



Blue Max Aces

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**Picnic August 19 at
10:00 a.m.**



**Next meeting August
20 at St. Thomas
School.
Start time - 7:00 p.m.**



**Program will be "The
Inconvenient Truth
About LiPo Batteries"
By Bill Smead**

Jim's Jabber

by Jim Keehan - President

Well, it is that time of the year, again. TIME FOR THE BLUE MAX PICNIC. I hope that everyone has sent in their response to the Picnic attendance request, and that you are all planning on having a good time. We are planning some FUN, so be there.



When you are at the picnic, you should notice that we have replaced the damaged safety fence at the flight line. Many of you have observed that it was torn and had some holes in it. SAFETY is a main concern, so we have replaced the existing fence with a heavier duty fence. This should be safer and last longer. Also, I hope that the new transmitter shelf will be in place on the Radio Impound Station. We have tried to make this a little more resistant to the damage that comes from a public Forest Preserve, but please do not add to the wear and tear that we have from the others that use the Forest Preserve. That means, simply, do not stand or climb on the Impound Station.

Have FUN and Fly SAFELY.

I look forward to seeing you on August 19th at the Picnic.

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USAF Museum – Dayton

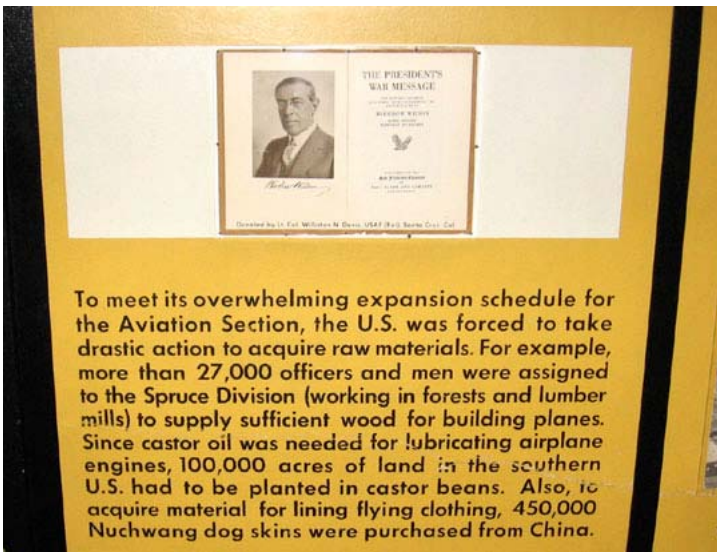
–by Bob Davit

Recently I had the wonderful opportunity to visit one of our nation's treasures, the United States Air Force Museum. Located adjacent to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, the USAF Museum has three VERY LARGE hangars full of planes dating back to the Wright Flyer and up to the YF-22 (original prototype) on display. I personally counted over 400 aircraft, and believe I took pictures of them all! As an aviation enthusiast (we all are), the visit was a euphoric sensory overload that can only be related to by a five year old at Disney World. A few “shaking hands with Mickey” memories:



Handley Page bomber

The museum has three main areas: Early Flight / WWI, WWII, and the Jet Age. Early Flight is a must see with the Wright Flyer, Jenny, and Fokker Triplane. Seeing the open cockpit and lack of protection really gives you an idea what these pilots faced when flying into adverse weather....or during battle.....nowhere to hide! During WWI, the lack of building materials for aircraft became a significant issue; therefore a “War Message” was issued by Woodrow Wilson. The 450,000 Chinese dog skins caught my eye..... something we Americans weren't ready to part with, the family dog.



WWII brought about the P-40, P-47, P-51 and my favorite, the P-38. All of these aircraft, including most European and Pacific theatre planes, are on display here (including a V-1 Buzz Bomb and a V-2 Rocket....which led to the development of the US space program through their developer, Wernher Von Braun).



DeHaviland Mosquito



B-29 "Bockscar"

The pinnacle of the WWII section, in my humble opinion, is the plane that helped end the Pacific war - the B-29 named Bockscar. Most of us know the Enola Gay by name; however, Bockscar ended the war with the "Fat Man" atomic bomb. I can only imagine how many WWII veterans placed their hands on the nose of this aircraft, as I did, and thanked God for not having to finish the war on the ground in Japan.



B-52



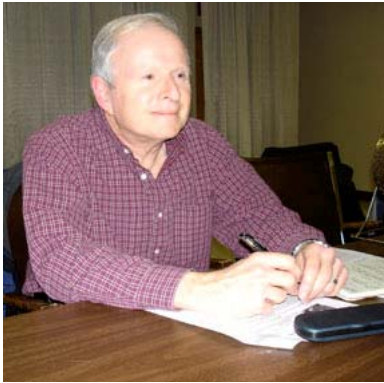
YF-22

The Jet Age hangar is a sight to behold. A B-52 bomber in the center, circled by every known USAF Jet fighter, leaves you wanting more (and that's when you look up and see UAV's, such as the Predator, hanging like model airplanes at VentureAwesome!). I believe the YF-22 is the jaw dropper of this section. When you compare it to an F-105 (100 feet away), it's an amazing accomplishment when considering it has only been 50 years. Then again, in 1957, the Wright Brothers would have thought the same of the Thunderchief: "You mean to tell me that thing will fly faster than the speed of sound? Where's the propeller?" I can only imagine what this fantastic museum will hold in 2057. **Bob Davit**

MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*

Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
July Meeting Notes
 Meeting Date: July 16, 2007
 Secretary: Murry Randell



The July meeting of the Blue Max Flying Club was called to order by **Jim Keehan** on July 16, 2007, at 7:06 p.m. at our new meeting place, St. Thomas of Villanova School.

Welcome Guests

Don Barclay. Don asked about a program for scouts to fly RC with a buddy box. Jim said we could probably set up an event where each scout could experience

one flight as per AMA rules.

Around the Hangar

A certificate was presented to **Rich Frost** in appreciation for last month's program.

Secretary report: Murry Randell- minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report: Duane Lang – Our current balance is \$6441.97 excluding the raffle.

Committee reports:

✧ **Banquet:** No report.

✧ **Field - Gene Zerega-** Gene thanked the Forest Preserve personnel who have been cutting the grass. Two new starting stands are in place. A replacement strip will be installed on the impound stand to accommodate 2.4 GHz radios.

✧ **Fun Fly – Pete Sidor**– this month's Fun Fly was a clown drop. 1st place: **Aviv Shoal** (not pictured.)



2nd Place:
Duane Lang

3rd Place:
Carlos Arechiga

It was great to see such a good turnout.

Other participants were: **Bill, and Don.** (not pictured)



Duane Juan Carlos Joe, Shawn Frank, Carl, Alexie, Ron, Del, Steve

Next month's Fun Fly will be a Limbo at the picnic, with an additional Fun Fly event - an egg drop.

- ✈ **Newsletter – Don Linder-** Articles and pictures that are submitted are appreciated. If possible, send a paragraph or two of text with pictures. Anyone interested in becoming the newsletter editor please let the club know.
- ✈ **Noise - Frank Stillson-** Planes have been reasonably quiet. Please be aware of the close proximity of the condominiums east of the field. Do not fly past the arrows.
- ✈ **Picnic – Carl -** The club Somethin' Extra will be raffled at the picnic. The picnic will be on August 19, 2007. Coolers and grills are needed. Details on the picnic will be posted on the website. Please only bring a plane if you are going to fly. When e-mails are sent to all members, please reply to the appropriate person and not necessarily the person initiating the e-mail.

Proficiency – Ron Pettrec – It was a great month for upgrades. Here are all of the new **Solo Pilots**.



Alexiy Yamtsun, Boyd Kossmann, Terrance Kelly, JuanCarlos Arechiga, Bradford Walters



Murry Randell to Intermediate level.



Del Peral passed Advanced and Sport Pilot. Del also now is a Primary Instructor.



avoid bending the poles.

Duane Lang and **Bill Latoria** advanced to primary instructor.

Yohay Hahamy (pictured here with Ron) advanced to unlimited instructor.

CONGRATULATIONS to all!

✈ **Program** -

✈ **Refreshments** - Thanks again to **Carl**.

✈ **Safety - Carl Will-** Fly no closer to the pits than the center-line of the field. Engine break-in or lengthy engine adjustments should be done on the grass west of the field.

Old Business

Conduit poles and rope to retrieve planes from trees are in the impound stand. Assemble poles vertically to

New on the Radar

Rich Frost reported on the St. Charles Jet Rally. He described many of the aircraft and a spectacular crash. See these on the web at: <http://www.bluemaxrc.com/photogallery/photos.aspx?album=22>

Unhappy Landings

Ken Brennan- crashed his Mustang PTS trainer. There was a discussion between Don, Carl, and Yohay on the suitability of the Mustang PTS as a trainer. Ken is back in the air making great progress.

Bob Davit crashed his Cessna 310 because of not enough speed on take-off. One of the few times we saw a video of the crash.

Duane Lang- His YAK broke in half after the engine quit.

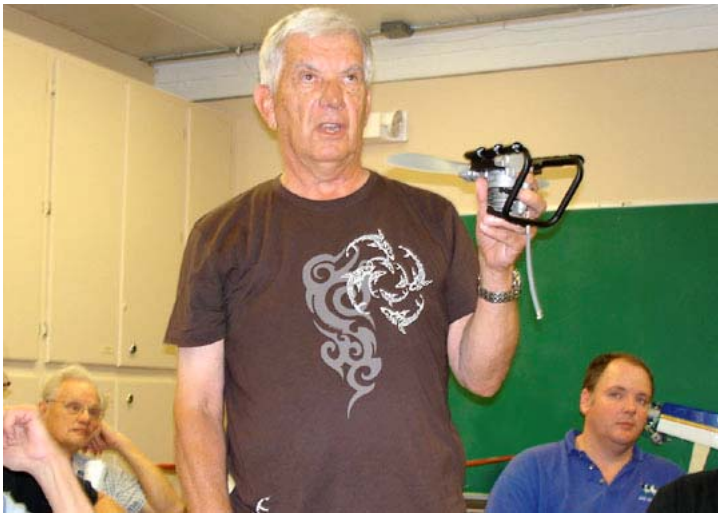
New on the Runway



Yohay Hahamy- Rare Bear -ARF - a lot of work to assemble. Weak landing gear blocks.



Don Linder- Little Tony ARF - from Great Planes.



Rich Frost - Custom built RCV 91 engine.



Brad Walters- Wild Stick 120 from Carl Goldberg.



Bill Smead- (left) Portable case with 5 meters built in. Bill will check LiPo batteries brought to meetings or to the field on Friday.

Top Guns

Raffle winners **Shawn Meadows** and **Gene Zerega**. Prizes were mystery packages each with a \$50.00 gift card and miscellaneous items.



Pilot's Briefing



Will Murray, Captain (Ret. United Airlines) He flew for United for 33 years as well as four years in the Marines. He described the many aircraft he has flown. He trained in the SNJ (T6) the T-28, and then in the F-9F8 for carrier landing and gunnery practice. He flew T-33, FJ-3 (which is like the F-86 Sabre), the F4D Falcon.

Commercially, he flew DC-6B, DC-7, Vickers Viscount, 727, 737, and 747. He showed a video of a spectacular landing he made as captain of a 747 when the nose wheel and two of the four main gear would not deploy.

Captain Murray's talk was inspiring and very entertaining.



The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

INSTRUCTORS

Unlimited

Yohay Hahamy
Tim Niemiec
Ron Petterec
Bob Tomasulo

INSTRUCTORS

Primary

Paul Barsamian
Ed Der
Steve Haas
Duane Lang
Bill Latoria
Don Linder
Del Peral
Kurt Schmitt
Jim Speers
Frank Stillson
Carl Will

INSTRUCTORS

Basic

GROUND CREW

Larry Bochenko
Bob Davit
Gene Derbick
Jim Keehan
Joe Keehan
Rudy Krolopp
Pete Sidor
John Temple

Fun-Fly –

**Pete Sidor,
Matt Hauser**

The July Fun-Fly will be held on Sunday August 19th at the picnic at the Deer Grove flying field.

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.

Indoor Flying

Indoor flying season at Forest View Educational Center starts on 9/21/07. Registration is open now and filling fast. \$44 for 10 Friday sessions from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Register online at www.ce214.org Enter "fly" in the inquiry box. Or call Community Education directly at 847/718-7700.

Any questions call or email Mike McGee. irishmist430@comcast.net

New Meeting Place

Meeting Room #1 (MR 1)
St. Thomas of Villanova School
1141 East Anderson Drive
Palatine, IL 60074

Our meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month and they start at 7:00 p.m.

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10

Available Now!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

August

Steve Haas 8/27

Todd Vazquez 8/31

September

Brian Maude 9/1

Ronald J. Petterec 9/5

John Temple 9/8

Bill Smead 9/11

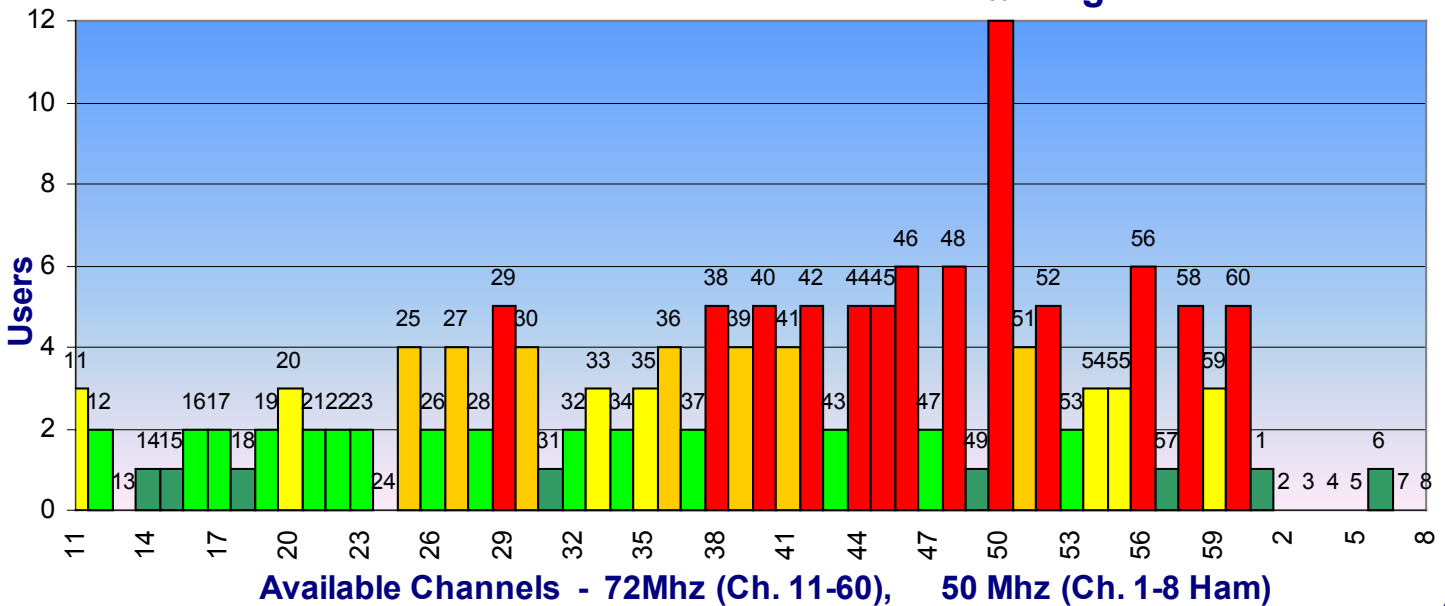
Joe Keehan 9/14

Shawn Meadows 9/14

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

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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www.BlueMaxRC.com

Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
July 2007 – Sept 2007

Aug 2007

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

Sept 2007

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

October 2007

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



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