



Blue Max Aces

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Next meeting Feb 19.
Start time will be 7:00
p.m.



Dave Taitel will talk
on the Spektrum
radio system.



Pay your Dues.

Jim's Jabber

by Jim Keehan, President

February has been a little chilly for most of us to be flying this year. However, I remember some former Club members that would put their planes out and get back into their car. They would partially lower the car window, stick their transmitter antennas out the window and fly. While this shows how much they loved to fly, it is a very dumb thing to do! Please, do not do this!



The Club had our annual Winter Banquet on February 3rd. As usual it was a great time with fun, food and conversation. The Banquet

Committee – **Frank Stillson, Tom Jetson, and Kurt Schmitt** – did a wonderful job. There were plenty of prizes to go around. We had an excellent meal. Our first Silent Auction was held. Even President Abraham Lincoln was there. The talk that he gave was as interesting as you would expect with many true stories and insights to Honest Abe's life. I am sure that you will see another article and many pictures on the Banquet in this Newsletter.

Remember the next meeting is February 19th. As we discussed at the January meeting, we are going to start the meetings at **7:00 p.m.** for the next few months. This should get us out before they lock the doors. If all goes well, we will start at 7:00 the rest of the year. It should be a fun meeting and very informative. As you will read in another part of the Newsletter, we will have a program on the newest Radio technology in the R/C hobby.

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings and flying at the Field this year.

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Pete Sidor

Ground Crew
Dennis Brumley

Noise
Frank Stillson

Picnic
Tim Niemiec
Carl Will

Program
Jim Keehan

Safety
Carl Will

MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



**Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
January Meeting Notes**
Meeting Date: January 15, 2007
Secretary: Murry Randell

Jim Keehan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Guests

A guest, **Howard Katz**, was present. **Bill Smead** was also in attendance and joined the club.

Around the Hangar

Jim introduced new officers, board members and committee chairmen. So that we don't run late at meetings, the **next three meetings will start at 7:00 p.m.**

Secretary's report: The minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Duane – Our account balance is \$4,449.28 exclusive of tonight's raffle and dues.

Committee reports:

Safety – Carl: a flyer had a crash due to battery failure, possibly due to over charging. Care should be taken when charging batteries.

Webmaster- no report.

Noise- no report.

Proficiency: Tri-Village will be ending their instruction program. The board met with Venture Hobbies who will refer new pilots to Blue Max. Venture would like names and phone numbers of instructors. **Ron Petterec** donated an instructor's manual to the club.

Refreshments- Thanks **Carl!**

Banquet, Frank. We need more participation. We had 60-70 attendees in the past. Bring 1-2 items for the silent auction. There will be raffle prizes from Venture. We need models for display. Don will send an e-mail to boost banquet attendance

Fun-Fly- Pete Sidor and Matt Hauser: The Fun Fly will go back to the old format on Sundays. Prizes will be awarded at the meeting following the event.

Picnic- Tim Niemiec and Carl Will: no report.

Field Marshal- Gene Zerega: no report.

Old Business

Rudy gave a progress report on the Somethin' Extra. It needs more than just covering. He will have it ready.

New on the Radar

Board Meeting - **Pete Sidor, Jr.** and **Dave Taitel** were made honorary members. **Marv Green** was made a lifetime member. A motion was made and passed to pay for Marv Green and his wife to attend the banquet.

A new club flyer is available on the web site, at Venture and at the field.

Apparel - **Don** will take over from **Ray**.

1. **Pete Sidor-** Proposed to have a swap meet to raise revenue for the club. Further discussion next meeting.

2. **Deb Kimball - Jenny** wants to start a club for kids. Flyers were passed out. She would appreciate help from our club and Venture.

- 3. **Jim Keehan** will meet with the condo board to see if there are objections to expanded flying hours. If there is no objection, he will approach the Cook County Forest Preserve.
- 4. **Mike McGee** suggested having cookies as part of the refreshments.

Unhappy Landings

Mike McGee made a basket in the gym while flying a foam plane.



Raffle winners - **Mark Hepler, Jim Keehan and Carl Will.**

New on the Runway

Jim Keehan brought a Top Flight Beech Stagger Wing ARF.

Top Guns



Adjournment: 9:00 P.M.



INDOOR FLYERS

The Spring term for Indoor Flying at Forest View Education Center in Arlington Heights starts on Feb 16. The session runs from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays for 10 weeks. Fee to the District 214 Community Education Department is \$44. You can sign up at the center, or by phone at 847/718-7700, or on line at www.ce214.org. (Enter "fly" in the search box). Or call Mike McGee for more info.

Fun-Fly

We are looking forward to next year's Fun-Flies starting in April.

Safety — Carl Will

HAPPY FLYING, *Carl*

Proficiency

Tim Niemiec will serve as Proficiency Chairman while Ron is in Arizona.

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.

INSTRUCTORS**Unlimited**

Tim Niemiec
Ron Petterec
Bob Tomasulo

INSTRUCTORS**Primary**

Paul Barsamian
Ed Der
Jason Derbick
George Gibisch
Steve Haas
Yohay Hahamy
Ira Katz
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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**February**

John Fahrenbach	2/20
Brittany Bochenko	2/22
Matt Hauser	2/22
Harvey Stair	2/24

March

George Jeczalik	3/5
Raymond Zinkowski	3/6
Al Burns	3/11
Brian Janiak	3/16

Blue Max Winter Banquet

The Thirtieth annual BLUE MAX winter banquet was a big success on a very COLD February evening. Very fine aircraft were on display, kindly brought in by members.

New this year was a silent auction in connection with the display aircraft.

The social evening began with refreshments beginning at 6.00 p.m. followed by an excellent dinner served at 7:00. Throughout the evening a video displayed the events from the past year, compiled by **Tim Niemiec**, this past year's president, and presented courtesy of **Yohay Hahamy**.

Following dinner, the 16th President of the United States, **Mr. Abraham Lincoln** arrived.

Mr. Lincoln then took us through a journey of his life, from Kentucky to Indiana to Illinois to the Presidency. At the conclusion of his talk, **Mr. Robert Rotgers**, a.k.a. Abe Lincoln, held a question and answer session, with many good questions asked, and answered.

Upon Mr. Lincoln's departure, our current club president, **Jim Keehan**, introduced our guests, **Dave and Erynn Taitel**, owners of **Venture Hobbies** and a staunch advocate of the Blue Max. We thank Dave for their continuing support of the Blue Max Flying Club. **Scott Christensen** from **Sig Manufacturing** was invited, but due to very bad weather, wisely decided not to drive in from Iowa that weekend.



Marv Green was presented with a lifetime honorary membership in the Blue Max. **Marv** was one of the early pioneers in our club and has trained many of us to fly. Congratulations to **Marv** and **Rose Green**.

Tim Niemiec and **Jim Keehan** presented "certificates of appreciation" to club members that contributed to the success of the club during this past year.

Kurt Schmitt, of **Deerfield's Bakery**, donated the delicious cake that we enjoyed for desert.

Displayed throughout the evening was the attendance awards table with many fine items, both donated and purchased. Gift cards donated by **Venture Hobbies**, an airplane kit by **Sig Manufacturing**, items donated by Blue Max members and items purchased by the club. **Tom Jetson** conducted the attendance award raffle.

Some club members who donated items were: **Duane Lang**, Top Flight P-40; **Tim Niemiec**, Tool kits; **Bob Davit**, [proceeds from auction of a Satio 120 engine].

Thank you one and all for help in making this a very warm and enjoyable evening.

The Banquet Committee: **Frank Stillson, Kurt Schmitt, Tom Jetson**



Your Banquet Committee



Dessert from Deerfield Bakery

Banquet Pictures



Raffle Prizes



Frank's Pattern Ship



Good conversation and Yohay's Stearman



Rudy's Tiger Moth



Ginny and Jim

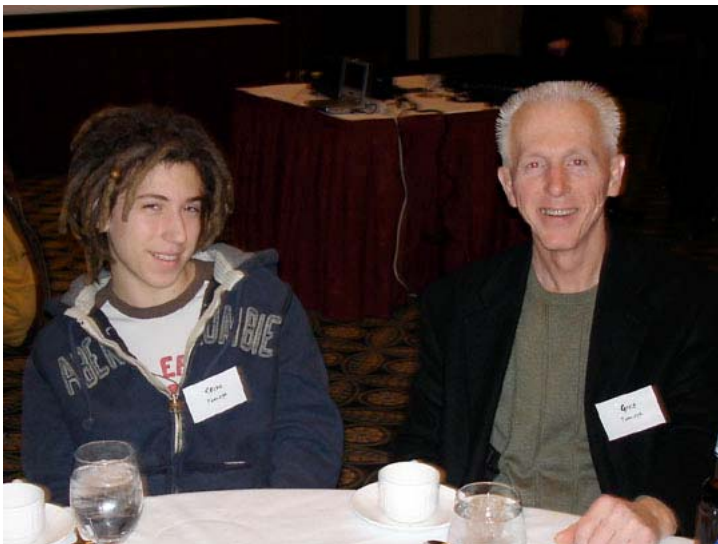


Rose and Marv

More Banquet Pictures



More Banquet Pictures



Awards and Recognition



Blue Max R/C Flying Club
AMA # 1040
www.BlueMaxRC.com

Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
February 2007 – April 2007**

February 2007

19) Monthly Meeting - 7:00p.m.

March 2007

19) Monthly Meeting - 7:00p.m.

April 2007

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



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