meeting for a total of 73 paid. Fifty-three of last year's members have not paid yet.

The Chair noted that the Constitution on the web is out of date. The Newsletter editor will attempt to update it to the changes voted in February 2005.

The Chair neglected to ask for an update on the donation to the Villa.

New on the Radar

1. The fuel program was discussed above. By the end of the meeting 12 cases had been spoken for, but only 7 paid. Payment must be in at the time of the order.
2. Instructor roster. Instructors are asked to voluntarily give e-mail and/or phone numbers for a roster.
3. Single Design Project: Mike McGee led a discussion about the single design project. About 10-12 members seemed interested. Bill Smead showed a foam, plans built electric model that resembled a Cessna. It was decided to use a 40 size kit that could have either fuel or electric power. Kits should be completed by the picnic for judging.

Unhappy Landings

None reported.

New on the Runway



Bill Smead showed his new foam Cessna built from a Midwest Products plan. Total cost is under \$100.



Carl Will presented a SIG Somethin' Extra built from a kit and using parts and covering that he had on hand.



Rudy Krolopp showed his new Somethin' Extra kit to which he added a dorsal fin. The model is covered in yellow and red Ultracote with stars.



Pete Sidor brought his sleek looking Dirty Birdy which was completely rebuilt from last summer's crash.

Top Guns

Raffle winners were **Bob Davit** with the Hangar-9 Pulse XT, and **Ken Grandt** with the gift card donated by **Dave Taitel** of **Venture Hobbies**.

Pilot's Briefing

The discussion of the Single Design Program substituted for a program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Fun-Fly – Pete Sidor, Matt Hauser

The first Fun-Fly for 2007 will be Sunday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m. The event will be the **Climb and Glide** with a loop and a roll. You have 30 seconds to takeoff and climb; then idle your engine. You have to do a roll and a loop. You also get points for a spot landing.

The May 20th fun-fly will be the **Las Vegas Crap Shoot**. You have your plane ready, but not running. Time starts when you pick the dice. You must roll a double, then start your plane, place it behind the line, take off, do a loop and a roll, land, taxi back across the line, pick up the dice and roll a 7 or 11. Then time stops.

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. Decibel readings are taken at the beginning of each Fun-Fly and AMA cards may be checked.

Noise Control – Frank Stillson

With the anticipation of another year of great flying ahead of us, this is a reminder to all members, new and old. There is a **restriction** on how much noise your aircraft should produce, to be a good neighbor to fellow flyers, and to the condo residents just to the East of us. The decibel level should **not exceed 98 decibels**, with a strong recommendation from the club that sound be reduced to **below 90 dB**. This level of sound reduction is not hard to achieve as long as proper sound reducing options are used.

Remember, we only fly about ¼ mile from condominiums to the East of the field. In the past we have had trouble with complaints of excessive noise from them, and our club worked out an accommodation with the condo

associations and the park district. It is our responsibility to see that we do not over fly the condos, and to keep the sound down to an acceptable level.

In preparing for the new season of flying, keep noise abatement on your agenda, use good mufflers, prop your aircraft in a manner that keeps prop noise down, and do not fly to the East, past the arrows.

These rules that have been in place for a long time, they are there so we can keep our fine flying site. If we abuse the rules we could be without this excellent location.

Have a fine flying season.

Frank Stillson,
Noise abatement chairman.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

March

Gene Zerega 3/30

April

Dusty Edmonds 4/2
Bob Schlumpberger 4/2
Daniel Elekman 4/3
Terrance Kelly 4/5

INSTRUCTORS
Unlimited

Tim Niemiec
Ron Petterec
Bob Tomasulo

INSTRUCTORS
Primary

Paul Barsamian
Ed Der
Steve Haas
Yohay Hahamy
Don Linder
Kurt Schmitt
Jim Speers
Frank Stillson
Carl Will

INSTRUCTORS
Basic

Duane Lang

GROUND CREW

Gene Derbick
Jim Keehan



BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 2X

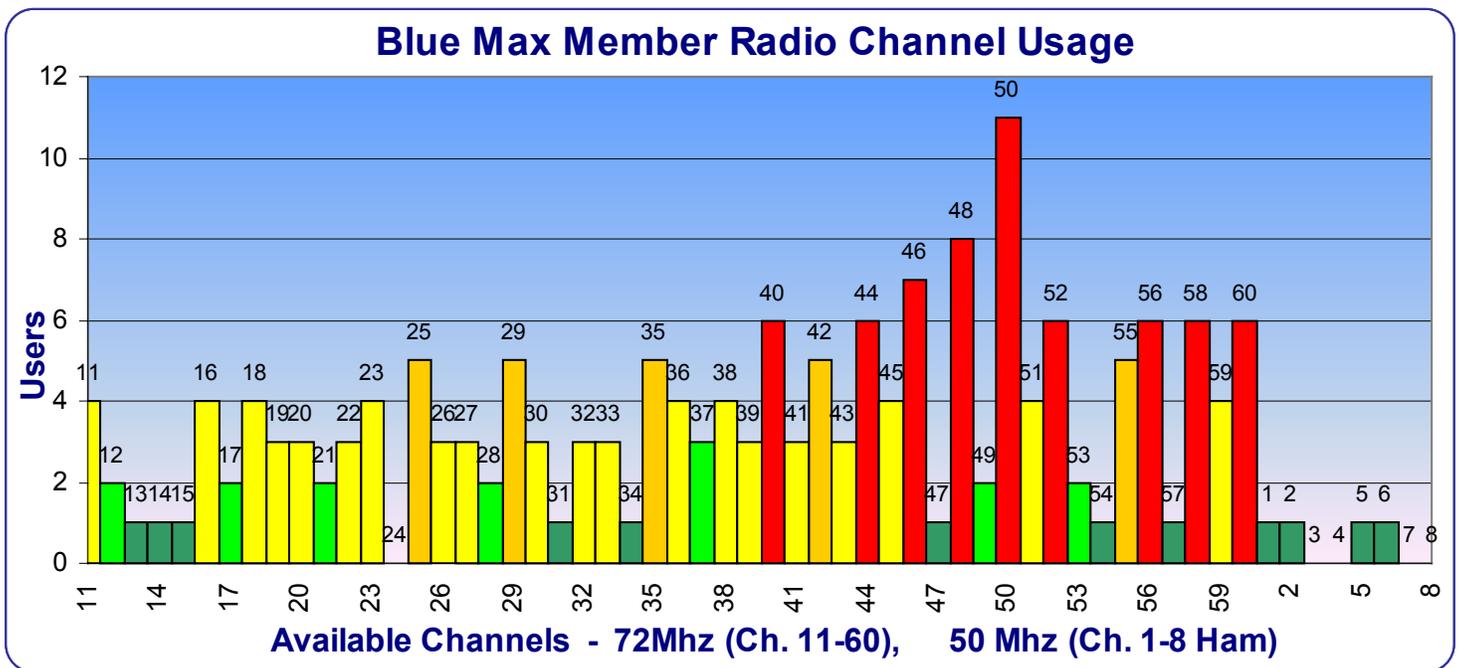
T-Shirts \$10

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 Don Linder.

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
April 2007 – June 2007

April 2007

- 15) Fun-Fly - 10:00a.m.**
- 16) Monthly Meeting - 7:00p.m.**

May 2007

- 20) Fun-Fly - 10:00a.m.**
- 21) Monthly Meeting - 7:00p.m.**

June 2007

- 17) Fun-Fly - 10:00a.m.**
- 18) Monthly Meeting - 7:00p.m.**



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