



Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting
February 18, at St.
Thomas School.
Start time - 7:00 p.m.**



**Time to pay dues.
Bring your check
book.**



**Starter Stand rules
will be published in
next month's
newsletter.**

Remember to share.

Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega - President

For those who remember the good old days, this year is shaping up to be a typical old fashioned Chicago winter. Unless you have been flying indoors, or you are one of the few that have braved the cold weather and put skis on your plane, I am sure that you are itching to get out to the field and rev up those engines.



The Blue Max Club held its annual Banquet this month, and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Frank Stillson, Kurt Schmitt, and Tom Jetson for their fine efforts organizing this event.

A total of 52 club members, along with their spouses and some children enjoyed the food, conversation, and entertainment by the Gray Rock Band. During the dinner, Brad Walters presented a video that he had taken over the course of the summer of various club members at the field flying their airplanes and helicopters. After dinner, plaques and certificates were awarded to outgoing club officers and various committee members for their help throughout the year. We had more than enough raffle prizes for all the club members, thanks to donations from Venture Hobbies, Strictly RC, Bob Davit, and Frank Stillson. In addition, we raffled gift certificates from Kohl's for the ladies. Most everyone went home with something.

Our next meeting will be held on February 18th and our guests will be Dave Taitel and Walt Rising from Venture Hobbies. They will explain their new marketing program geared towards club members.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

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**
Kurt Schmitt
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
January Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: January 21, 2008
Secretary: Murry Randell

The January 21, 2008 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by President **Gene Zerega**.

Welcome Guests

Les Magid and Marv Streske.

Around the Hangar

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

Treasurer Report: Duane Lang – Current balance is \$4984.41.

Committee reports:

- ✈ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – As of today, there are 45-47 people who are attending the Banquet. We need display aircraft. Carl Will will call Jim at Strictly RC to ask for a banquet donation. Two banquet tickets will be given to Strictly RC. Five \$25 gift cards will be purchased for non-member guests. Raffle prizes will be purchased from Venture Hobby.
- ✈ **Field Marshal: Gene Zerega** – No report.
- ✈ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – No report.
- ✈ **Newsletter: Brad Walters** – Meeting and Fun Fly dates will be included in the newsletter notification.
- ✈ **Noise: Frank Stillson** - Build in as much noise reduction as possible into your models. As always, proper muffler and prop selection is essential.
- ✈ **Picnic: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✈ **Proficiency: Ron Pettrec** – No report.
- ✈ **Program:** No report.
- ✈ **Refreshments:** Thanks again to **Carl**.
- ✈ **Safety: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✈ **Webmaster: Peter Sidor** .- Please send in any pictures you would like posted on the website.

Old Business

Starter stand rules will be published in the newsletter.

New on the Radar

1. The question was raised as to any club liability for a flyer without current AMA membership. Don pointed out that AMA membership is a requirement for Blue Max membership. Therefore, an individual that is not an AMA member is not officially a Blue Max member.
2. Posting of our newsletter on RC Universe was brought up. A motion was passed making Bradford Walters club administrator to RC Universe.
3. Contact will be made with the Boy Scouts to promote RC and to gain new, younger members. The Civil Air Patrol and 4H clubs could also be contacted. This will be done by a committee headed by Steve Haas and Pete Warenski.

Unhappy Landings

1. **Bradford Walters** – Airplane lost a ski during a roll. A landing was made with the other ski pointing straight down. Only damage was lost landing gear.
2. **Bill Smead** – Bill hit a basketball backboard during indoor flying. It is not known if any points were scored.

New on the Runway



Bill Smead – 3 oz high wing indoor electric flyer constructed out of paper plates. The model must be flown at about 40 mph due to its small wing area.



Bradford Walters – A Les Howell design with an OS.46 engine with a Seeker II receiver. Also shown was a “transmitter muff” for cold weather flying.

Pilot's Briefing

No program.

Top Gun



Dan Deitemeyer won a Parkzone Cessna 210 Centurion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 P. M.

Indoor Flying– Mike McGee

The INDOOR FLYING CLUB has been able to add additional dates to their schedule of flying indoors at the Forest View Educational Center. The next session starts Friday February 15 and continues for 10 weeks.

Dates are February 15 through April 25.

Hours are 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

(except during Spring break. Dates to be announced.)

Course name: "Come Fly With Us"

To Register: Call 847-718-7700 or
visit website at www.ce214.org
or stop by the office 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.

Winter Banquet – Frank Stillson



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

Steve Tomczyk
Brad Walters

GROUND CREW

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



ANNOYING MINORITY

Blue Max Club – Etiquette/Safety Rules for Helicopter Flying

The Board of Directors of the Club (with the advice of other Club members that are proficient helicopter flyers) have adopted the following Etiquette/Safety Rules for Helicopter Flying at our Flying Field in the Deer Grove Forest Preserve.

These rules are mandatory for all Blue Max Club members and should be encouraged for non-member helicopter flyers at the Field.

1. All helicopter pilots will have a spotter standing next to them for the entire flight. The purpose of the spotter is to make the helicopter pilot aware of other aircraft in flight; the position and actions of the other aircraft; make the pilot aware of all “Taxiing,” “Taking Off,” “Landing,” and “Dead Stick” announcements; keep the helicopter pilot aware of the minimum flight distance of 25’ in front of the Flight Line (safety fence); etc.
2. Prior to taking off, the helicopter will be placed on either the far right of the Flight Line or the far left of the Flight Line. When using one of the two flying spots on the left, the far left side will be used. When using one of the two flying spots on the right, the far right side will be used. In either case, the helicopter will be carried from the pit area and placed on the ground, inline with the Flight Line (safety fence) at least 25’ out from the corresponding angled (wing) safety fence.
3. When the helicopter pilot is ready and the Spotter has informed him that it is safe, the pilot will announce “Helicopter Taxiing.” Then the pilot will lift the aircraft to a height of 10’ or less and “taxi” it out to the runway area - not less than 25’ in front of the Flight Line. Then the pilot will announce “Helicopter Taking Off.”
4. The pilot then can proceed with his flight making sure that he does not interfere with the flight, take-offs, landings and Dead Sticks of other aircraft.
5. The complete flight will remain a minimum distance of 25’ in front of the Flight Line.
6. When the pilot wants to end the flight, he will announce “helicopter landing.” Then he will stop the aircraft at the appropriate right or left side of the Flight Line and bring it down to a height of 10’ or less. Then he will announce “helicopter taxiing” and bring it back to the original spot in front of the angled (wing) safety fence. Then the helicopter will be lowered to the ground, shut down and carried to the Pit area.



Andy Kular with his Trex 450 v.2



John Temple with his Raptor 90

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10

Available Now!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

February

Brittany Bochenko 2/22
 Matt Hauser 2/22
 David Paprocki 2/26

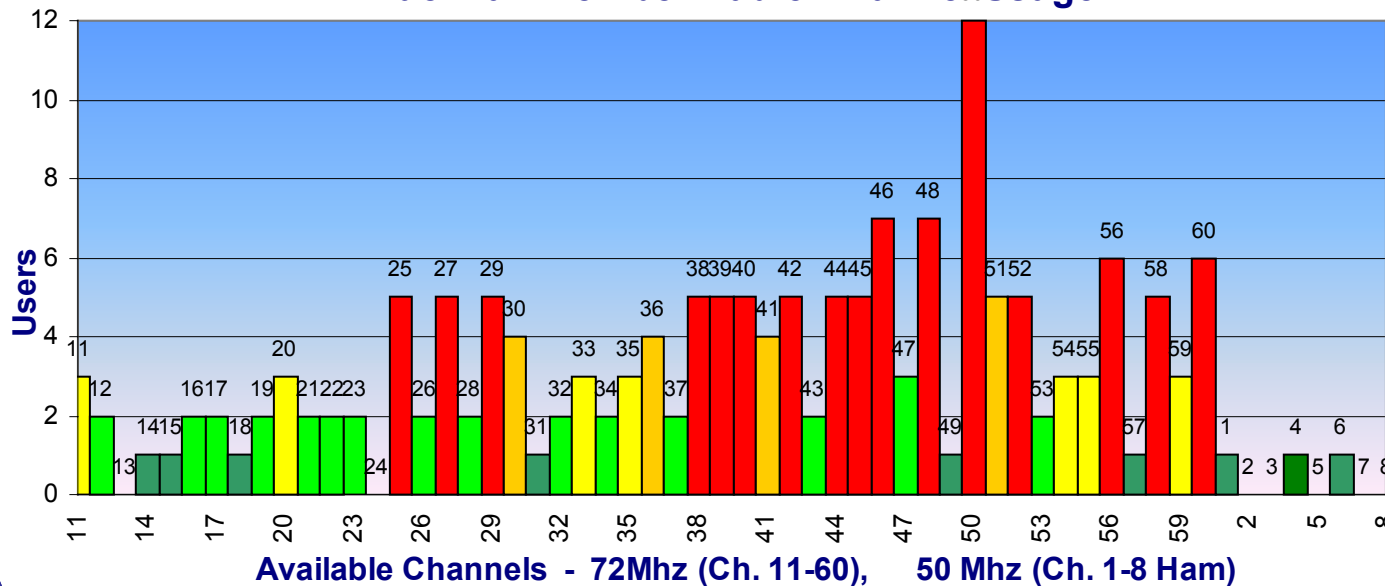
March

Raymond Zinkowski 3/6
 David Maude 3/9
 Brian Janiak 3/16

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.

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

Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
Feb 2008 – Apr 2008

February 2008

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

March 2008

17) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.

April 2008

21) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.



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