



Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting
December 15th at
St. Thomas School.
Start time - 7:00 p.m.**



**Starter Stands are
not first come first
serve. They need to
be shared.**

Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega - President



It is hard to believe that a full year has passed and I am writing the last newsletter for the year 2008. As you all know our annual elections were held last month, and the entire process

went very smoothly. Pete Sidor and I were both re-elected for a second term, and we elected four new board members; Bob Davit, Duane Lang, Rudy Krolopp, and Don Linder to help guide the club through the 2009 flying season. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank **all** of the club members and officers for your help and support throughout the past year, and for re-electing me as your President for 2009.

Looking down the road, I believe that we face a number of new challenges in 2009, especially in light of the current economy. One of these challenges will be recruitment of new members. I will be looking for some fresh ideas, not only from the newly elected officers, but from all of **you**, the current members and backbone of the club. Please feel free to voice your opinions and suggestions at the monthly meetings. If you are unable to attend the meetings and/or prefer to submit your suggestions in private, please don't hesitate to email me directly.

Finally, I would like to remember and thank the outgoing elected officers, all of the committee members and individual club members for their support and contributions throughout the past year. A special thanks goes out to Pete Sidor for his guidance and support, and to the Board of Directors, Steve Haas, Murry Randell, Treasurer Duane Lang, Webmaster Pete Sidor, Jr., Frank Stillson, Tom Jetson, Matt Hauser, Ron Petterec, Pete Sidor, Carl Will and Rudy Krolopp for all of those great speakers. And finally, a special thanks also goes out to Pete Warenski for the beautiful Blue Max Club sign he designed and built for display at our flying field.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE.

Our next meeting will be held on December 15th. I look forward to seeing you.

Gene Zerega

- President**
Gene Zerega
- Vice President**
Pete Sidor
- Editor**
Bradford Walters
- Board of Directors**
Steve Haas
Murry Randell
Carl Will
Ron Petterec
- Secretary**
Murry Randell
- Treasurer**
Duane Lang
- Webmaster**
Pete Sidor Jr.

COMMITTEES

- Banquet**
Tom Jetson
Frank Stillson
- Field Marshal**
Matt Hauser
- Flying Proficiency**
Ron Petterec
- Fun-Fly**
Pete Sidor
- Ground Crew**
Gene Zerega
Matt Hauser
- Noise**
Frank Stillson
- Picnic**
Carl Will
- Program**
Rudy Krolopp
- Safety**
Carl Will

MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
November Meeting Notes
 Meeting Date: November 17, 2008
 Secretary: Murry Randell

The November 17, 2008 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

Welcome Guests

Dave Downing

Pilot's Briefing

There was no program at this meeting.

Around the Hangar

President Report: Gene Zerega – No report.

Secretary Report: Murry Randell - Minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report: Duane Lang – Balance is \$3119.98.

Committee Reports:

- ✦ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – A motion was passed to price the banquet at \$30.00 per person. Please send in your reservations by the January 19, 2009 meeting.
- ✦ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – No report.
- ✦ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – No report.
- ✦ **Newsletter: Brad Walters** – Thanks for a good job.
- ✦ **Noise: Frank Stillson** – No report.
- ✦ **Picnic: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✦ **Proficiency: Ron Petterec** – **Andrew Gebhard** advanced to solo.
- ✦ **Program: Rudy Krolopp** – None.
- ✦ **Refreshments: Carl Will** – Thanks again to **Carl** for bringing the refreshments.
- ✦ **Safety: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✦ **Webmaster** – No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- 1. Bradford Walters** – it is not safe to fly alone.
- 2. Club Float** – **Bob Davit** suggested having a Blue Max float at a Memorial Day and /or July 4th parade. This would publicize our club and hopefully interest new members. If interested in helping, please contact **Bob Davit** or **Yohay Hahamy**.
- 3. Pete Warenski** will check with AMA on leader club requirements. There are gold, silver, and bronze levels. Thanks Pete for constructing the Blue Max sign for the field.

Election Results

President – **Gene Zerega**

Vice President – **Pete Sidor**

Board of Directors:

Bob Davit

Duane Lang

Rudy Krolopp

Don Linder

Appointed Positions:

Treasurer – **Duane Lang**

Secretary – **Murry Randell**

Committee Chairmen:

Banquet – **Frank Stillson**

Field Marshall – **Matt Hauser**

Fun Fly – **Pete Sidor**

Newsletter – **Bradford Walters**

Noise – **Frank Stillson**

Picnic – **Carl Will**

Refreshments – **Carl Will**

Proficiency – **Yohay Hahamy**

Program – **Bob Davit**

Safety – **Sam Rimer & Don Linder**

Unhappy Landings

None.

New on the Radar



Mike McGee – Mini Ultra Stick, rebuilt by **Bill Smead**
Ultra Stick crashed 3 times. “Hard Landings.”



Rich Frost – (2) RCV engines – a .91 at \$245 & a 1.3 at \$339. The .91 was easy to start.



Carl Will – Kondor Model Products B-25.
Carl will use 2 Saito 100s. 13 servos.



Andrew Gebhard advanced to solo.

Top Gun



Jim Keehan won an Extra 300 ARF.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Sound and Banquet – Frank Stillson

Wishing all a very happy holiday season, with lots of joy and outstanding fellowship.

Over the years, there have been many articles regarding quieting our aircraft engines. There are a few that have constantly had loud engines, maybe not exceeding the 98db level that the AMA and the club has established, but still too loud and annoying to other flyers and the residents in the not too distant condos.

Over the winter, it would be very nice if those with loud engines received some much needed attention to lowering the sound level of their aircraft. Almost everyone would appreciate the effort at sound reduction.

The February 7, 2009 Winter Dinner Dance Banquet is fast approaching. At the November meeting it was decided the cost per person would be \$30.00 each. Please download the registration forms from the website, and I will have forms at the next meeting also. There is still time to register, but I do need firm commitments by the January meeting. Thank you.

Indoor Flying – Mike McGee

For those of you who might be interested in flying indoors this winter, indoor flying at Forest View Educational is on Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Registration is now.

Dates: 12/15, 1/5, 1/12, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9.

Course number: #9264

Cost: \$40 (\$31 with Gold Card)

To Register: Call 847-718-7700 or visit the website at www.ce214.org or stop by the Comm Ed office B106 at 2121 S. Goebbert, A.H.

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.

INSTRUCTORS

UNLIMITED

Steve Haas
Yohay Hahamy
Duane Lang
Ron Petterec

PRIMARY

Paul Barsamian
Ed Der
Don Linder
Del Peral

Jim Speers
Frank Stillson
Bradford Walters
Carl Will

BASIC

Shlomo Rimer
Aviv Shoal
Steve Tomczyk

GROUND CREW

Matt Hauser
Gene Zerega

Editor's Page



Aviation Merit Badge Comprehension Test from The EAA Museum tour, Oskosh, WI

1. In the Museum, you saw "SpaceShipOne. It was built by:
 - a. Charlie Johnson
 - b. Bob Smith
 - c. Burt Rutan
 - d. Steve Fosset
2. The 4 operations of a "Piston Engine" are:
 - a. Gas, air, fire and fun
 - b. Intake, compression, power and exhaust
 - c. Rotation, acceleration, breaking and backfiring
 - d. Pull start, choke, kick wheel and quit when in the air
3. Isaac Newton's "Third Law of Motion" is:
 - a. It takes work to make action
 - b. Apples are the center of the universe
 - c. For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction
 - d. Air is lighter than dirt
4. Some of the most popular airplane engines are:
 - a. Piston
 - b. Jet
 - c. Turbo Prop
 - d. All of the above
5. Runways are numbered by:
 - a. The number of airplanes that use it
 - b. Elevation above sea level
 - c. The direction they point in reference to a compass rose
 - d. How long they are
6. First person to fly non-stop from New York to Paris:
 - a. Dick Rutan
 - b. Chuck Yeager
 - c. Bud Anderson
 - d. Charles Lindbergh
7. An airplane rudder turns the plane:
 - a. Upwards
 - b. Downward
 - c. Right or left
 - d. None of the above
8. A propeller produces thrust:
 - a. By turning real slow
 - b. By a airfoil shaped blade that pulls the plane forward
 - c. By producing a high pitch noise
 - d. Using engine exhaust
9. An "Aircraft" is defined as:
 - a. Anything that flies
 - b. A bird
 - c. A device used or intended to be used for flight in air
 - d. A thing with wings
10. "Instrument Rating" with a Private Pilot Certificate
 - a. Lets you fly upside down
 - b. Allows you to fly in clouds, rain and fog
 - c. Allows you to fly under bridges
 - d. Allows you to buzz herds of cows

11. The "Airplane Fuel Rule" is:
 - a. ½ out, ½ back
 - b. ¼ out, ¼ back, ¼ reserve, ¼ for sale
 - c. Fly until you run out of fuel
 - d. 1/3 out, 1/3 back, 1/3 reserve
 12. Trim Tabs:
 - a. Make the airplane slimmer
 - b. Adjust the plane for straight and level flight
 - c. Make the pilot's hair shorter
 - d. Make the airplane look better
 13. Takeoffs are optional, landings are:
 - a. Mandatory
 - b. A controlled stall
 - c. Better than crashing
 - d. All of the above
 14. The 4 forces that act on an aircraft are:
 - a. Sunlight, clouds, moonlight and stars
 - b. Radio waves, cell phones, televisions and GPS
 - c. Lift, thrust, gravity and drag
 - d. None of the above
 15. The control surfaces on an airplane are:
 - a. Wings, wheels, propellers and running lights
 - b. Ailerons, flaps, elevators, and rudder
 - c. Navigation instruments and charts
 - d. Fuel and temperature gauges
 16. A "Pre-flight Inspection" is required because:
 - a. You know you have the right airplane
 - b. You know it will be safe to fly
 - c. You will know all the passengers are good-looking
 - d. You will be tested on it when you land
 17. A "P-51 Mustang" is a:
 - a. Horse with a lot of giddy up
 - b. A Ford motor vehicle that flies
 - c. A World War II fighter plane
 - d. All of the above
 18. A "Turbo Fan" engine is used primarily in:
 - a. Fighter jets
 - b. Commercial Airliners
 - c. Recreational airplanes
 - d. Hot air balloon
 19. The first lighter-than air aircraft flight was done by:
 - a. A hot air balloon
 - b. The Wright Flyer
 - c. A blimp
 - d. A glider
 20. In order from front to back, the main parts of a jet engine:
 - a. Turbines, combustion chamber, compressors, exhaust
 - b. Combustion chamber, compressors, turbines, exhaust
 - c. Spark plugs, combustion chamber, compressors, exhaust
 - d. Compressors, combustion chamber, turbines, exhaust
 21. Gyroplanes and helicopter rotorcraft differ in that:
 - a. All gyroplanes have wings
 - b. Helicopter rotors are powered
 - c. Gyroplane rotors are powered
 - d. Gyroplanes heed a tail rotor
 22. Propellers on a turboprop aircraft are powered by:
 - a. Jet engines
 - b. 4-cycle internal combustion engines
 - c. Ram jet engines
 - d. Rocket engines
 23. Efficient aircraft maximize thrust & minimize drag by:
 - a. More powerful engines
 - b. Streamlining
 - c. Retractable landing gear
 - d. All three choices
 24. The twin-engine B25 bombers that made the 1942 "Doolittle Raid" attack on Tokyo took off from:
 - a. Pearl Harbor
 - b. The aircraft carrier Hornet
 - c. Shangri La Airfield
 - d. O'Hare Airfield
 25. During an aircraft pre-flight inspection, you are asked to check the pitot tube. Why is this important?
 - a. You need to know how much fuel you have
 - b. You need maximum visibility from the cockpit
 - c. You need to ensure the landing gear are locked in place
 - d. You need to know that your airspeed indicator is accurate
 26. The main reason right rudder is applied during takeoff is that:
 - a. The runway may be bumpy
 - b. Torque from the turning propeller causes the aircraft to turn left
 - c. Traffic pattern usually requires a right turn after takeoff
 - d. Spectators often stand to the left of the runway
 27. A dirigible is a:
 - a. Heavier-than-air aircraft without wings
 - b. Lighter-than-air aircraft without internal framework
 - c. Lighter-than-air aircraft whose flight direction is mainly determined by the wind
 - d. Lighter-than-air aircraft with rigid internal framework
 28. The main axes of flight control are:
 - a. Forward, up, backward
 - b. Roll, pitch, and yaw
 - c. Down, up, rock and roll
 - d. Sideways and straight
- *Answers will be published in the January 2009 Newsletter.*

Blue Max Winter Dinner Dance Banquet!

Saturday, February 7, 2009

At The Arboretum Club, 401 Half Day Road, Buffalo Grove, IL

Cocktails (Cash Bar) at 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM

*Repeat performance by the
“Gray Rock’ Band”*

\$30.00 per Person

Dinner Selections:

Flame Grilled Texas Ribeye Steak
Grilled Salmon Fillet
Pecan and Asiago Chicken

Children - \$12.00 Each

Chicken Fingers and Fries

Come join your fellow club members in a fine winter meal and social event.

Ladies gift certificates throughout the evening!

Attendance awards presented at the conclusion of the evening!

NAME: _____ Menu Selection _____

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NAME: _____ Menu Selection _____

NAME: _____ Menu Selection _____

Number Attending: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

MAKE PAYMENT TO BLUE MAX BY THE JANUARY 19 MEETING

OR SEND TO:

BLUE MAX FLYING CLUB, PO BOX 7803, BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089-7803

Make your attendance commitments as soon as practical. We need to know how many to plan for.

This is a Great time to get together! A middle of the winter Dinner and Dance!

The 2008 Banquet Committee – Frank Stillson & Tom Jetson

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10
Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10
Available Now!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

December

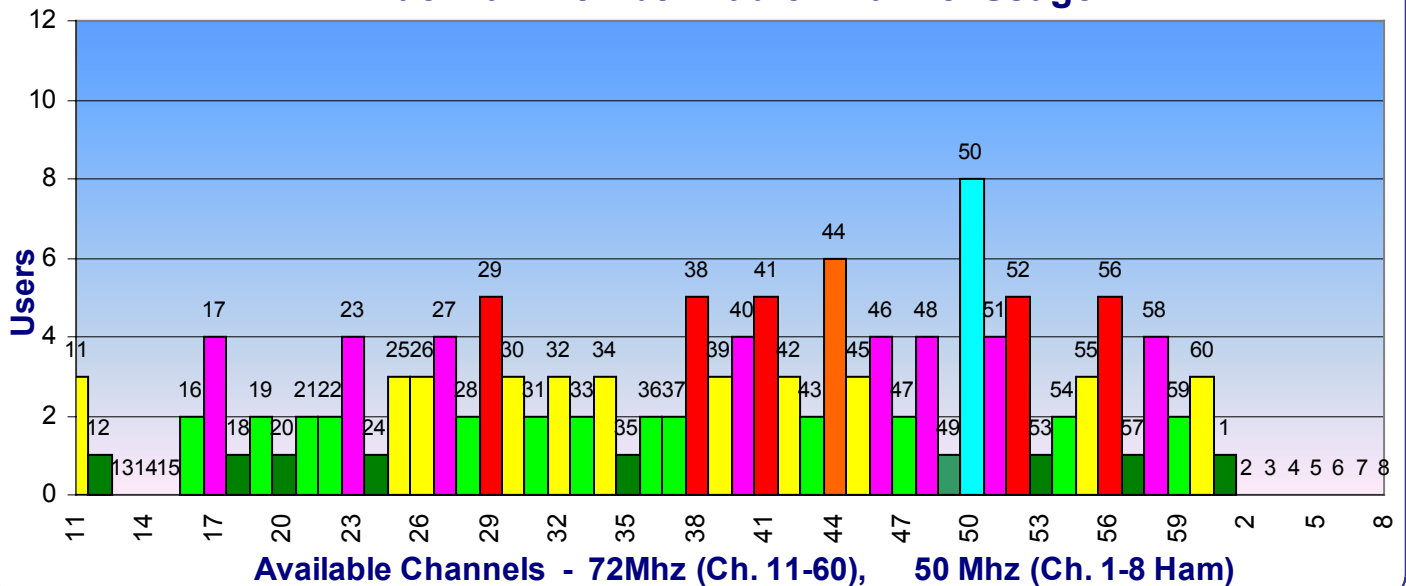
Walter Kitt	12/18
Boyd Kossmann	12/21
Rick Kohn	12/22
William E Putzbach	12/23
Andrew Gebhard	12/30
Jim Keehan	12/31

January

Dennis Rickey	1/4
Marv Green	1/8
William P Putzbach	1/8
Larry Bochenko	1/13

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.

Blue Max Member Radio Channel Usage



FREQUENCY CHART

Please contact Bradford Walters at (thehoverzone@ameritech.net) with the following information to add or change radio channel numbers.

1. Your name.
2. All transmitter channels (example: 16, 44, 58 and 50Mhz 4).
3. Any other comments.

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

Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
December 2008 – February 2009**

December 2008

15) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.

January 2009

19) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.

February 2009

7) Winter Banquet – 6:00p.m.

16) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.



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