



Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting
December 21st at
St. Thomas School.
Start time - 7:00 p.m.**



**Time to renew your
Blue Max
Membership for
2010 !!!!**

Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega

It is hard to believe that a full two years have passed and I am writing my last newsletter as President of the Blue Max Club. Our annual elections were held last month and we now have a



fine group of new officers. Bradford Walters is our new club President and Steve Haas our new Vice President. The new Board of Directors consists of Duane Lang, Rudy Krolopp, Ron Petterec, and me. Congratulations to all the new officers.

Before I go any further, I want to thank all the outgoing elected officers, all the committee members, and individual club members for their support throughout the past year. A special thanks goes out to Pete Sidor for his guidance, and all those great Fun Flies, and to the Board of Directors; Bob Davit, Rudy Krolopp, Duane Lang, and Don Linder for their wise advice and direction throughout the year. There were the many contributions from all the committee members; Editor Brad Walters who has done a fantastic job with the Newsletter over the last two years, Secretary Murry Randell who has never had anyone challenge his notes at a Club meeting, and Treasurer Duane Lang who has done an excellent job managing the finances the last few years and who decided to take a sabbatical for a few months last year. Thanks to Frank Stillson for the great job he continues to do coordinating the annual Banquet along with Tom Jetson's and Kurt Schmitt's help. Thanks to Matt Hauser who has kept the field neat and trim throughout the year; Yohay Hahamy for his efforts and guidance in stream-lining the Student Training Program, and Carl Will for the excellent job he has done the last few years coordinating the annual Club picnics.

Looking back toward the beginning of the year you may recall that the Club faced a number of challenges, recruitment being one of them. You will be pleased to know that with your help Club membership has increased a net 10% over last year, and financially we ended the year better off than we started. The year's activities began with the annual Winter Banquet in February, and in mid-summer the Club held an instructive Fun Fly with the Boy Scouts. This was followed by the annual Club picnic and family outing. We cannot forget the very nice article in the Pioneer Press featuring the Club history; and finally the big surprise of the year – the new Black Top Runway. All in all, I can

- President**
Gene Zerega
- Vice President**
Pete Sidor
- Editor**
Bradford Walters
- Board of Directors**
Bob Davit
Rudy Krolopp
Duane Lang
Don Linder
- Secretary**
Murry Randell
- Treasurer**
Duane Lang
- 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

state with confidence that the club is in as good or better shape than we were one year ago.

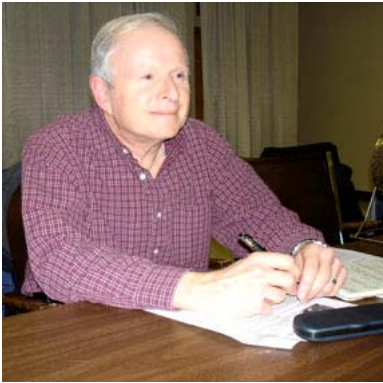
Thank you for all of your help and cooperation during the past two years. You made my job a lot easier. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Our next meeting will be held on December 21st. I look forward to seeing you.

Gene Zerega

MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



**Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
November Meeting Notes**
Meeting Date: November 16, 2009
Secretary: Murry Randell

The November 16, 2009 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Vice President **Pete Sidor**.

Welcome Guests

None.

Welcome New Members

None.

Around the Hangar

President Report: Gene Zerega – No report.

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

Treasurer Report: Duane Lang – Balance is \$3244.47 as of the start of the meeting.

Committee Reports:

- ✈ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – The banquet will be held on February 6, 1020 at the Arboretum Club. There will be a form in the newsletter as to menu and cost. Please return forms by the January meeting.
- ✈ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – **Pete Sidor** reported everything going okay.
- ✈ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – The champion of the Fun Fly season will receive a plaque. The winner will be announced when the points are tabulated.
- ✈ **Newsletter: Bradford Walters** – Our newsletter is being distributed at Ad Venture, Hobby Town and Strictly RC hobby shops.
- ✈ **Noise: Bradford Walters** – There have not been any complaints.
- ✈ **Picnic: Carl Will** – There will be one.
- ✈ **Proficiency: Yohay Hahamy** – It is not too late to advance.
- ✈ **Program: Rudy Krolopp/Bob Davit** – No report.
- ✈ **Refreshments: Carl Will** – Thanks again to **Carl**.
- ✈ **Safety: Don Linder/Sam Rimer** – Some areas north of the field are being flooded. Walkers are now nearer to the ends of the field. We need to exercise care. Spotters should be used as much as possible.
- ✈ **Webmaster: Pete Sidor Jr** – None.
- ✈ **Membership: Pete Warenski** – No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. Election results:

President – Bradford Walters

Vice-President – Steve Haas

Board of Directors:

Duane Lang Ron Petterec

Rudy Krolopp Gene Zerega

2. We need door prizes for the banquet. If anyone can obtain donations it would be appreciated.

3. Indoor flying at Forest View and Lake Barrington Field House is going well. Next session at Forest View will be starting December 7, 2009. Details in the newsletter.

Unhappy Landings

Bradford Walters – low battery caused crash.

Duane Lang – turned too fast and plane snapped.

Bob Wisinski – crashed same plane twice in one week.

New on the Radar

Ron Petterec explained how to do a cowl for a Tiger Moth.

Top Gun



Nitro Planes J3 Cub .60 size ARF won by **Tony Molina**

There were also many small miscellaneous prizes won by Aviv Shoval, Pete Sidor, Yohay Hahamy, Larry Bochenko, Rudy Krolopp, Bradford Walters, Jim Keehan, Mitch Domanski, Lynne Walters, Tony Molina, and Jeff Beck.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 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 3rd Monday
of each month and they
start at 7:00 p.m.

INSTRUCTORS

GROUND CREW

Dan Deitemeyer	Duane Lang	Shlomo Rimer	Steve Tomczyk	Matt Hauser
Ed Der	Don Linder	Aviv Shov I	Bradford Walters	Gene Zerega
Steve Haas	Del Peral	Jim Speers	Carl Will	
Yohay Hahamy	Ron Petterec	Frank Stillson		

Indoor Flying

This year we have two locations for indoor flying.

Forest View Educational (For questions contact Mike McGee, Chief Instructor):

The current session of indoor flying at Forest View ends on November 30. We will have an "Interim Session" (between terms) starting Dec 7.

There will be 8 "classes" from Dec 7 to Feb 8 with no flying on the days the school is closed: Dec 28 and Jan 18.

Further information and "sign in" at www.ce214.org. Class # is 9264.

Lake Barrington Fieldhouse – 28156 W North Pointe Parkway, Lake Barrington, IL

For more info and directions go to <http://www.lakebarringtonfieldhouse.com/default.aspx>

Flying is every Friday from 11 am until 2 pm and the cost is \$5. It has a 40 foot clear ceiling.

There will be a New Year's Day fly from 12 noon until 3 pm. Starting January 1, the cost will be \$10.

Winter Banquet

The February 6th, 2010 Winter Banquet is fast approaching. In addition to fine food and an evening out, we have **THE MAGIC DAVE SHOW!** Dave Stritter will entertain us with feats of magic for the entire family.

Be sure to make reservations for this fine winter evening. You may pay at the next meeting or send in the payment to the Blue Max postal address.

In addition to The Magic Dave Show, there will be gift certificates for the ladies, a display of fine aircraft and raffle items for the members.

Looking forward to seeing a fine turn out in February.

Frank and Tom

Editor's Page



THE ANSWER TO NOVEMBER'S NAME THAT PLANE

The name of the plane is the McDonnell F4H-1 (F-4A) Phantom II "Sageburner". Bob Wisinski was the first to answer it correctly and will receive a free raffle ticket at this month's meeting. Designed for the U.S. Navy as a high-speed, carrier-borne interceptor, this plane made its first flight in May 1958. By 1962, it would break most of the world's speed and altitude records. In March of that year, the U.S. Air Force would break tradition, ordering its own. It was intended for close air support, interdiction, and air defense, making this the first ever Air Force order for a Navy fighter. See picture below.



DECEMBER'S NAME THAT PLANE

This plane was designed around the most powerful engine of its day, the 2,000-horsepower Pratt & Whitney R-2800 radial. It was capable of going more than 400 mph in level flight. The main instrument panel was a simple and clean arrangement, but the side consoles were jammed with overlapping controls. To the left, the drop-tank fuel knob nestled behind the flap-control switch, while the gun and camera circuit-breaker-reset buttons were obstructed by the throttle/supercharger quadrant and the landing-gear/dive-break lever. To the right, the oil, intercooler, and engine cooling-flap controls were partially hidden beneath the cockpit light, while numerous other switches were tucked beneath the canopy rail. This plane would be the last piston-engined fighter still serving in the U.S. military when it retired in 1957. Send all responses to Bradford Walters at Bradford@thehoverzone.com.

AVIATION MOVIE TRIVIA

Rich Frost has submitted some [Aviation Movie Trivia questions](#). Here is the one for this month.

The hint is "Heinrich Dorfman" and the movie is?

The November answer is: "Bruno Stachel" and the movie is "The Blue Max".

Charlie Benedict had the correct answer.

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Ambassador Notes

ON THE ROAD AGAIN BY PETE WARENSKI

Immediately following the Labor Day holiday, my wife and I once again packed up the RV and headed west. This is a continuation of our goal of visiting all the National Parks in the USA. Thus far we have visited 24. This trip took us through Iowa, Nebraska, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Washington State, Oregon, Arizona, and Nevada. We visited the Great Basin, Columbia River Gorge, Craters of the Moon, Crater Lake, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks. However the highlight of the trip included sitting in the cockpit of a B-52, taking a tour of the original Spruce Goose, crawling through the belly of a B-17 and visiting a 1942 Naval Air Station which also served as museum. All were in the following museums we "found" along the way: It was a great trip of 6855 miles.

Strategic Air Command

Located just outside of Lincoln, Nebraska



Aircraft included: Phantom II, A-26 Invader, B-1A Lancer, B-17, B-25 Mitchell, B-29 Superfortress, B-36 Peacemaker, B-47 Stratofortress, B-47 Stratojet, B-52, B-57B Intruder, B-58 Hustler, C-47 Skytrain, C-54 Skymaster, C-119 Flying Boxcar, CH-21 Workhorse, EC-135 - Looking Glass, F-84F - Thunderstreak, F-102A - Delta Dagger, FB-111A – Aardvark, F-101B - Voodoo, HU-16B – Albatross, H-19B - Whirlwind, KC-97G - Stratofreighter, MIG-21F - Fishbed-C, SR-71A - Blackbird, RB-45C - Tornado, T-29A - Flying Classroom, T-33A - T-Bird, T-39A, U-2C - Dragon Lady, XF-85 - Goblin, Avro Hawker Vulcan

Tillamook Air Museum

Located south of Tillamook, Oregon at Tillamook Airport

This aviation museum is housed in a former military blimp hangar, called "Hangar B", which is the largest clear-span wooden structure in the world. Tillamook Air Museum has been described as "one of the country's top private World War II aircraft collections".

Constructed by the US Navy in 1942 during World War II for Naval Air Station Tillamook, the hangar building housing the aircraft is 1,072 feet (327 m) long and 296 feet (90 m) wide, giving it over 6 acres (24,000 m²) of

space. It stands at 192 feet (59 m) tall. The doors weigh 30 tons each and are 120 feet (37 m) tall. Hangar "B" is one of two that were built. Aircraft on site include: 1938 Bellanca Air Cruiser, P-38 Lightning, PB5Y-5A Catalina, F4U-7 Corsair, TBM Avenger, SBD Dauntless, L-29 Delphin, A-26 Douglas Invader, J2F-6 Duck, PV-2 Harpoon, AM-1 Martin Mauler, Bf-109 Messerschmitt, P-51 Mustang, P2V-7 Neptune, C-47 Skytrain, AD-4W Skyraider, ERCO ERCOUPE 415-C, PT-17 Stearman



Evergreen Air and Space Museum
Located in McMinnville, Oregon

Evergreen Aviation Museum is home to the world famous "Spruce Goose" and over 50 historic aircraft. Other aircraft include: Boeing B-17, Flying Fortress 44-83785, de Havilland D.H.-100 Vampire Mk.52, Douglas A-4 Skyhawk, Douglas C-47, Douglas DC-3A, Ford 5-AT-B Tri-Motor Tin Goose, Foton-6 Space Capsule, Vostok spacecraft, Hughes H-4 Hercules "Spruce Goose", Lockheed SR-71A Blackbird, Martin Titan II SLV Space Launch Vehicle, McDonnell Douglas F-15A Eagle, McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II, Mercury Space Capsule, Messerschmitt Bf 109G-10/U-4 610937, Mikoyan i Guryevich MiG-17A "Fresco"



Blue Max Winter Dinner Dance Banquet!

Saturday, February 6, 2010

At The Arboretum Club, 401 Half Day Road, Buffalo Grove, IL

Cocktails (Cash Bar) at 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM

The Evening's Entertainment is

THE MAGIC DAVE SHOW

MAGICAL ENTERTAINER FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN WITH AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

\$30.00 per Person

Dinner Selections:

New York Strip Steak with twice baked Potatoes & Green Beans Almondine

Grilled Salmon Fillet with Wild Rice & Green Beans Almondine

Bistro Chicken with Wild Mushrooms & French Cream Sauce, twice baked Potatoes & Green Beans Almondine

ALSO INCLUDES ROLLS & BUTTER, MIXED GREEN SALAD, AND COFFEE, TEA, SOFT DRINKS.

Children - \$12.00 Each

Chicken Fingers and Fries or Buttered Noodles and Fresh Fruit

Come join your fellow club members in a fine winter meal and social event.

Ladies gift certificates throughout the evening!

Attendance awards presented at the conclusion of the evening!

NAME: _____ Menu Selection _____

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Number Attending: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

MAKE PAYMENT TO BLUE MAX BY THE JANUARY 18 MEETING

OR SEND PAYMENT BY JANUARY 30, 2010 TO:

BLUE MAX FLYING CLUB, PO BOX 7803, BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089-7803

Make your attendance commitments as soon as practical. We need to know how many to plan for.

This is an excellent time to get together in the middle of the winter for an evening out!

The 2010 Banquet Committee – Frank Stillson & Tom Jetson

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10

Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10

Available Now!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

December

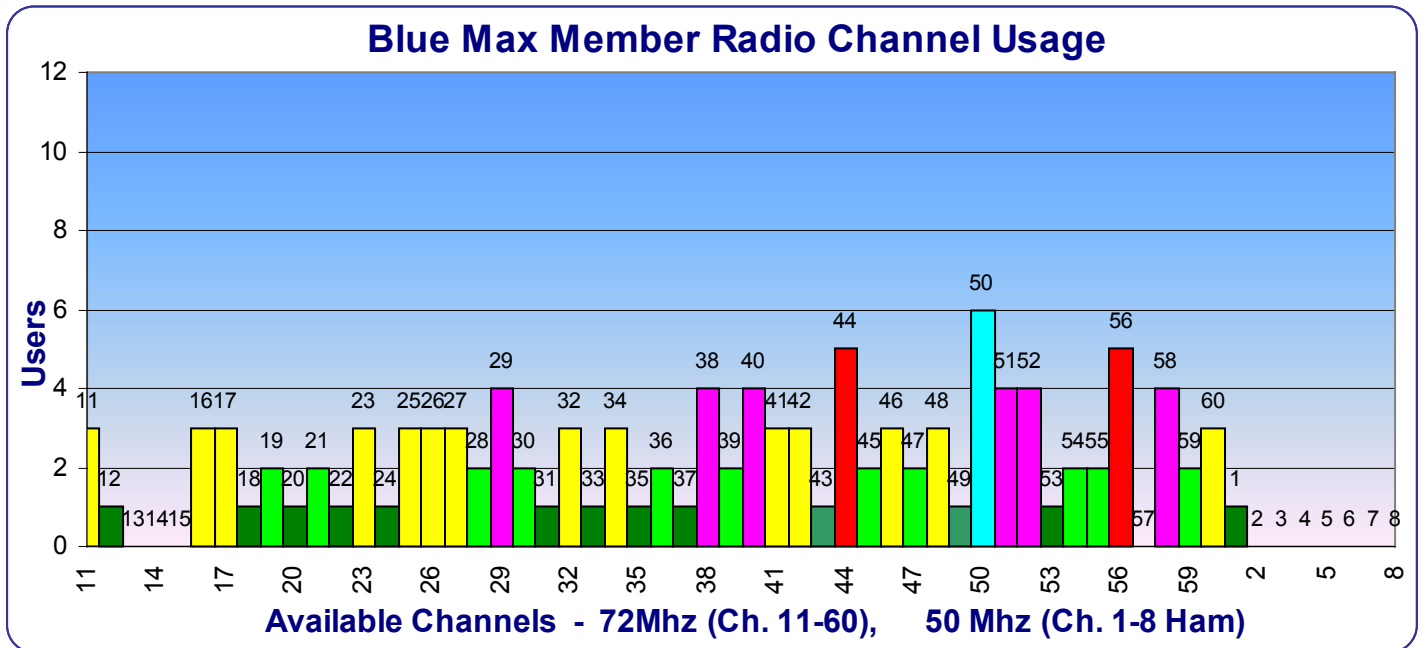
Rick Kohn	12/22
Andrew Gebhard	12/30
Jim Keehan	12/31

January

Dennis Rickey	1/4
Marv Green	1/8
William P Putzbach	1/8
Larry Bochenko	1/13

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) 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

Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
December 2009 – February 2010**

December 2009

21) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

January 2010

1) Lake Barrington Fieldhouse Indoor Fly – 12 noon-3 p.m.

18) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

February 2010

16) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.



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