Welcome to 2008 and another year of Flying Fun. Thank you for electing me as your President for 2008. Last year was a very good year for Blue Max, thanks to Jim and his team, and all of you. I will do my best to continue the trend in 2008. As you know, we completed the election process last month. Pete Sidor was elected Vice President, and our new Editor will be Bradford Walters. Murry Randell agreed to stay on for one more year as Secretary, Duane Lang also agreed to stay on as Treasurer, and Pete Sidor Jr. will continue as our Webmaster. Our newly elected Board members include Steve Hass, Murry Randell, Carl Will, and Ron Petterec. In addition, we have filled most of the Committee Chairman positions for 2008. However, we can always use more help. If you are interested in helping the club, please give me or Pete a call.

As we begin 2008 our club membership is strong and well balanced. I was encouraged to see more young club members at the field, and attending the monthly meetings last year. In fact, I want to make it one of my priorities in 2008, with help from the Board, to generate a few creative programs to encourage even more young people to join Blue Max. Pete Sidor and I will be working with the Board to set the direction for 2008. If you have any suggestions, and/or ideas for improvement that you would like to voice, please don’t hesitate to let us know.

Finally, I want to thank Jim Keehan and all the 2007 elected officials, board members, Committee members, and all the volunteers that helped to make 2007 a great fun-filled year.

Gene Zerega
MEETING MINUTES

by Murry Randell, Secretary

The December 17, 2007 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President Gene Zerega.

Welcome Guests

There were no guests at this month’s meeting.

Around the Hangar

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

Treasurer Report: Duane Lang – Balance is $4310.24. Balance does not reflect dues or raffle money from this meeting.

Committee reports:

- **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – Entertainment will be the Gray Rock Band. They play music from the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s. Cost to the club will be $300. Four complimentary tickets will be provided to Venture Hobby. Prize donations will be welcomed. We also need display aircraft at the banquet. Please make your reservations on a timely basis.
- **Field Marshal: Gene Zerega** – No report.
- **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – No report.
- **Newsletter: Don Linder** – No report.
- **Noise: Frank Stillson** – No report.
- **Picnic: Carl Will** – No report.
- **Proficiency: Ron Petterec** – No report.
- **Program:** No report.
- **Refreshments:** Thanks again to Carl.
- **Safety: Carl Will** – No report.
- **Webmaster: Peter Sidor** – Send photos for the newsletter to Pete. Contact Pete if you are having any problems signing in. He can be contacted at Fly Blue Max on the website.

Old Business

None.

New on the Radar

1. A set of rules is needed for the starter stands. These stands are for use only when you are flying. Planes should be parked in the pits.
2. **Bill Smead** volunteered to open and close the building where we meet when Mike McGee cannot make the meeting.
3. **Gene Zerega** will pay for use of the meeting room quarterly.

Unhappy Landings

None.
New on the Runway

Ron Petterec – Quarter scale J3 Cub kit

Gene Zerega – Great Planes RV4 kit. Covered with Ultracote. 7-1/2 lbs with an OS .55 engine.

Bill Smead – scratch built “Fancy Foam” - weight 6 oz.

Steve Haas – Hangar 9 Tribute. OS LA .40 engine.

Pilot’s Briefing

Ron Petterec presented our program. He reviewed the Sig covering material on the Cub. He then outlined some of the many techniques he uses when building.

Bob Davit won the raffle prize – a $200 gift certificate from Venture Hobby.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 P. M.
Indoor Flying—Mike McGee

The INDOOR FLYING CLUB has been able to add some interim dates to their schedule of flying indoors at the Forest View Educational Center. These dates fall between the Fall and Spring Sessions and do not appear in the Continuing education catalog.

Cost is $17.50 per person for the entire 4 sessions. Dist. 214 Gold Card fee is $13.50.

Dates are: December 14, January 4, January 25 and February 8.

Hours are 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm (except on 12/14, hours are 2:30 to 4:30 pm.)

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) Our meetings are on the 3rd Monday
St. Thomas of Villanova School of each month and they
1141 East Anderson Drive start at 7:00 p.m.
Palatine, IL 60074

Winter Banquet — Frank Stillson

The BLUE MAX WINTER BANQUET is fast approaching! Saturday, February 9th. I need to have an attendance count by the end of the month. Please register as soon as you can, or at the upcoming meeting, if possible. You may email me also, if you are planning to attend at Fsstillson@aol.com. Late applications can be accommodated.

As always, fine food and spirits, good friends, and a nice evening out in the middle of winter. There shall be a display of fine aircraft, also with an attendance raffle.

The entertainment of the evening will be the Gray Rock Band, playing music most of us grew up with.

We feel that a very nice evening can be had by all who attend, but please inform me of your intentions. See the accompanying registration form.

The 2008 Banquet Committee: Frank Stillson, Kurt Schmitt, Tom Jetson

Winter Fliers

Dave Levee, Bill Latoria, Carl Will
INSTRUCTORS

Unlimited

Yohay Hahamy
Tim Niemiec
Ron Pettorec
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
February 9, 2008  Blue Max Winter Banquet

(Use this page as a reservation form)

Being held at;  The Arboretum Club, 401 Half Day Road, Buffalo Grove, IL.
Dinner and entertainment, $28.00 per person.
Cocktails [Cash bar] at 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM
Attendance awards and raffle prizes presented at conclusion of the evening

A special appearance by the “Gray Rock’ Band, a 4 piece group.

Dinner selections;
Flame Grilled Texas Ribeye Steak
Grilled Salmon Filet
Pecan and Asiago Chicken
Children’s menu, Chicken fingers and fries $12.00 each

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

Name/Names of persons attending                      Meal selection

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Number attending:_____________                Total Amount    $______________

Make payment to Blue Max, by the December or January, 2008 meeting.

Or send to;
Blue Max Flying Club
P.O. 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 a fine evening out!
The 2008 banquet committee:
   Frank Stillson, Kurt Schmitt, Tom Jetson
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.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

January
Robert Purcell 1/25
Howard Katz 1/27
Dan Deitemeyer 1/29
Jenny Kimball 1/31
John Wooden 1/31

February
Aleksey Shulkin 2/1
Adam Walter 2/5
Pete Warenksi 2/6
Paul Barsamian 2/7
Giaconomo Fanizza 2/7
Edward Popiolek 2/11
Mike Glazik 2/12

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.
UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
Jan 2008 – Mar 2008

**January 2008**
21) Monthly Meeting - 7:00p.m.

**February 2008**
9) Banquet – 6:00p.m.
18) Monthly Meeting - 7:00p.m.

**March 2008**
17) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.