



Blue Max Aces

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Next meeting
May 19 at
St. Thomas School.
Start time - 7:00 p.m.



Fun Fly - May 18th
Mail Run Event



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

Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega - President

Flying season has officially started. So far this spring we have had our share of perfect weather for flying, and Sunday, May 4th was especially good. I counted over 35 airplanes and heli's at one point during the day.



You should be aware of the fact that we have had a few complaints from the Cook County Forest Preserve District. According to the Forest Preserve Police, some people have been leaving their vehicle parked in the staging area longer than necessary. Please make sure that you remove your vehicle

from the staging area immediately after you finish loading or unloading. The second complaint deals with too many planes flying out of bounds. I know how easy this is to do. I have done it myself many times. However, it is very important that we all do our best to stay in the allocated area at all times. Remember, this is not our property. We are the guests.

Our next meeting will be held on May 19th, and our guest speaker will be **Dan Troyak** from Batteries Plus in Lake Zurich, IL. I assume that there will be many questions for Dan since batteries are such a hot topic. I also know that some of you have questions regarding the many charging options that are available in the market today. Let me suggest that you bring your chargers with you to the meeting and maybe Dan can answer your specific concerns.

We will raffle off two Venture Hobbies gift certificates. The first prize will be \$100, the second prize will be \$50, and the third prize will be a gallon of fuel.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Gene Zerega

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Fun-Fly
Pete Sidor

Ground Crew
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Matt Hauser

Noise
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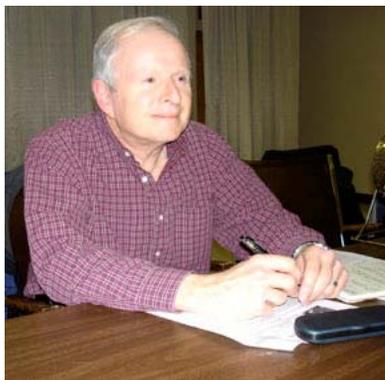
Picnic
Carl Will

Program
Rudy Krolopp

Safety
Carl Will

MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
April Meeting Notes
 Meeting Date: April 21, 2008
 Secretary: Murry Randell

The April 21, 2008 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

Welcome Guests

No guests.

Pilot's Briefing

As the scheduled guest speaker, Dan Troyak from Batteries Plus was unable to attend, the members present at the meeting participated in an open discussion.

Around the Hangar

President Report: Gene Zerega – Please be sure you have renewed your AMA membership. The field was rolled on Friday, April 18. Thanks to all who participated. The fuel sale with Venture Hobbies will be completed at this meeting. 2008 membership cards are now ready.

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

Treasurer Report: Duane Lang – Our current balance is \$5214.17. This includes the cost of rolling the field.

Committee Reports:

- ✈ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – No report.
- ✈ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – No report.
- ✈ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – Winners of the Las Vegas Crap Shoot: 1. Steve Haas, 2. Duane Lang, 3. Dan Deitmeyer, 4. Don Linder. All other participants also received prizes. It was decided that anything that flies under RC control, with the exception of helicopters, will be eligible to compete in the Fun Fly.
- ✈ **Newsletter: Brad Walters** – Please keep all submitted pictures to under one megabyte.
- ✈ **Noise: Frank Stillson** – Sound levels at the Fun Fly were good.
- ✈ **Picnic: Carl Will** – This year's picnic will be held in July.
- ✈ **Proficiency: Ron Petterec** – No report.
- ✈ **Program: Rudy Krolopp** – Suggestions for upcoming programs are welcome. There are a few open slots left.

May – Dan Troyak from Batteries Plus in Lake Zurich.

June-July – Hal Parenti, expert “Top Gun” scale builder

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

- ✈ **Refreshments: Carl Will** – Thanks again to Carl for the refreshments.
- ✈ **Safety: Carl Will** – 1. Check your batteries, 2. It is essential that aircraft stay within the boundaries of the field. Violations could lead to loss of our field. 3. On busy days try to make sure everyone has a chance to fly.

Old Business

None.

New on the Radar

A suggestion was made by Paul Barsamian to compile a list to help guide newcomers with their initial purchases. The list would include good trainer aircraft, radios, and engines. The list could be published in the newsletter or be a part of our website.

Unhappy Landings

Bradford Walters – Wild Stik 120. Knocked landing gear off of his plane.

Gene Zerega – Electric Kadet. Servo connection in the wing came loose.

New on the Runway



Matt Hauser showed a Nitro Planes Fly Cat .71. The first two models came damaged. The third is okay except bulkheads were put in backwards.



Bob Wisinski showed the Box Fly with a K&B .40 engine.

Top Gun



Dan Deitmeyer won the raffle prize, a SIG Somethin' Extra .40 ARF
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Noise and the Suppression of It– *Frank Stillson*

NO SNOW! At least for some time now, a fair amount of rain, but sun and some nice days are finally here! That means the new flying season has arrived! At least for most of us, as there are always some that find ways to fly during the winter months.

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.

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.

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 *Tim Niemiec*.



Hi all! Some of you don't know me because I didn't do much flying last year. But, believe me, I love to fly. As a kid I used to hang out at Busse woods and watch RC planes and always wanted to try it out. I didn't get involved

in the hobby until I got a bit older though. I got the bug back in the fall of 2001, purchased a flight simulator and my first plane. It was a Thunder Tiger 60 trainer. By my sixth flight, I received my solo certificate and was in love with the hobby. I moved up the ranks quickly, but due to the plane being a trainer, there was no way I could become an advanced pilot. That summer I ended up buying many planes and was into ¼ scale aerobatics and 3D by fall, as well as becoming an advanced pilot training new pilots. I flew all winter long off a pond in my backyard and as the next spring came I got my Hangar 9 Cap 232 ready for flight. I then purchased a H9 Edge 540 and worked on 3D flying. I was doing a lot of talking to Brian Johnson, who competed in IMAC and was an excellent 3D pilot. I ended up buying one of his 35% Extra 3001 planes and that got me into giant scale and 3D flying on another new level.

As an instructor, you get to fly all kinds of new planes and watch new pilots grow. One thing I tell new pilots is to get a flight simulator and practice a lot on it. I still use it when I am trying to perform a new maneuver that I am having trouble with at the field. One example was rolling circles. They are hard to do and depending on your altitude, one reversed stick input could put you nose first into the ground. I find that new pilots have the biggest problem when making the turn to come across the flight line and the plane's nose is coming at you. This problem can be practiced on the flight simulator without the worry of rolling the plane or flying over the pits when too much or wrong stick inputs are used. Also, you can fly many different planes and the realities of the simulators today are pretty good.

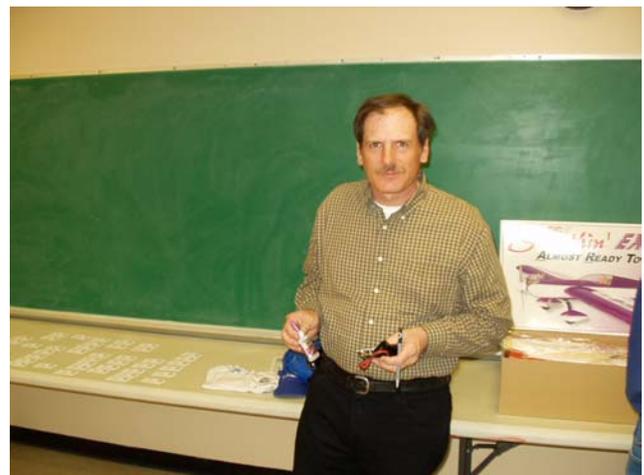
As an unlimited instructor I am getting to fly many new planes. I still get butterflies when I maiden a new plane for someone. But, that's the fun! One of the coolest planes I got to fly was an all aluminum prototype 1/3 scale P-51 Mustang that was made up by Marengo Metal Works. They were recording the flight and wanted it stalled, rolled, looped, etc. You talk about pressure. What a cool experience that was though. One maiden I did will always stick with me. I forget whose plane this was, but he got it all ready and said it was pre-flight checked and ready to go. It was a H9 Ultra Stik 120. So we start it up, I walk it out to the flight line, and away we go. I pull up and tried to roll left and it went right! The ailerons were reversed. So he starts removing the cover for the reverse switches on the radio, flips one and now the elevator and ailerons were reversed. I was doing my best to come around the pattern and not crash this new plane. I did manage to land the plane but you talk about being shaken up. I went to make a bathroom run after that flight for sure. There is always something interesting in each new plane for me to find out. Sometimes a plane is way tail heavy, aileron comes loose, servo tray comes loose, or an engine quits on takeoff. You have to think quickly and choose your best and safest option.

In the relatively short time I have been a part of the hobby, the biggest change I have seen would have to be battery technology. Lithium has taken the world by storm! It alone has made micro flyers possible and has allowed gas planes to fly all day long and have more power to spare! I remember having to charge my planes NiCad batteries after 3 flights. Since lithium, I can't remember the last time that I had to quit flying because of a low pack.

April Fun Fly



Steve Haas – First Place Winner



Duane Lang – Second Place Winner



Dan Deitmeyer – Third Place Winner



Don Linder – Fourth Place Winner



Pictures at the field during the April Fun Fly

INSTRUCTORS

UNLIMITED

Yohay Hahamy
Tim Niemiec
Ron Petterec
Bob Tomasulo

PRIMARY

Ed Der
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Duane Lang
Don Linder
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Sizes: Small to 3X

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

May

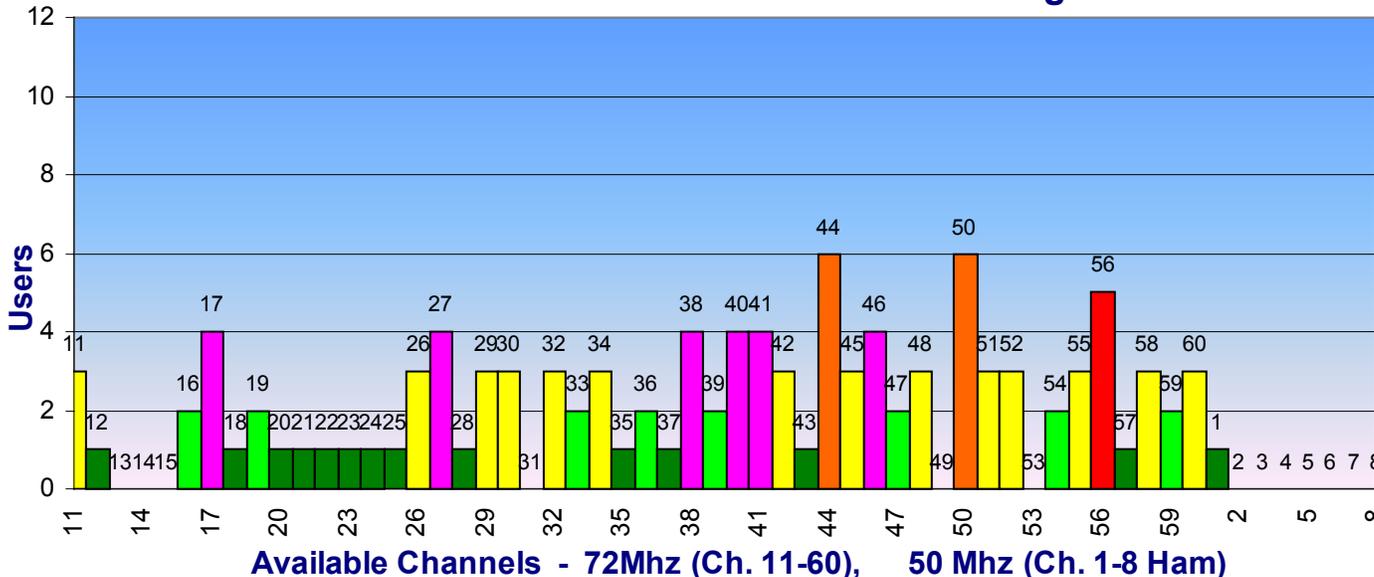
Les Magid	5/20
Bruno Ozga, Jr	5/22
Robert Davit	5/25
Carl Will	5/26

June

Rossen Krumov	6/1
Rudy Krolopp	6/7

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.

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AMA # 1040
www.BlueMaxRC.com

Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
May 2008 – July 2008

May 2008

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

June 2008

- 16) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.**

July 2008

- 21) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.**



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