



Blue Max Aces

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Fun-Fly July 15 at 10:00 a.m.
Event – Clown Drop.



Next meeting July 16 at St. Thomas School.
Start time - 7:00 p.m.



Program will be presented by a United Airlines pilot.

Jim's Jabber

by Jim Keehan - President



It is good to see all the people at the Flying Field these last several weeks. I had to miss one great weekend, because of a business trip to Switzerland (the trip was successful and I gave my customer a great drive through the Alps on the VERY narrow roads with no guard rails). Summer is here. We are enjoying it!

Tim Niemiec had to drop out of his role as Picnic Chairman. This means that **Carl Will** is in charge of the Picnic this year. As you know, the Picnic will be on Sunday, Aug. 19th. **Carl** and the Club are in the process of making the final plans. We are sure that you will enjoy it again this year. Many Club members have told him that they are willing to help with the picnic. It takes a lot of effort to put this together, so please let **Carl** know if you can help with what is needed to make it another enjoyable day for the members and our families.

Everything seemed to go well at our new meeting place last month. As you know, we have had to move our monthly meetings from Wheeling to St. Thomas of Villanova School in Palatine. **Mike McGee** was able to get the use of this facility in short order and everything worked out well. Last month, we had to meet in the basement due to some construction work in the building. We will see how much progress they made in the last month. Maybe we can move to our new permanent home in an upstairs meeting room.

The pit area is sporting two new Starter Stands. These were discussed at the last meeting, and **Gene Zerega** and **Rudy Krolopp** agreed to build them. They look very rugged and practical. I tried one, while preparing my Staggerwing for its maiden flight. (Sorry Rudy, I forgot to call you so that you could be there for the maiden. flight) The stand works great and even has room for some tools. Thanks to Gene and Rudy.

I hope to see you flying at the Field and at the July meeting.

Fly SAFELY!.

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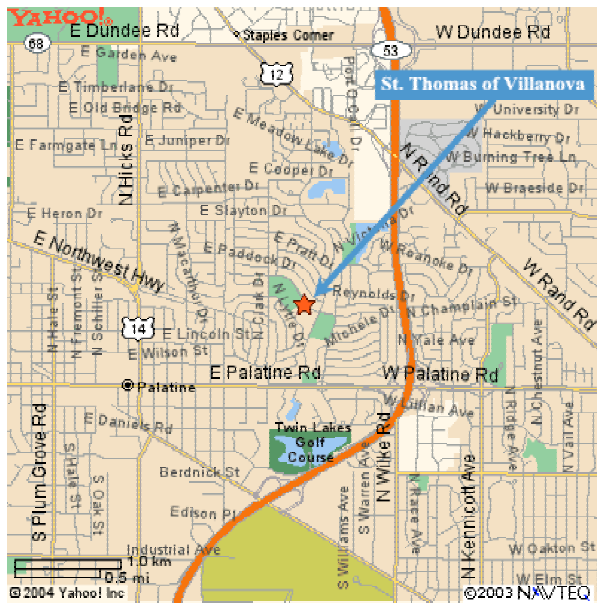
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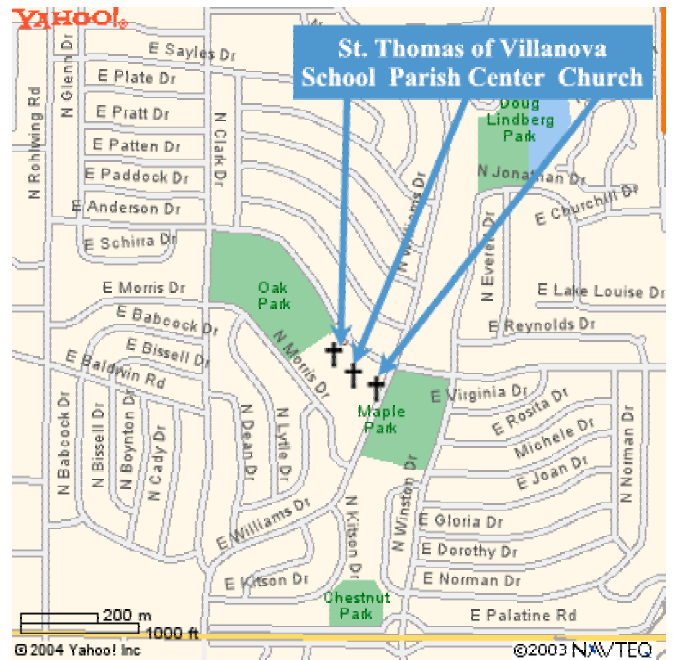
Safety
Carl Will

New Meeting Place



Here is a map of the area where the new meeting place is located. THE NEW MEETING PLACE ADDRESS
 Meeting Room #1 (MR 1)
 St. Thomas of Villanova School
 1141 East Anderson Drive
 Palatine, IL 60074

Please park at the west end of the school. The entrance is at the west end of the school. There will be signs there showing you the way to the room.



Before each meeting we may need to arrange the chairs, as we did at the Villa, for our meeting. At the end of the meeting, we need to put everything back as we found it. (A small price to pay for using the space.)

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

Starting Benches.

Gene Zerega and Rudy Krolopp built two starting benches for the field. They used pressure treated lumber. The screws are weatherproof decking screws. Gene first saw these in use in Florida. The idea is to fuel up in the pit, carry your plane to the starting bench and start it there. Then leave it open for the next person to use.

After a week or so of use at the field, there have been suggestions to make the shelf at the front a little larger to accommodate the user's flight box.



MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



**Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
June Meeting Notes**
Meeting Date: June 18, 2007
Secretary: Murry Randell

Jim Keehan called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.p. on June 18th, 2007 at our new meeting place, St. Thomas of Villanova School.

Welcome Guests

Juan Carlos Arechiga and **Peter Boden**.

Around the Hangar

A motion passed keeping the meeting time at 7:00 P.M. Jim thanked **Mike McGee** on behalf of the club for his timely locating of a new meeting place. Thanks again, Mike.

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

Treasurer's report: Duane Lang- Our account balance is \$6403.61. The report was accepted.

Committee reports:

- ✈ **Banquet:** No report.
- ✈ **Field - Gene Zerega**- Thanks from the club on getting the field cut. Plans are ready to build two starter stands. They will be built by Gene and Rudy.
- ✈ **Fun Fly – Pete Sidor**– two events:



1. Vegas Crap Shoot on May 27. **Bill Latoria** (not pictured) - first place. **Aviv Shoval**(3rd from left) - second place, **John Temple** (not pictured)- third place.



2. Mail Run on June 17: **Steve Haas** (2nd from left)- first place, **Casey Maude** (2nd from right)- second place, **Ron Petterec** (center)- third place.

Next month's Fun Fly will be a Clown Drop. Chutes must open.

- ✦ **Newsletter – Don Linder**- Contact Don with any articles, pictures or information you would like to see in the newsletter.
- ✦ **Noise - Frank Stillson**- No report.
- ✦ **Picnic – Carl** - Need donations for prizes. Venture Hobbies has made a donation. A letter requesting a donation will be sent to Sig. Picnic will be held on August 19th, 2007.
- ✦ **Proficiency – Ron Petterec** - Three members have moved to the next proficiency level -

Del Peral (no picture)- moved up to advanced.
Lou Roberts (at left)- moved up to intermediate.
Gene Zerega (below)- moved up to intermediate



CONGRATULATIONS to all!

- ✦ **Program** - Next month's program will be a pilot from United Air Lines speaking on career opportunities and his own career experiences. Thanks to **Bob Davit** for planning the program.

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

✈ **Safety - Carl Will-** Don suggested that each person should develop a habit of pre flight check.

Old Business

None.

New on the Radar

1. Spread Spectrum users should still put up a pin on the frequency board.
2. A motion was passed to buy conduit and rope for use in retrieving planes from trees.
3. Buddy Boxes - **Carl** requested donations of old computer radios for buddy boxes. **Ron** said students should buy their own. This would save time setting up the buddy boxes for each student.

Unhappy Landings

Aviv - used opposite correction when landing.

Dan - did not plug in ailerons. Did not do pre-flight check which would have caught the mistake.

Yohay - did not do range check.

Steve - throttle servo failed.

Gene - wing hit by cicada - put hole in wing

Don – A pilots hat was cut in half by the prop. Once again, safety first.

Mike - Did not check for damage after plane flipped. Tiger Moth caught in tree and could not get down. Was contacted that evening by someone who found his plane. Plane was returned due to the AMA sticker on the plane. All planes should have AMA ID stickers.

New on the Runway

No new planes.

Top Guns



Steve Haas - transmitter case.



Adam Walter - incidence kit.



Pete Sidor won the bench organizer.

Pilot's Briefing

Rich Frost spoke on radios and systems. He recommends waiting to purchase Spread Spectrum radios until they have been around a while longer.

Improvements will then have been incorporated into newer units. Rich feels that in a few years, the FCC will cut the number of channels on 72 MHz as

Spread Spectrum use becomes more widespread. Rich's talk was followed by an interesting Q & A session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Fun-Fly – Pete Sidor, Matt Hauser

The July Fun-Fly will be held on Sunday July 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Deer Grove flying field. The event will be **Clown Drop**. You will be supplied a cup or can to strap onto your plane. You will load 4 clown daredevil parachute jumpers. You take off and land in the circle for extra points. Your jumpers will be scored based on how close they are to the target. Chutes must open sufficiently for a safe descent. Nobody wants a dead clown.

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.

Proficiency – Ron Petterec

It's great to see we are getting some members to solo and move up in proficiency. Congratulations!

See Ron or any other instructor for information if you want to move up a level. Also we are always looking for instructors. It's easy to start out instructing. If you can fly a trainer you can instruct a novice pilot. Remember someone had to train to fly, so now you can put something back into this great hobby by helping a newbie learn how to fly. It's very exciting and rewarding.

- Ron

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

July

Richard Butler	7/17
Bill Latoria	7/22
Gerald Anderson	7/23
Mike McGee	7/26
Jessica Niemiec	7/26
Ed Der	7/27
Kyle Der	7/30
Michael Racine	7/31

August

Michael Altschuler	8/3
Brian Gerson	8/15
Don Linder	8/17

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

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

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

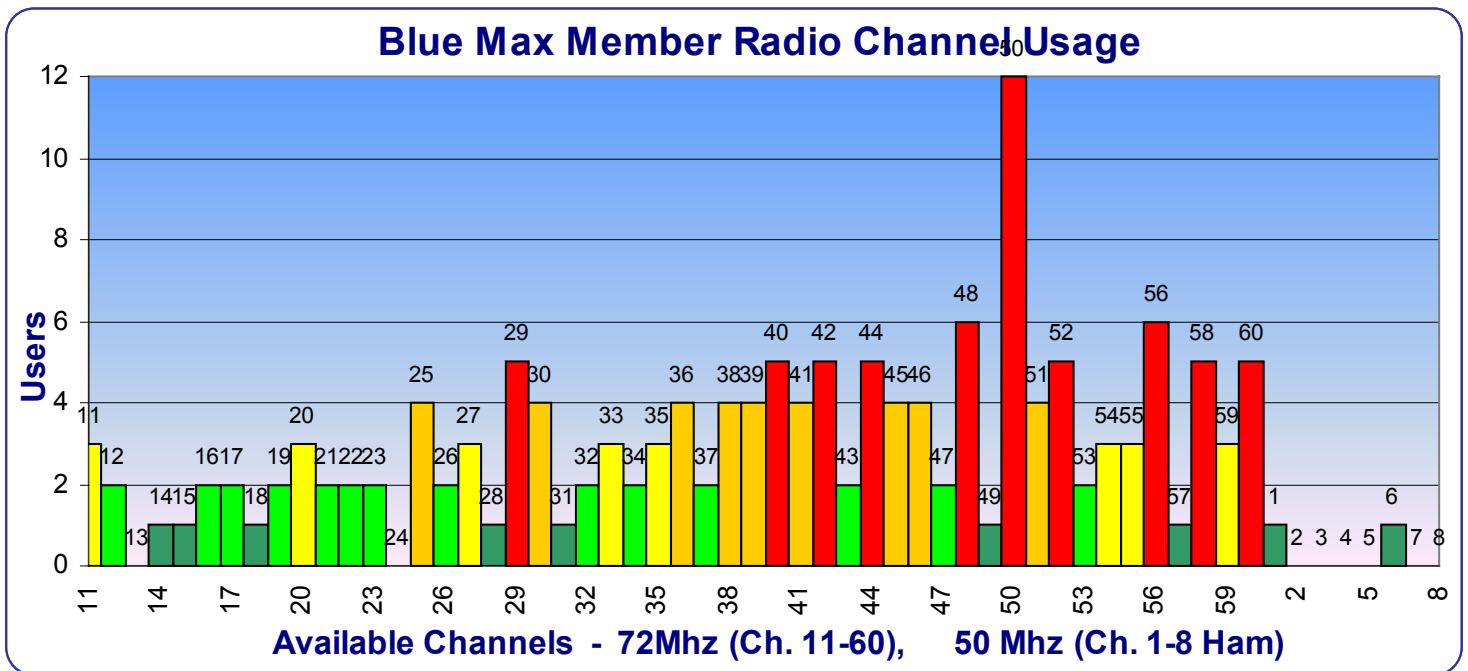
T-Shirts \$10

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
July 2007 – Sept 2007

July 2007

- 15) Fun-Fly - 10:00a.m.**
- 16) Monthly Meeting - 7:00p.m.**
- 21) G.A.S. Club picnic**

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.**



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