



# Blue Max Aces

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



**Fun Fly – June 15  
Black Jack/21 Event**



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

## Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega - President

June has finally arrived and the weather has changed dramatically overnight. As I write this newsletter, the temperature is 87 degrees with winds out of the South at 30-35 mph – not your ideal flying weather.



One of the great attributes of the Blue Max Club is the willingness of so many individuals to help new student flyers get started. This assistance includes suggestions as to what plane to purchase, help with the set-up and trim of the aircraft, and of course, teaching the student flyers how to fly safely. And to

think that all this expert advice is free of charge, just for joining the club.

Don't forget the Fun Fly on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. **Pete Sidor** asked me to tell you that he is spending many long hours trying to think up something creative for the upcoming event. Thanks Pete.

Our next meeting will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> and our guest speaker will be Blue Max member **Rick Butler**. Rick is a **767** Captain with American Airlines. He has been a commercial pilot for more than 25 years with 20,000+ hours under his belt. His escalation in commercial aviation is unique, in that prior to flight school, Rick was a Boatsman's Mate on an iron ore ship in the Great Lakes. He went from sailing the turbulent waters of Lake Superior, to a category III pilot landing 100 ton jets. This will be an exciting presentation for all.

This month we will raffle off three Venture Hobbies gift certificates. The first prize will be \$100, the second prize \$50, and the third prize will be \$25.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

*Gene Zerega*

**President**  
Gene Zerega  
**Vice President**  
Pete Sidor

**Editor**  
Bradford Walters

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**Fun-Fly**  
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Matt Hauser

**Noise**  
Frank Stillson

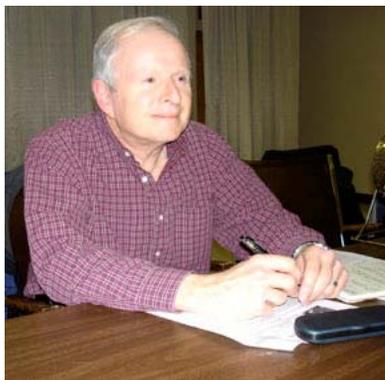
**Picnic**  
Carl Will

**Program**  
Rudy Krolopp

**Safety**  
Carl Will

# MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



**Blue MAX R/C Flying Club**  
**April Meeting Notes**  
 Meeting Date: May 19, 2008  
 Secretary: Murry Randell

The May 19, 2008 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

## Welcome Guests

**Tom Cooney, Sam Bingo, and Doug Bradberry** were guests at this month's meeting. (Editor's note – not sure of correct names and spelling.)

## Pilot's Briefing

Again, the scheduled speaker for the month was unable to attend the meeting due to pressing business matters.

## Around the Hangar

**President Report: Gene Zerega** – Please be sure to renew your club membership and your AMA membership.

**Secretary Report: Murry Randell**- April minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer Report: Duane Lang** – Our current balance is \$5209.52.

## **Committee Reports:**

- ✦ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – Frank asked the club opinion on two items. Should we change the facility? People thought the place was good. Should we have the same band? People liked the band.
- ✦ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – One arrow sign fell down. Matt will see about new arrow signs. Gas powered planes are supposed to have a fire extinguisher at hand. Matt will see about the one in the impound box.
- ✦ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – Winners of the Mail Run: 1. **Ron Petterec**, 2. **John Temple**, 3. **Paul Barsamian**, 4. **Boyd Kossman**. 5. **Brad Walters**. Also participating were **Don Linder, Steve Haas, Duane Lang, Carl Will, Dan Dietemeyer**. The next Fun-Fly will be "Black Jack", where your hand will be scored by touch-and-go in numbered boxes on the field.
- ✦ **Newsletter: Brad Walters** – Please keep all submitted pictures to under one megabyte in size. Add **Paul Barsamian** back to the instructor list.
- ✦ **Noise: Frank Stillson** – No report.
- ✦ **Picnic: Carl Will** – This year's picnic will be held in mid July.
- ✦ **Proficiency: Ron Petterec** – No advancements. Check the forms at the field.
- ✦ **Program: Rudy Krolopp** – No report.

**June** – Rick Butler, Blue Max member and American Airlines 767 Captain

**July** – Hal Parenti, expert "Top Gun" scale builder

**August** – Dennis Crooks, his P38 Lightning took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2007 Master's Scale Competition

**September** – Bob Walker, founder of Robart Mfg. & AMA Assoc VP, Dist VI, St Charles

**October** – Eric Karl, Robart design engineer & competition turbine jet pilot

**November** – Rudy Krolopp & Bob Davit, experiences in building their P-47

- ✦ **Refreshments: Carl Will** – Thanks again to **Carl**.
- ✦ **Safety: Carl Will** – It has been decided that we will not fly during the track meet at the park this year. **Don Linder** suggested that we all use a spotter especially on busy days to help with landing/take-off call outs and to help avoid flying low over the walking path when people are out there.

✈ **Webmaster** – No report.

**Old Business**

None.

**New on the Radar**

Standing water in the grove by the pit area may become a mosquito problem.

**Unhappy Landings**



**Terrance Kelly's** AviStar crashed on takeoff due to no aileron control.



**Matt Hauser's** Ford minivan was totaled in the parking lot. He really liked that vehicle.

**New on the Runway**



**Dan Dietemeyer** showed a .20 size P-51 from A House of Balsa kit.



**Carl Will** showed the Great Planes GB-R2 ARF. His wife doesn't want him to fly it.



**Rich Frost** brought an E-flight SE-5a with lots of detail.



**Chuck Poviliatis** brought a Taylor Craft with a 480 motor. The ARF was \$109 from E-flight.



**Doug Bradberry** showed a Micro Telemaster.



**Bill Smead** showed a flying foam plate built from scratch.



**Yohay Hahamy** and **Aviv Shoval** each had a .60 size Ultra Sport built from a kit and covered in different patterns of white and blue. **Yohay** used a YS .65 engine with a tuned pipe. **Aviv** used an O.S. .75 engine.





**Paul Barsamian** had a unique design for a programmable light controller for RC applications.

**Top Gun**



**Don Linder** won a \$100 Venture Hobbies Gift Certificate



**Mihial Krumov** won a \$50 Venture Hobbies Gift Certificate



A special drawing was held and **Michael Boyd** and **Joe Keehan** (not pictured) won one gallon of fuel. **Dan Dietemeyer** (not pictured) won a Blue Max cap.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.*

## Noise and the Suppression of It— *Frank Stillson*

A reminder for all who fly at Deer Grove, we have NEIGHBORS just to the EAST of the field, about ¼ mile or less from where we are flying. There have been complaints from the condominiums in the past, and we do not want them starting to complain again. Our club has had a policy of noise abatement for many years. The maximum DB level, according to the AMA and our Club guidelines should not exceed 98DB.

For practical purposes, and being a good friend to our fellow members, one should endeavor to keep the sound level under 90DB. A point of information regarding DB levels, for every 6 DB increase or decrease, the sound will be either twice as loud or half as loud.

As I have said many times, mufflers and prop pitch can easily keep the noise down. We do not need the high sound levels today that were common years ago, due to the high power of our modern engines. You know if your engine is generating too much SOUND [noise] and it is your responsibility to reduce the noise level as much as practical, for your sake as well as others.

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### Meeting Place

Meeting Room #1 (MR 1)  
St. Thomas of Villanova School  
1141 East Anderson Drive  
Palatine, IL 60074

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

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## Meet Your Unlimited Instructors

The Blue Max RC Flying Club currently has 4 instructors that have obtained an Unlimited Rating. These instructors are highly experienced flyers who have completed the Pilot Proficiency levels through “Sport Pilot”. Each have a great deal of experience with advanced aircraft and flight characteristics and are fully qualified to conduct maiden flights on highly aerobatic, large scale, or any other type of advanced aircraft. They are also fully qualified to train & test beginner and advanced level students. Each of them was asked five questions and during the next few months, we will bring you their answers.

### *This month meet Yohay Hahamy.*



#### 1. How and when did you get started in the hobby?

I have been building airplanes of all kinds since I was 8 years old. I enjoyed scale plastic and larger paper planes. I got into RC about 20 years ago and never looked back.

## 2. What are some major changes you have seen in RC flying?

A few of the major changes that I see from then to now are:

- A. The technology of batteries (NMH, and Lipo.) and the direct impact it made on the electric plane market.
- B. The quality of the ARF's now is just amazing. In years past, the ARF quality was very bad and not friendly to the modeler. That improvement contributed a great deal to the folks who can not or don't have the time or skills to build a kit. That is good and bad. The good thing is that folks can now get into the air with a good quality plane in 1-20 hours. The bad thing is that folks are less likely to build a plane and the art of building and fixing is getting lost.
- C. With the introduction of planes such as the Mustang PTS (Progressive Training System) and alike, the beginner pilot can fly a better-looking plane that comes complete out of the box. Add an engine and radio and be in the air in 20 minutes.
- D. The concept of the Spectrum radios is very interesting, and only time will tell what the effect will be on 72 MHz. (By the way, I am NOT SWITCHING.)

## 3. What is the best advice you could give to a new pilot?

The best advice I can give a new pilot would be:

- A. Build your first airplane. That experience will give you the ability to have your own unique plane that you can also repair if needed. A great first kit would be the "Midwest Aero Star 40".
- B. If you can't build, get a good trainer that will take you further than solo level.
- C. Join a good club that has a good instruction program in place. You have NO CHANCE to learn on your own.
- D. ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS.
- E. Support your local hobby shops. The Internet will only get you so far.

## 4. What is it like for you as an unlimited instructor to fly the unknown?

I can tell you that I NEVER take it lightly when someone asks me to take his/her plane up for the first time. I would rather crash my own plane than someone else's plane. I love flying the unknown. It gives me a new thrill every time and gets my knees to shake a bit. I love that level of responsibility and trust that one puts in me, and I always do my very best to make sure the outcome will be good. I first go through the plane on the ground very closely. Then I ask a bunch of questions, and only if I am satisfied with what I see and hear do I go to the flight line.

In short, that is the very best way I know to insure the continuation of this amazing sport/hobby.

## 5. Share one of your funniest or most interesting experiences.

Two weeks ago I had to land a new plane that had the elevator and ailerons connected together. You would pull on the ailerons stick or the elevator stick, and the plane just went crazy. I basically had to turn off every flying instinct that I had and just fly the plane as I saw it reacting to my commands. All went well at the end, but that was "flying the unknown".

# May Fun Fly



Ron Petterec 1st Place    John Temple (not pictured) 2nd Place    Paul Barsamian 3rd Place



## INSTRUCTORS

### UNLIMITED

Yohay Hahamy  
Tim Niemiec  
Ron Petterec  
Bob Tomasulo

### PRIMARY

Paul Barsamian  
Ed Der  
Steve Haas  
Duane Lang  
Don Linder  
Del Peral  
Jim Speers  
Frank Stillson  
Carl Will

### BASIC

Steve Tomczyk  
Bradford Walters

### GROUND CREW

Matt Hauser  
Gene Zerega

# BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10

Available Now!



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

### June

Kyle Kueker	6/17
Jim Janiak	6/25
Stephen Tomczyk	6/29

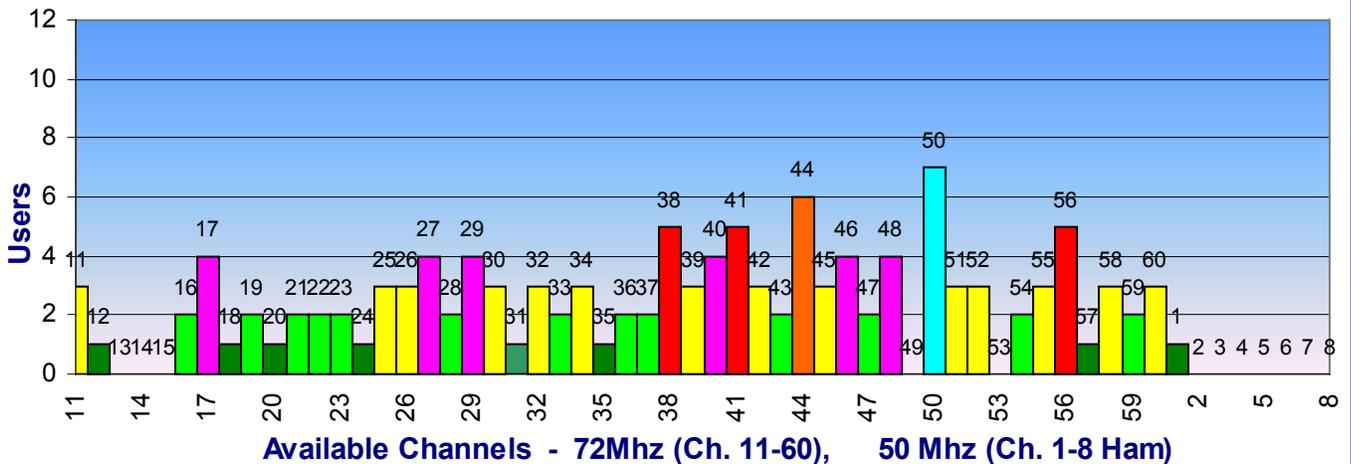
### July

Bradford Walters	7/1
Richard Butler	7/17

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 Bradford Walters at ([thehoverzone@ameritech.net](mailto: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](http://www.BlueMaxRC.com)**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR**  
**June 2008 – August 2008**

**June 2008**

- 15) Fun Fly – 10:00 a.m.**
- 16) Monthly Meeting - 7:00p.m.**

**July 2008**

- 21) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.**

**August 2008**

- 18) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.**



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