



# Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting Mar 19.**  
**Start time - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Pay your dues.**



**See page 5. for the fuel purchase program. Bring your checkbook.**



**Consider "Single Design" project on page 6.**

## Jim's Jabber

by Jim Keehan, President

**A**s I am writing this, the snow is melting. Almost gone. Spring is coming. Spring is when men's hearts turn to Love or R/C Flying. You can tell you wife or girlfriend that yours has turned to love. It is not a lie. It has turned to love of R/C Flying.



Have you cycled your batteries this winter? If not, it is time to start thinking about it. If you have been around the hobby for a while you understand the need for this. If you are new to the hobby, you need to do this for any planes that you flew last year or bought new this year. Don't forget to cycle the battery in your transmitter, too. If you have an Accucycle, Triton charger or any charger that performs the cycling automatically, you are all set. If not, use your expanded scale voltmeter to bring the battery charge down to 1.1 volts per cell. (Transmitters are eight cells, so 8.8 volts. Most receiver batteries are 4 cells, so 4.4 volts.) After you have brought them down to the proper voltage, fully recharge them. Doing this 2 or 3 times is even better, and will assure that the battery is at full capacity. If your battery does not show more charge than 1.2 volts per cell after the full charge (1.3 volts or more is a good), throw it away or have someone take a look at it.

How about reviewing the Club's Safety Rules? They are in the Website. All of them are important, but one that we will be watching closely this year is that you must fly down the middle of the runway. Flying three feet in front of the Safety Fence is dangerous and frightening to the other flyers. A review of the Flying Field Rules should be done, when you get there. They are posted on the big sign in the pit area.

Remember to do a Ground Check of your radios before the first flight. Let's have a SAFE and FUN year of flying!

*Jim Keehan*

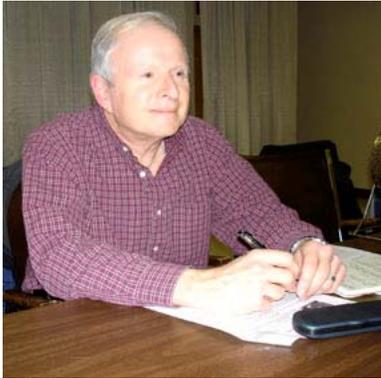
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# MEETING MINUTES

by Murry Randell, Secretary



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

**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

Jim acknowledged a thank-you note from Rose and Marv Green for Marv's life membership and the invitation to the banquet.

Jim discussed the fuel purchase program from Venture Hobby. A date is not yet set.

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

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

**Treasurer's report: Duane** – Our account balance is \$5466.47 including dues to date and banquet expense, but not tonight's raffle.

### **Committee reports:**

**Banquet: Frank** – The banquet turned out well. The cost to the Club was \$417.65. Many thanks are due to:

**Bob Davit** – for the donation of a Satio 120 engine.

**Duane Lang** – for the donation of a P-40.

**Kurt Schmitt** (Deerfield Bakery) – for the donation of the cake.

**Tim Niemiec** – for the donation of 3 tool kits.

**Venture Hobbies** – for the donation of gift certificates.

**Scott Christensen (Sig Mfg)** – for the donation of a Sig Mayham.

**Field - Jim** will contact the Forest Preserve District on field maintenance.

**Fun Fly - Pete** - No special planes tailored to an event will be used. Planes usually flown at field will be used.

**Noise - Frank** - no report.

**Safety - Carl** - no report.

**Picnic** - no report.

**Board of Directors** - no report.

**Webmaster**- no report.

**Proficiency** - no report.

**Refreshments** - Thanks to **Carl, Mike, Murry**.

## Old Business

None discussed.

### New on the Radar

1. **Rudy** completed the club Somethin' Extra. The club will auction it at the picnic. Nice job **Rudy**.
2. Instructor roster. Instructors are asked to voluntarily give e-mail and/or phone numbers for a roster.
3. There was a discussion on a donation to the **Villa** as a thank-you for use of the meeting room. **Duane** will check last year for the amount of a donation. The club will offer to do a show for Villa residents.

### Unhappy Landings

None reported.

### New on the Runway



**Rudy Krolopp** with the club Somethin' Extra.



**Howard Katz** showed his new Balsa USA Eindecker.

### Top Guns

Raffle winners were **Dan Dietemeyer** with the Ultra Stick 40, and **Howard Katz** with the model Corsair.





Pilot's Briefing

**Dave Taitel** (Venture Hobbies) spoke on the Spektrum DX 7 radio which operates at 2.4 GHz with spread spectrum modulation. Dave also brought a Hanger 9 F-22 Raptor PTS. This is a trainer that has the appearance of a jet.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**INDOOR FLYERS**

The Spring term for Indoor Flying at Forest View Education Center in Arlington Heights is underway and runs until April 20. The session runs from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. Call **Mike McGee** for more info.

**Fun-Fly – Pete Sidor, Matt Hauser**

We are looking forward to the Fun-Flies starting in April. 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. No GLIDERS WILL BE ALLOWED. (Seems like a strange rule: no gliders in a gliding event. -Ed.)

**Noise Control – Frank Stillson**

The new flying season is fast approaching!

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

February

March

<b>John Fahrenbach</b>	<b>2/20</b>	<b>George Jeczalik</b>	<b>3/5</b>
<b>Brittany Bochenko</b>	<b>2/22</b>	<b>Raymond Zinkowski</b>	<b>3/6</b>
<b>Matt Hauser</b>	<b>2/22</b>	<b>Al Burns</b>	<b>3/11</b>
<b>Harvey Stair</b>	<b>2/24</b>	<b>Brian Janiak</b>	<b>3/16</b>

# 2007 Blue Max Club Fuel Program

Dave Taitel, at Venture Hobbies, has worked out a plan for our 2007 Fuel Program. This year he has added more choices than in past years. There will be a sign up sheet at the March meeting, so make your selection and bring the money to the meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, you can send your check and fuel request to the Blue Max Club, P.O. Box 7803, Buffalo Grove, IL 60087.

Dave will try to get the fuel delivered so that we can pass it out at the April meeting.

Here are the Rules.

1. The fuel must be purchased in full cases (4 gallons). Two or three members can share a case, but only full cases will be ordered.
2. We must give your payment to the Club before the fuel will be ordered for you.
3. You can purchase as many cases as you want.
4. You can purchase more than one type of fuel (ex: 1 case of Cool Power Heli 15% and two cases of Hellcat 4 Stroke 20/20%)
5. We cannot leave the fuel overnight at Venture, due the fire department rules. Therefore, the Club has to remove all the fuel the day that it arrives. So, you must pick up your fuel that day or arrange for someone to get it for you.
6. You can order any fuel shown on the list below.
7. The Club must order at least 16 cases or the program will not be honored.

Obviously, Venture would make more money selling us the fuel at their regular price. They are doing us a favor with this program, so let's take advantage of it.

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VENTURE HOBBIES

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<u>Omega</u>	<u>Club price - cs</u>	<u>Club price - gal</u>	<u>Reg Price - gal</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Savings</u>
5%	\$ 38.00	\$ 8.74	\$ 11.50	\$ 2.76	24%
10%	\$ 45.50	\$ 10.46	\$ 12.50	\$ 2.04	16%
15%	\$ 52.00	\$ 11.95	\$ 14.50	\$ 2.55	18%
25%	\$ 65.00	\$ 14.94	\$ 19.99	\$ 5.05	25%
4c15%	\$ 52.00	\$ 11.95	\$ 14.50	\$ 2.55	18%
<u>Cool Power</u>					
5%	\$ 37.00	\$ 8.51	\$ 10.79	\$ 2.28	21%
10%	\$ 45.50	\$ 10.46	\$ 12.50	\$ 2.04	16%
15%	\$ 52.00	\$ 11.95	\$ 14.50	\$ 2.55	18%
25%	\$ 67.00	\$ 15.40			
4c15%	\$ 52.00	\$ 11.95	\$ 14.50	\$ 2.55	18%
hell15%	\$ 52.00	\$ 11.95	\$ 14.50	\$ 2.55	18%
4cpattern 20%	\$ 67.00	\$ 15.40			
heli30%	\$ 82.00	\$ 18.85	\$ 20.99	\$ 2.14	10%
<u>Wildcat</u>					
10%	\$ 46.50	\$ 10.69	\$ 12.99	\$ 2.30	18%
Extra 10%	\$ 49.00	\$ 11.26	\$ 13.29	\$ 2.03	15%
2/4 stroke 10%	\$ 47.00	\$ 10.80	\$ 14.49	\$ 3.69	25%
15%	\$ 52.50	\$ 12.07	\$ 13.99	\$ 1.92	14%
Extra 15%	\$ 53.50	\$ 12.30	\$ 14.49	\$ 2.19	15%
2/4 stroke 15%	\$ 53.50	\$ 12.30	\$ 14.49	\$ 2.19	15%
4 stroke 20/20%	\$ 72.00	\$ 16.55	\$ 18.99	\$ 2.44	13%
Hellmix 15%	\$ 54.00	\$ 12.41	\$ 14.49	\$ 2.08	14%
Hellmix 30%	\$ 82.00	\$ 18.85	\$ 19.99	\$ 1.14	6%
YOUNGBLOOD Heli 30/23%	\$ 84.00	\$ 19.31	\$ 21.49	\$ 2.18	10%

Pricing includes tax.

## It's a Bird ... It's a Plane ... It's a Lot of Planes!



After months of dedicated conservation efforts, the Museum of Science and Industry now has an amazing new aircraft presentation in the East Court. The Museum's planes, including the Spitfire, Stuka and Jenny had been lowered, conserved and raised again in a presentation that both puts the planes in context and makes for a visually dynamic display! The next time you are taking a journey around the Great Train Story or Empire 999, glance upward to see the planes as they chase, dive and soar!



**Museum of Science and Industry.**



Here are more pictures of **Dave, Howard and Rudy** from the last meeting.

### **SINGLE-DESIGN CLUB PROJECT** - *Mike McGee*

Inspired by an article in the February 2007 issue of *Model Aviation*, I suggest that the club look into a Single-Design Project for our club members. Looking into the idea further I realize that there are several details which must be discussed before we can proceed with such a venture.

We are open to suggestions but to get us started, I'm suggesting that prior to the next meeting you each give some thought to the following:

1. Should the design be for:
  - a: electric only
  - b: glow only
  - c: electric and glow
2. Should the construction be:
  - a: stick
  - b: foam
  - c: stick and foam as in the Model Aviation article ?
3. What should the size be?
4. Will the model be entirely scratch-built, or partly with standard parts that can be ordered, or a kit, or even an ARF?
5. When will the judging be? At the picnic?
6. On what criteria will the models be judged?
7. Do we give prizes or awards?

With so many questions to be answered I believe this should be the work of a committee to be selected at the meeting rather than one person (especially since I understand only electric). I see this event having the possibility of bringing members closer together and maybe even becoming an annual event.

#### **INSTRUCTORS** **Unlimited**

Tim Niemiec  
Ron Petterec  
Bob Tomasulo

#### **INSTRUCTORS** **Primary**

Paul Barsamian  
Ed Der  
Jason Derbick  
George Gibisch  
Marv Green  
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

# BLUE MAX WEAR

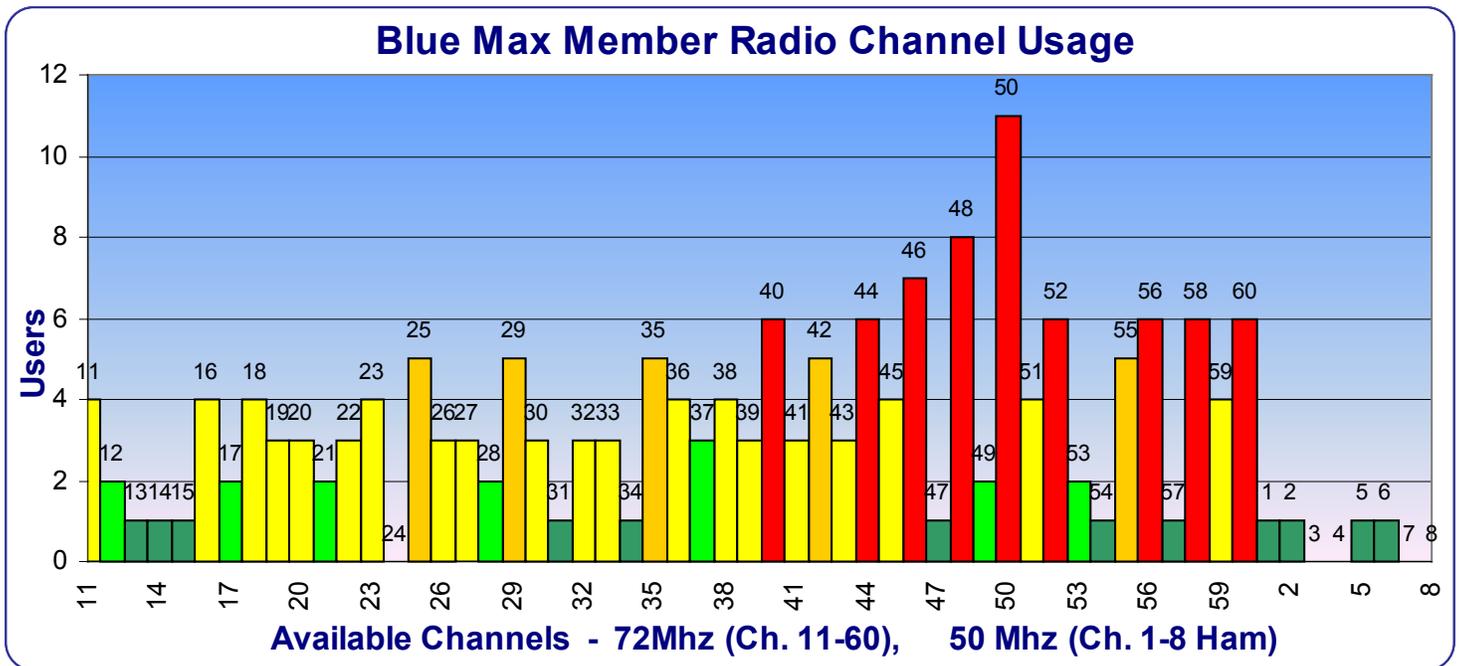
Caps \$10  
 Sweatshirts \$20  
 Sizes: Small to 2X

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](mailto: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.

**Blue Max R/C Flying Club  
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[www.BlueMaxRC.com](http://www.BlueMaxRC.com)**

**Look on the web for the newsletter in color.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR  
March 2007 – May 2007**

**March 2007**

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

**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.**



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