



Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting
February 16th at
St. Thomas School.
Start time - 7:00 p.m.**



**Time to renew your
Blue Max club
membership!**



Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega - President

According to the Weather Channel, this winter is shaping up to be even colder than last winter. I guess we can blame it on global warming. Unless you have been flying indoors as I have, or you are one of the few that have braved the cold weather and put skis on your plane, I am sure that you are itching to get out to the field and rev up those engines. Fortunately, there is an upside to this time of year. This is the perfect time to give your airplanes and all the associated hardware and electronics, a thorough check up. What better



time to start a new ARF, or if you really feel energetic, you can start from scratch and build a new kit. In fact I am doing just that, and I personally know that there are a number of other members doing the same thing. I'm looking forward to seeing the results this spring.

The Blue Max Club will be holding their annual Winter Banquet this month on February 7th at the Arboretum Club in Buffalo Grove. According to the latest count given to me by Frank Stillson, there will be approximately the same headcount as attended last year's event. There will be the usual videos and slide show, along with exhibits and raffle prizes for both the members and their significant others. I look forward to a great time and good food. I hope to see you there.

Our next meeting will be held on February 16th and our guest speaker will be Dave Taitel from Venture Hobbies. He will explain his new marketing program.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Gene Zerega

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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
January Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: January 19, 2008
Secretary: Murry Randell

The January 19, 2008 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

Welcome Guests

Andrew Cammarata, George Trojack and Jesse Trojack

Pilot's Briefing

There was no program at this meeting.

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 \$3438.19 as of the beginning of the meeting.

Committee Reports:

- ✈ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** –37 people will be attending the banquet as of this meeting date.
- ✈ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – No report.
- ✈ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – No report.
- ✈ **Newsletter: Bradford Walters** – Please keep files sent under 3 megabytes.
- ✈ **Noise: Bradford Walters** – No report.
- ✈ **Picnic: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✈ **Proficiency: Yohay Hahamy** – Instructor program details below.
- ✈ **Program: Rudy Krolopp** – None.
- ✈ **Refreshments: Carl Will** – Thanks again to Carl for bringing the refreshments.
- ✈ **Safety: Don Linder/Sam Rimer** – No report.
- ✈ **Webmaster** – No report.
- ✈ **Membership: Pete Warenski** – The future of the club depends on membership. Members are encouraged to interest others in flying and bring in new members. Pete will work on publicizing the club.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Unhappy Landings

None.

Gene Zerega suggested that at each meeting a member will present building information for 10-15 minutes. Rich Frost will be the first presenter.

Instructor Program – Yohay Hahamy

1. All instructors will be able to teach any phase of flying.
2. Bob Davit will coordinate instructors and students.
3. Students will receive an information booklet.
4. Students will receive a copy of the solo pilot exam.
5. Students will receive a maiden flight checklist.
6. Students will receive a pilot log sheet.
7. New solo pilots will receive wings.

New on the Radar



Andrew Cammarata – Hanger 9 P-51 Mustang.



Rich Frost – Air Engineering Mini Sport , 7oz plus radio



Bill Smead - P-51 Mustang made of Depron, 22.5 gms.
Planes should be fun and cheap.



Matt Hauser – New jet with a rain gutter fuselage and foam wings.



Jesse Trojack - Hobbico Super Cub and an Aerobird 3.



Gene Zerega – Piper Arrow II Kit, work in progress.



Yohay Hahamy – Carl Goldberg Ultimate Kit. Onboard glow, A123 battery, OS .91 FX engine.



Paul Barsamian showed a new battery device.

Top Gun



Gene Zerega won the \$50 Venture Hobbies gift certificate.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Indoor Flying – Mike McGee

ARE YOU LONGING FOR A CHANCE TO FLY DURING THE WINTER? We have been flying in the giant gym at Forest View Education Center in Arlington Hts. under the auspices of their Community Education program.

A new set of 10 sessions starts on 2/23/09 and runs through 5/4/09 (except 3/23) from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Registration is now.

Course number: Enter 'fly' in the search 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

Steve Haas

Yohay Hahamy

Duane Lang

Ron Petterec

PRIMARY

Paul Barsamian

Ed Der

Don Linder

Del Peral

Jim Speers

Frank Stillson

Bradford Walters

Carl Will

BASIC

Shlomo Rimer

Aviv Shoal

Steve Tomczyk

GROUND CREW

Matt Hauser

Gene Zerega

HELP NEEDED! INTRODUCE 8TH GRADERS TO THE AMA DART!

For several years, members of the Blue Max have been helping 8th graders at St Thomas of Villanova School in Palatine to build and fly the AMA Dart. It's great fun for both the kids and the instructors. This year we have the biggest class ever –27- and need a few more volunteers to help with this project. At this point, we plan on building the Darts on April 23 and flying them on April 24. We could use your help on this rewarding project. Experience with the Dart is helpful but not required. Complete directions and instructions will be forwarded.

If you can help, please contact Mike McGee, Irishmist430@comcast.net, 847-496-4530.

Editor's Page



THE ANSWER TO NAME THAT PLANE

What American production fighter plane was the first to be designed around a gun and the first to have tricycle landing gear?

The correct answer is a Bell P-39 Airacobra. The first to correctly identify the airplane was Bob Davit, next was Rich Frost, then Dan Deitemeyer, Larry Bochenko, and Jim Keehan. Thanks to all who participated.



THIS MONTH'S NAME THAT PLANE

This plane set a record that still holds today for the highest altitude obtained in a piston-driven propeller aeroplane without a payload. It reached the altitude of 56,047 feet. Name the plane and the pilot.

Send all responses to Bradford Walters at Thehoverzone@ameritech.net.

BUILDING TIPS

If you are building an ARF or a kit and you would like to secure your antenna inside the fuselage, you can use rubber cement. Just put a few dabs of rubber cement along the inside of the fuselage so the antenna wire can be pressed into it. This will hold the antenna securely and can be moved around without any sanding by just peeling the rubber cement off.

SNOWBIRDS



Banquet Pictures



BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10
Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10
Available Now!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

February

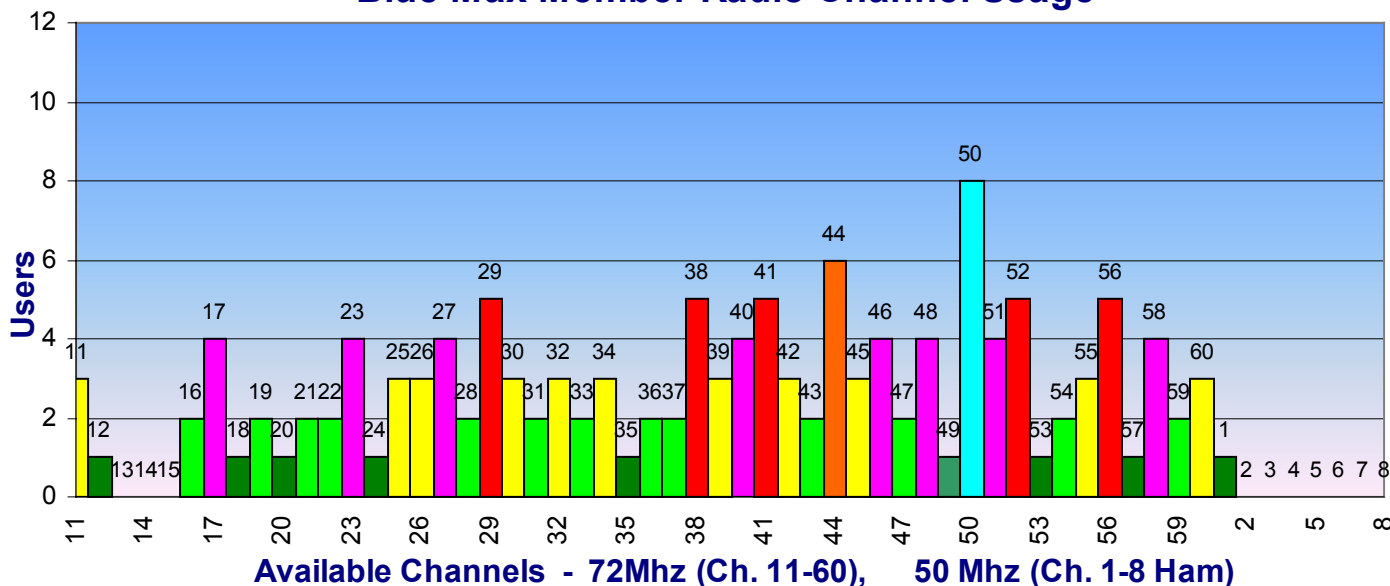
Matt Hauser 2/22
Brittany Bochenko 2/22

March

Brian Janiak 3/16

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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Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
February 2009 – April 2009**

February 2009

16) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.

March 2009

16) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.

April 2009

20) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.



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