



Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting
March 17 at St.
Thomas School.
Start time - 7:00 p.m.**



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



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

Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega - President

Since I have not been flying outdoors this winter, like some of you have, I decided to sign up for indoor flying on Friday afternoons. It may not be for everyone, but for me it has been a good experience. It helps to keep my flying skills in tune, and it keeps me busy repairing my plane during the week. Is there a contradiction there? Those who were present at last month's meeting were treated to a wonderful slide presentation by Jack Wooden. The presentation spanned Jack's entire career,



from the time he joined the Army Air Corps as a pilot in 1943, through his retirement as a captain for TWA. To top the evening off, he was one of the winners of the monthly raffle prize, a \$75 gift certificate from Venture Hobbies. Rudy Krolopp, our program chairman, presented a very exciting array of programs for upcoming club meetings this year. I have included the list of programs in this month's newsletter. The list will be updated each month, so all members can see what's in store.

As a friendly reminder, I encourage all our current members to get their annual dues in as soon as possible. As of the date of this newsletter, less than 50% of 2007 membership has paid their dues. Also, please do not forget to pay your 2008 AMA membership dues. This is your liability protection. Remember, keeping your AMA dues up to date is not only a club requirement, but is also required by the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

Our next meeting will be held on March 17th and our guests will be Dave Taitel & Walt Rising from Venture Hobbies. They will talk about the new 2.4 Ghz technology & answer questions. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Gene Zerega

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Pete Sidor

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Matt Hauser

Noise
Frank Stillson

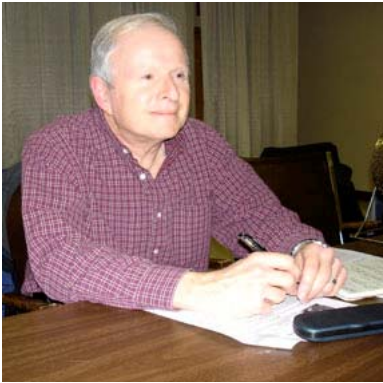
Picnic
Carl Will

Program
Rudy Krolopp

Safety
Carl Will

MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
February Meeting Notes
 Meeting Date: February 18, 2008
 Secretary: Murry Randell

The February 18, 2008 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:12 P.M. by President **Gene Zerega**.

Welcome Guests

Kevin Boyd & his 11 year old son Mike joined our meeting and decided to join the club. Les Magid also joined the club.

Around the Hangar

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

Treasurer Report: Duane Lang – Current balance is \$5646.85 not including banquet and new dues receipts.

Committee reports:

- ✦ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – The Banquet was attended by 52 people. It was a booming success and all club members went home with a prize.
- ✦ **Field Marshal: Gene Zerega** – No report.
- ✦ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – No report.
- ✦ **Newsletter: Brad Walters** – Starter Stand rules to be discussed by President & board members.
- ✦ **Noise: Frank Stillson** - No report.
- ✦ **Picnic: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✦ **Proficiency: Ron Petterec** – No report.
- ✦ **Program: Rudy Krolopp**.- Venture Hobbies moved their presentation to March. Rudy presented a schedule of future programs for the remainder of the year.
- ✦ **Refreshments: Carl Will** -None.
- ✦ **Safety: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✦ **Webmaster: Peter Sidor** .- Asked Brad to send him the Banquet pictures so he could place them on the website.

Old Business

Starter stand rules will be published in the next newsletter.

Pete Warenski & Steve Haas are working on plans for scheduling Boy Scouts to the field for flying lessons.

New on the Radar

Rudy presented a schedule of future programs for the remainder of the year. The program schedule is:

April-May – Dan Troyak, Batteries Plus in Lake Zurich

June-July – Gary Parenti, expert “Top Gun” scale builder & AMA Webmaster, Dist VI Westchester

August – Dennis Crooks, his P38 Lightning took 1st 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

Unhappy Landings

None reported.

New on the Runway



Pete Sidor with home built plane.



Mike McGee with his electric-powered airplane



Rich Frost with his electric F-16.



Don Linder brought his rebuilt wing.

Pilot's Briefing

No program.

Top Gun



Jack Wooden won a \$75 Venture Hobbies certificate.



Steve Haas won a lithium battery charger.

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.

Sig ¼ Scale Cub Kits – *Ron Petterec*

Ron Petterec, Barry Schilling, and Herb Rizzo are building these Sig ¼ scale Cub kits. They are covered in Sig Koverall. They will paint them with the Stits painting system and should be finished this year. To see more pictures go to Bluemaxrc.com



Radio Frequency Information

Frequency 27 Mhz is assigned to model aircraft and surface model use but is not recommended to be used for aircraft. A RC car and a RC airplane could be on the same channel which would cause interference and a potential crash or loss of control. This is also the common frequency for CB radios which use 40 channels. Some charts show use of Channel 4 for RCs.

CHANNEL	FREQUENCY	CHANNEL	FREQUENCY
1	26.995	5	27.145
2	27.045	6	27.195
3	27.095	7	27.255

Frequency 50 Mhz is also assigned to model aircraft and surface model use but an operator needs to have a Technician-class amateur radio license from the FCC. Again caution needs to be used due to the potential of a surface model and air model being used on the same channel.

CHANNEL	FREQUENCY	CHANNEL	FREQUENCY
00	50.80	05	50.90
01	50.82	06	50.92
02	50.84	07	50.94
03	50.86	08	50.96
04	50.88	09	50.98

2.4 Ghz Spread Spectrum is a new technology which is shared with telephones, wireless connections, and RC air and surface model use.

Frequency 72 Mhz is only used for RC aircraft and is not a shared frequency. The channels range from 11 through 35 on the low band and channels 36-60 on the high band. The frequencies start at 72.01 on Channel 11 up through 72.50 on Channel 60.

Frequency 75 Mhz is only used for surface vehicles such as boats and cars and is not a shared frequency. The channels range from 61 to 90.

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

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

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10

Available Now!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

March

Gene Zerega 3/30

April

Dusty Edmonds 4/2

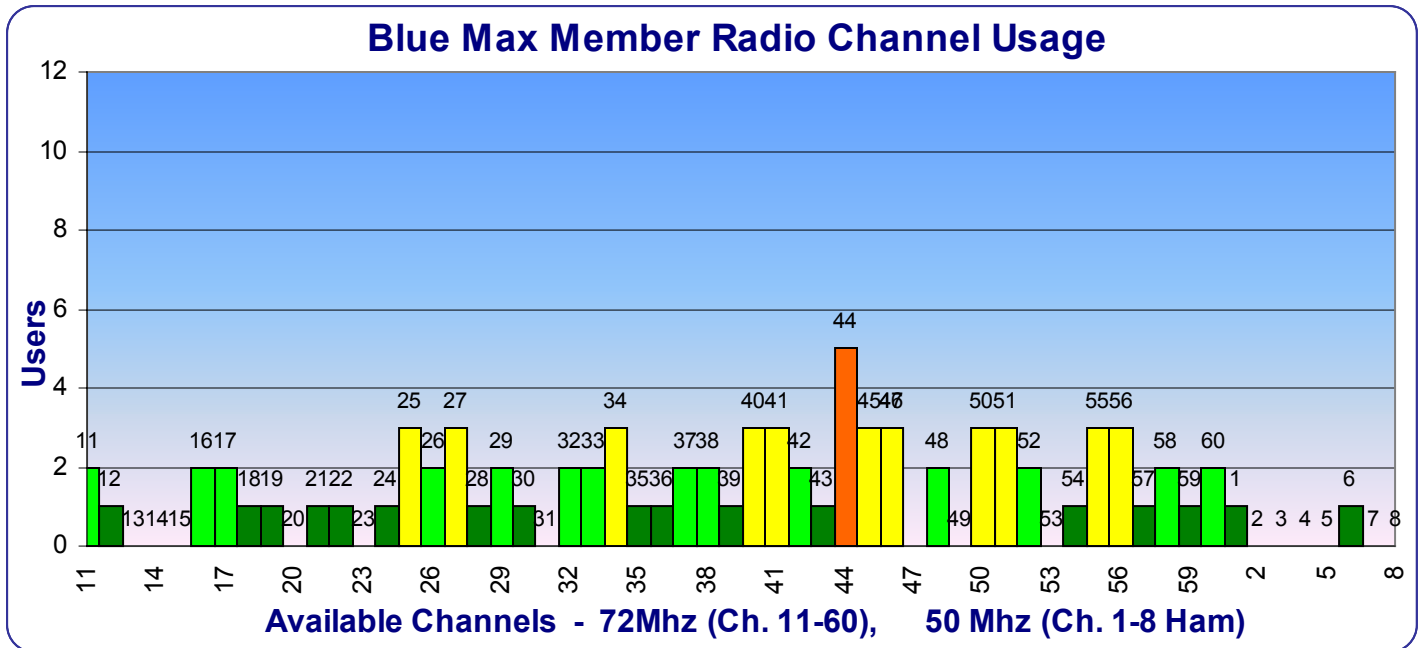
Daniel Elekman 4/3

Terrance Kelly 4/5

Frank Stillson 4/19

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 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 Ham 4).
3. Any other comments.

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Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
Mar 2008 – May 2008

March 2008

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

April 2008

21) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.

May 2008

19) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.



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