



# Blue Max Aces

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



**Blue Max Picnic on  
Sunday Aug 16th!**



**Is your AMA  
membership for 2009  
renewed?**

## Gene's Lowdown

*by Gene Zerega*

It's that time of year again; time for the Blue Max annual family picnic. This year's picnic promises to be another fun time for all. We have a great selection of raffle prizes this year including donations from Hobbytown USA in Northbrook, Strictly R/C, and SIG Manufacturing Co. There are games planned for the kids and raffle prizes for the spouses. Most importantly, there will be plenty of good food.



Judging from the responses so far, I anticipate a very good turnout in the neighborhood of one hundred adults plus the kids. If you have not yet mailed in your response, you still have time. The main event for the members will be the Fun Fly. This month's Fun Fly will be "Musical Planes". This event will prove to be a good test of our pilot's landing skills. It should be interesting.

If you are planning to come to the picnic, don't forget to bring extra chairs. Thanks in advance to all the volunteers. It's the volunteers that make it happen.

Those of you who have been to the field in the last month may have noticed two new additional flight stands. The club is now the proud owner of four flight stands thanks to Bob Breckler, who purchased and pre-cut all the wood, Yohay Hahamy and his son, David, and Matt Hauser, who helped with the delivery and assembly.

Our next meeting will be held on August 17th

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

*Gene Zerega*

### President

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Pete Sidor

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### Webmaster

Pete Sidor Jr.

### COMMITTEES

#### Banquet

Tom Jetson

Frank Stillson

Kurt Schmitt

#### Field Marshal

Matt Hauser

#### Flying Proficiency

Yohay Hahamy

#### Fun-Fly

Pete Sidor

#### Ground Crew

Gene Zerega

Matt Hauser

#### Noise

Bradford Walters

#### Picnic

Carl Will

#### Programs

Bob Davit

Rudy Krolopp

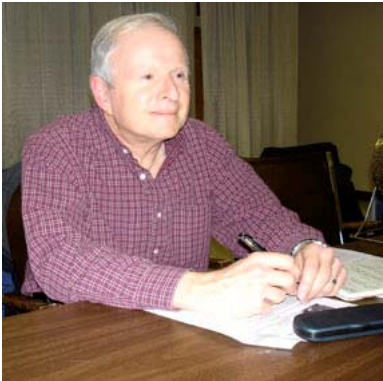
#### Safety

Don Linder

Sam Rimer

# MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



**Blue MAX R/C Flying Club  
July Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date: July 20, 2009  
Secretary: Murry Randell

The July 20, 2009 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

## Welcome Guests

**Paul Stawinoga, Arthur Aki, Mark Cassidy, Charles Cassidy, Tom Cassidy,** and **Elvin Servellon** were guests at this month's meeting.

## Welcome New Members

**David Froh, Ken Froh, and Mitch Domanski.**

## Pilot's Briefing

**Chuck Poviliatis** brought his collection of antique engines and spoke about them.

## Around the Hangar

**President Report: Gene Zerega** – No report.

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

**Treasurer Report: Duane Lang** – Balance is \$5179.00.

### **Committee Reports:**

- ✈ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – The banquet will be held at the same location as last year.
- ✈ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – Grass has been cut.
- ✈ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – **Cracker Fly**

1st <sup>t</sup> place – <b>Bradford Walters</b>	5th place – <b>Dan Deitemeyer</b>
2nd place – <b>Ron Petterec</b>	6th place – <b>Gene Zerega</b>
3rd place – <b>Steve Haas</b>	7th place – <b>Carl Will</b>
4th place – <b>Bob Wisinski</b>	
- ✈ **Newsletter: Bradford Walters** – Going great.
- ✈ **Noise: Bradford Walters** – There have been no excessive noise readings.
- ✈ **Picnic: Carl Will** – Thirty adults and eight children have signed up for the August 16<sup>th</sup> Picnic so far.
- ✈ **Proficiency: Yohay Hahamy** – **Bradford Walters** was awarded Unlimited Instructor level. New members should contact **Bob Davit** to coordinate instruction time with an instructor. Instructor categories are being abolished. New instructors will need to be at the Sport Pilot level. All will be called instructors.
- ✈ **Program: Rudy Krolopp/Bob Davit** –
- ✈ **Refreshments: Carl Will** – Thanks again to **Carl**.
- ✈ **Safety: Don Linder/Sam Rimer** – No report. **Carl Will** spoke about using eye protection after having CA splash into his eye.
- ✈ **Webmaster: Pete Sidor Jr** – No report.
- ✈ **Membership: Pete Warenski** – No report.

We have two new starter stands at the field. Thanks to **Yohay Hahamy** and his son, **David, Bob Breckler, Gene Zerega,** and **Matt Hauser.**

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

**Mike McGee** reported that **Bill Smead** has had surgery and will have radiation treatment. Bill built A123 packs for Mike from DeWalt packs.

**Ron Petterec** reported that **Barry Schilling** wants to sell his 80" wingspan P51 for \$250. It is a new ARF in the box.

**Venture Hobbies – Don Phillips** has taken possession of the store. He is seeking a new buyer. He plans to liquidate the store if a buyer cannot be found.

### Unhappy Landings

None reported.

### New on the Radar



**Steve Haas** – Ultra Sport 1000, Super Tigre 3000 , Plane will have retracts.



**Ron Petterec** – Kondor Models P51B. 71" wing span. Saito 1.50, 4-stroke, 15 lbs, 4 oz.



**Rich Frost** – Zephyr. Carbon fiber boom, fiberglass pod. If using transparent covering wait a few days after any glue use.



**Paul Stawinoga** – Mock-up of Stuka control panel. Paul molds his own gauges.



Top Gun



Great Planes Escapade won by **Chuck Poviliatis**.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

## 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.

## INSTRUCTORS

UNLIMITED

Steve Haas  
Yohay Hahamy  
Duane Lang  
Ron Petterec  
Bradford Walters

PRIMARY

Paul Barsamian  
Ed Der  
Don Linder  
Del Peral

Jim Speers  
Frank Stillson  
Bradford Walters  
Carl Will

BASIC

Shlomo Rimer  
Aviv Shoval  
Steve Tomczyk

GROUND CREW

Matt Hauser  
Gene Zerega

## At the Field



## Editor's Page



### THE ANSWER TO JULY'S NAME THAT PLANE

The name of the plane is the **Abrams Explorer**. **Bob Wisinski** was the first to answer it correctly and will receive a free raffle ticket at this month's meeting. Designed specifically for mapping and aerial survey, this plane featured a twin-boom tail and pusher engine configuration for excellent stability and visibility. Its supercharged engine allowed high altitude flight, while ports on the floor accommodated heavy vertical cameras. This plane was used extensively for five years before being retired. Only one example was built in 1937. See pictures below:



### AUGUST'S NAME THAT PLANE

This plane was the heaviest carrier based airplane built before the end of WWII. It could be flown as a torpedo bomber and, because of its single-seat configuration, could also be used as a fighter. Because of its size and great horsepower, it used an unusual dual six-blade contra-rotating propeller. It carried bombs internally and extra fuel externally, and its six machine guns were mounted inside the folding wings. Only three were built during 1944 and 1945.

Send all responses to Bradford Walters at [Bradford@thehoverzone.com](mailto:Bradford@thehoverzone.com). (New email address)

### AVIATION MOVIE TRIVIA

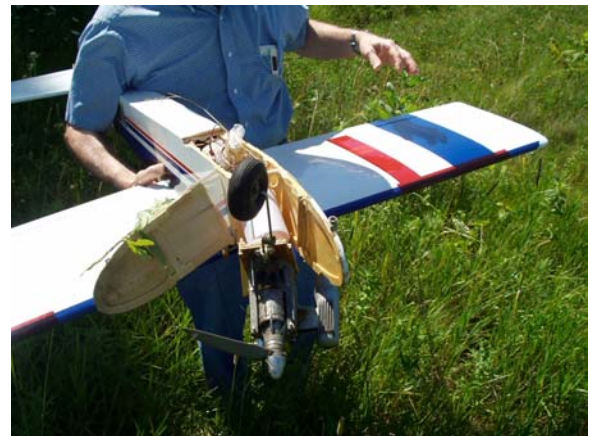
**Rich Frost** has submitted some Aviation Movie Trivia questions. Here is the first one for this month.

**The hint is "Tennessee Gal" and the movie is.....?**

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# Crash Pix



# BLUE MAX WEAR

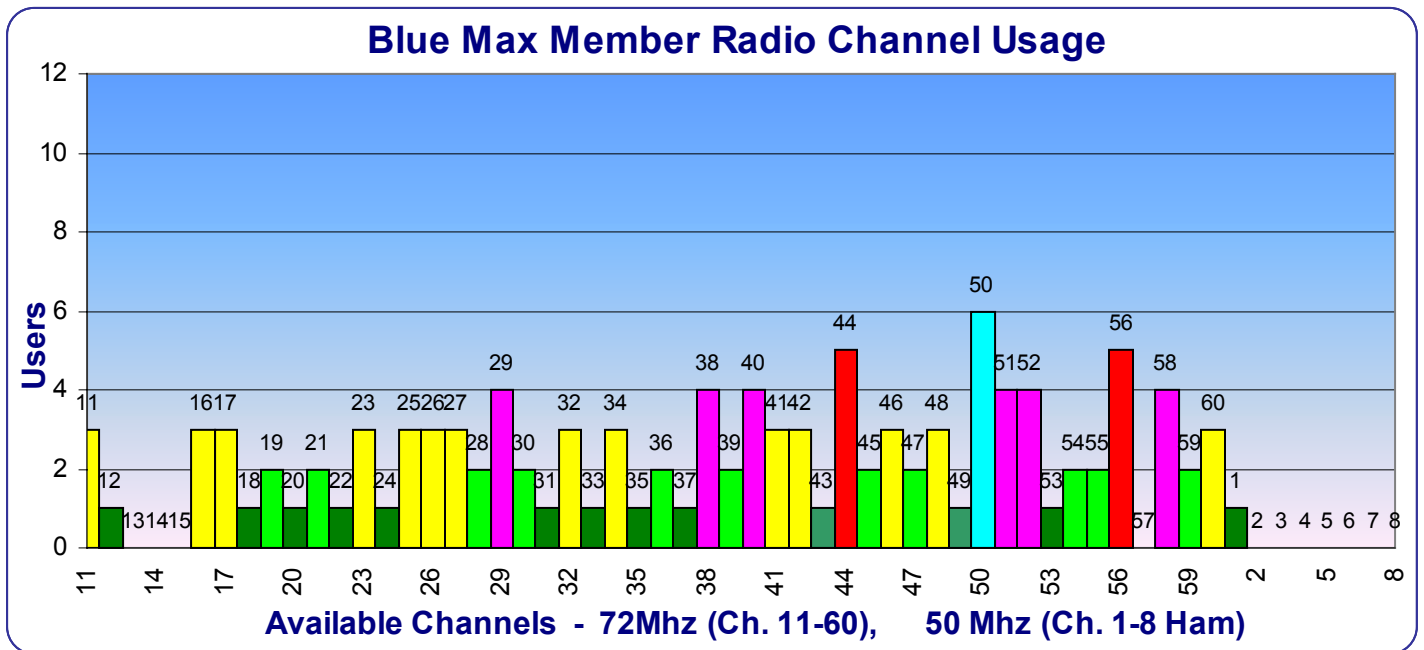
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<u>UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS</u>	
<u>August</u>	
Cameron Thomson	8/18
Steve Haas	8/27
<u>September</u>	
Ron Petterec	9/5
David Froh	9/7
Bill Smead	9/11
Joe Keehan	9/14
Robert Breckler	9/21

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 ([bradford@thehoverzone.com](mailto:bradford@thehoverzone.com)) 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  
August 2009 – October 2009**

**August 2009**

- 16) Picnic – 10 a.m.**
- 17) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

**September 2009**

- 21) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

**October 2009**

- 19) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**



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