



Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting
September 15th at
St. Thomas School.
Start time - 7:00 p.m.**



**Fun Fly – Sept 14
Black Jack/21 Event.**



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

Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega - President

It doesn't hurt to mention once again that last month we had our annual picnic, and I can say without reservation that everyone had a great time. If you have not yet seen them, you can view all the pictures in last month's newsletter. Thanks again to all the organizers and volunteers. Without you, there would not have been a picnic.



As I mentioned last month, the Blue Max Club sponsored a Cub Scout RC Fly-In at the field. Big thanks go out to coordinators Bob Davit and Brad Walters, and all the instructors and helpers that made the event possible. This event proved to be a great opportunity for the scouts to witness RC flying, and to try their skill at flying. Because all the flights proceeded so smoothly, there was plenty of time to give mom and dad a turn at the controls. After the flying was completed, everyone was treated to hotdogs and pop. It was a good time had by all.

Our next meeting will be held on September 15 and our guest speaker will be Bob Walker. Bob is the founder of Robart Manufacturing, and an AMA Associate Vice President of District VI, St Charles, IL.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Gene Zerega

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Banquet
Tom Jetson
Frank Stillson

Field Marshal
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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
August Meeting Notes
 Meeting Date: August 18, 2008
 Secretary: Murry Randell

The August 18, 2008 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

Welcome Guests

None.

Pilot's Briefing

Dennis Crooks and wife, Linda, who is his caller at contests. Winner of 2006 and 2007 Masters. Dennis brought his P-38 Lightning. He spoke about his 30 plus years in aeromodeling and competition.

Around the Hangar

President Report: Gene Zerega – The Cub Scout Flying event was a success. Scouts and parents alike were enthusiastic about flying. Thanks to all club members who worked hard on this event.

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

Treasurer Report: Duane Lang – Balance is \$4468.41. Includes Venture but not the picnic.

Committee Reports:

- ✦ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – The banquet will be held on February 7, 2009.
- ✦ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – No report.
- ✦ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – First Place – **Steve Tomczyk**, Second Place – **Ron Petterec**, Third Place – **Aviv Shoval**, Fourth Place – **Gene Zerega**.
- ✦ **Newsletter: Brad Walters** – Please send in any articles or news that you would like to see published in the newsletter.
- ✦ **Noise: Frank Stillson** – Those with excessively loud planes should work to reduce noise level.
- ✦ **Picnic: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✦ **Proficiency: Ron Petterec** – **Bob Wisinski** advanced to Soloist and **Bradford Walters** advanced to Sport Pilot. New instructor ratings: **Aviv Shoval** and **Shlomo Rimer** to Basic, **Bradford Walters** to Primary and **Steve Haas** to Unlimited. Students who need an instructor should call **Bob Davit** to co-ordinate with an instructor.
- ✦ **Program: Rudy Krolopp** – Schedule of meeting programs has been published in the newsletter.

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** –
- ✦ **Safety: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✦ **Webmaster** – No report.

Old Business

None

New on the Radar

At the next board meeting each level of instructor privileges will be defined.

Unhappy Landings

Jack Wooden – Three crashes in nine days. Two Hobbistars and one Four Star.

Ron Petterec – Rascal 40. Went down on a low pass after 176 flights.

Pete Sidor – Cloud Dancer. Went down on the other side of trees.

Terrance Kelly – Ailerons were out of trim on take-off. Now repaired.

Bob Wisinski – Servo came out of wing. Bradford Walters was able to land plane.

Carl Will – Mid-air with helicopter while coming out of a loop. A spotter might have prevented the accident.

Duane Lang – Cub spun in. Cap lost engine doing a hammerhead.

DENNIS CROOKS AND HIS P-38 LIGHTNING



Top Gun

1st Prize – **Jack Wooden**, 2nd Prize – **Shawn Meadows**, 3rd Prize – **Andrew Gebhard**, 4th Prize – **Lou Roberts**,
5th Prize – **Matt Hauser**, and 6th Prize – **Peter Boden**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Indoor Flying – Mike McGee

For those of you who might be interested in flying indoors this winter, indoor flying at Forest View Educational Center begins September 15 and continues each Monday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Registration is now.

Dates: September 15 through November 17.

Course number: #9264

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

Cost: \$44 (\$34 with Gold Card)

stop by the Comm Ed office B106 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.

INSTRUCTORS**UNLIMITED****PRIMARY****BASIC****GROUND CREW**

Yohay Hahamy

Paul Barsamian

Del Peral

Shlomo Rimer

Matt Hauser

Steve Haas

Ed Der

Jim Speers

Aviv Shoal

Gene Zerega

Tim Niemiec

Steve Haas

Frank Stillson

Steve Tomczyk

Ron Petterec

Duane Lang

Bradford Walters

Bob Tomasulo

Don Linder

Carl Will

Ambassador Notes – Pete Warenski

According to the AMA, there are 78 chartered RC Clubs within a 100 mile radius of Chicago. My goal is to contact as many of these clubs as possible with the intent of exchanging information relative to local club events and topics of mutual interest. Over the last 30 days, I had the opportunity to visit a few other RC Clubs located in Grayslake, IL (Saddlebrooke), Shawano, WI, and Avon Lake, OH. In speaking with various club members there was a common bond we shared; a general love of the hobby. It was interesting to note that concerns were mentioned about the lack of younger people getting into the hobby and the possibility of losing their flying sites.

Local events scheduled this month:

September 27th - Woodland Aero Modelers 41st Annual Swap Meet 8 am – 12 noon, Trinity Lutheran Church, 11500 German Church Rd, Burr Ridge, IL.

To promote club recognition at our home field and hopefully attract some new members, we will be posting a "Blue Max RC Club sign.

Cub Scout Pack 59 Palatine, IL



Editor's Page



Does Radio Control Flying Qualify as Exercise? From the **Eglin Aero Modellers**, Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Is the flying of Radio Control aircraft considered adequate exercise? Arguments for and against are described below.

1. Almost every flier gets up at 6 a.m. to fly in the mild breezes of dawn. Problem: A person has to get up more than once before they are considered to be doing sit-ups.
2. RC fliers tend to have larger thumbs. Problem: There is no known association between cardiovascular fitness and large thumbs.
3. RC fliers often bend down or squat near their airplanes. Problem: It has been noticed that once they are down, they have a hard time getting up.
4. Some of the terminology sounds like exercise. For example, sport aerobatics, fuel, or gear. Problem: Terminology in and of itself is insufficient evidence of an adequate aerobic exercise program.
5. RC fliers often are seen walking in the woods. Problem: Generally, they only walk in the woods once a quarter, and that is not for exercise but to recover a downed aircraft.
6. Weight lifting involves a buddy to spot the lifter. Problem: Even though club members use a “buddy box” and often “spot” real airplanes, the concepts involved are quite different than those used in body building.
7. In an exercise program, an individual is known to sweat after about 20 minutes. RC fliers also are known to sweat after about 20 minutes. This is the only assertion where similarities exist between exercise programs and RC flying.
8. People who exercise usually have better eyesight. Fliers often have to see at great distances but generally cannot tell whether the object they are looking at is right side up.
9. Persons involved in exercise programs often are fixated on building the perfect shape. Similarly, RC builders are fixated on achieving the perfect shape, but in this case, we are talking about the aircraft, not the person. The individual may actually be way out of shape.
10. Those involved in exercise programs are concerned about weight gain. RC builders are equally concerned about weight gain, but again the focus is on the aircraft.
11. People who are successful in exercise programs generally work out at the same time of day, five times a week. RC fliers can be found at the field on the same days and times.
12. Conversations among those who exercise regularly often are laced with letter and number combinations, (B-6, B-12, the B complex). Similarly, RC flier conversations contain letter and number combinations (B-52, P-26).

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10

Available Now!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

September

Robert Breckler	9/21
Thomas Jetson	9/22
Robert Wisinski	9/24
Aviv Shoval	9/28

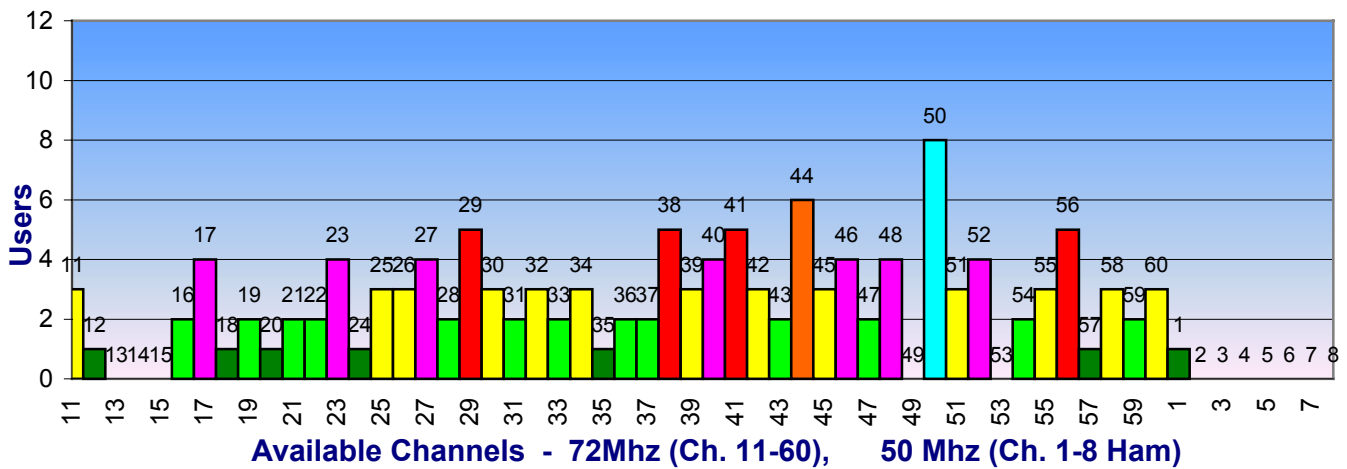
October

Robert Kamensky	10/2
Tim Niemiec	10/3
Rich Frost	10/4
Duane Lang	10/7
Basil Michael	10/7
Yohay Hahamy	10/11
Marvin Streske	10/17

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) 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
September 2008 – November 2008**

September 2008

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

October 2008

- 20) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.**

November 2008

- 17) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.**



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