



Blue Max Aces

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



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



**Bring your check and
reservation form for
the Winter Banquet!**

Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega - President

Best wishes for a Happy New Year to everyone. Looking back on the past year, I believe that most would agree that 2008 was a very good



year overall for the Blue Max Club. We started the year with the annual Winter Banquet, in the spring we did a little field renovation, and in August we held our annual summer picnic. In August, we also held our first Fly-In for about a dozen Cub Scouts. Due to the overall positive response we received from that event, we

are currently in the planning stages to do another similar Fly-In this year, only with the Boy Scouts.

Speaking of the Banquet, don't forget to send in your reservation for this year's Banquet at the Arboretum Club on February 7th. Cocktails are at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM. It promises to be a great time to be had by all.

As you all know, the election of new officers was completed last month, and I am working very closely with the new Board members to help set the club direction in 2009. As I mentioned last month, the emphasis will be on recruitment.

As some of you may be aware, just a few weeks ago, we lost one of our long time honorary members, Scott Christensen. I know that he was a close friend to some of you and he will be deeply missed.

Our next meeting will be held on January 19th.

I look forward to seeing you.

Gene Zerega

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

MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



**Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
December Meeting Notes**
Meeting Date: December 15, 2008
Secretary: Murry Randell

The December 15, 2008 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

Welcome Guests

None

Pilot's Briefing

There was no program at this meeting.

Around the Hangar

President Report: Gene Zerega – No report.

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

Treasurer Report: Duane Lang – Balance is \$3098.94 prior to Venture Hobbies expense submitted on 12/15/08.

Committee Reports:

- ✈ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – There are 16 members signed up so far for the banquet – additional members are needed. Bob Davit suggested calling the membership to solicit more participation. Gene and Bob will do this. Bradford Walters will provide a video to be shown. Yohay will provide the projector. Reservations are due by the January 19th meeting.
- ✈ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – No report.
- ✈ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – No report.
- ✈ **Newsletter: Brad Walters** – No report.
- ✈ **Noise: Frank Stillson** – No report.
- ✈ **Picnic: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✈ **Proficiency: Ron Petterec** – No report.
- ✈ **Program: Rudy Krolopp** – None.
- ✈ **Refreshments: Carl Will** – Thank you.
- ✈ **Safety: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✈ **Webmaster** – No report.

Old Business

- There was general discussion about ways for the club to have better community involvement and attract new members. Many great ideas were suggested and discussed. A motion was made and carried to create a separate sub-committee to develop recommendations of 2 or 3 attainable projects for this year. Gene will discuss this with the Board of Directors.
- Gene will call Steve Haas to find out his progress in contacting the Boy Scouts.

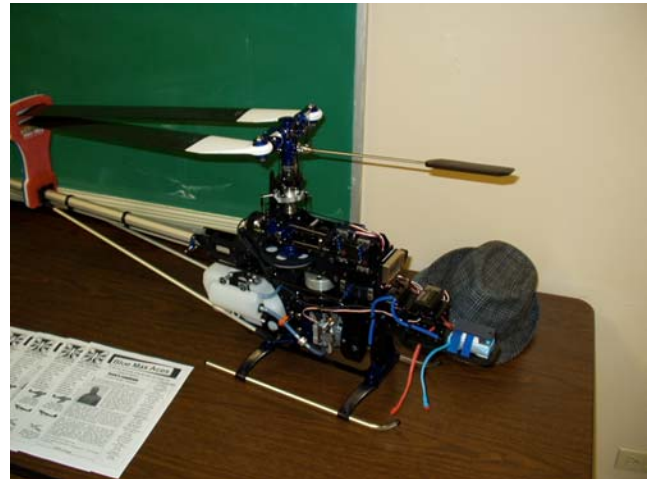
New Business

There is a swap meet and auction in Milwaukee on January 4th. Brad will send out an email to the membership to find out how many people may be interested in going.

Unhappy Landings

None.

New on the Radar



Paul Barsamian brought in his Hirobo Turbulence D3 90 helicopter. The heli weighs 9 lbs., 9 oz. and is fitted with an OS .91 HSZ pumped engine. Paul also explained the benefits of equipping his aircraft with matched, brushless servos from Futaba. The Hirobo chopper has the advantage of CCPM; Cyclic Collective Pitch Mixing – a must-have feature for the serious 3D flyer.

Top Gun



Sam Rimer won the \$50 Venture Hobbies gift certificate.

Adjournment time was not recorded.

Sound and Winter Banquet— *Frank Stillson*

Bradford Walters is taking over the administration of noise control for the club. I have been involved with noise suppression for the last 30 plus years. I helped to formulate the first sound restriction in the 70's when there were no rules regarding the quieting of engines. The first mufflers were very rudimentary, just to limit some of the ring off the top end. Today, we have very good silencers that come with our engines and after market products, along with new and better propellers. At that time the Decibel readings were so high there were warnings on how long one should be in close proximity to the engine, less than a minute in some cases to prevent hearing loss! To compare how the sound level affects us: each 6db increase doubles the amount of sound the engine is generating, conversely each 6db decrease reduces the sound by half.

The normal ambient sound outside, during the summer is about 65db. The average TV program sound is in the range of 70db. In comparison, my snow blower puts out about 100db and my ears are ringing when I come in. The AMA recommendation is no more than 98db to compete in most contests.

The majority of our aircraft do have good sound suppression systems, **but there are several that could use a good dose of silencing.**

At this time during the winter, it would behoove everyone to analyze the sound levels your aircraft produced last year and see what you can do to lower the level to under 90db. There have been many articles as to how to do that. It is only common courtesy to your fellow flyers that you keep the sound down around the 90db level. Remember it is the first thing that everyone complains about...**You make too much NOISE!**

THE BLUE MAX WINTER BANQUET IS LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY!

PLEASE, IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, EITHER BRING YOUR BANQUET REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO THE NEXT MEETING OR SEND IT TO ME AT THE BLUE MAX POST OFFICE BOX.

The registration form is available on the web site or at the meeting.

Due to budget problems, we have been forced to cancel the band for this year's banquet. We hope that it will not deter you from attending, as it is always a very nice evening out in the middle of winter. It is a time to see each other and remember some of the good flying times we had last year.

So sign up for the banquet, February 7, 2009 and have a very nice evening. Thank you.

Indoor Flying – *Mike McGee*

For those of you who might be interested in flying indoors this winter, indoor flying at Forest View Educational is on Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Registration is now.

Dates: 1/26, 2/2, 2/9.

Course number: #9264

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

Cost: \$40 (\$31 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

Editor's Page



Aviation Merit Badge Comprehension Test Answers from The EAA Museum tour, Oskosh, WI

Here are the answers to last month's test:

1)c, 2)b, 3)c, 4)d, 5)c, 6)d, 7)c, 8)b, 9)c, 10)b, 11)d, 12)b, 13)a, 14)c, 15)b, 16)b, 17)c, 18)b, 19)a, 20)d, 21)b, 22)a, 23)d, 24)b, 25)d, 26)b, 27)d, 28)b.

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?

Email your answer to Bradford Walters at TheHoverZone@ameritech.net. Next month's newsletter will list the people who answered correctly.

BUILDING TIPS

Since this is winter and building time for some of us, here is a great tip for protecting your hinges.

"Petroleum jelly often has been used on pinned hinges to prevent epoxy glue from sticking to the hinge joint; however, it is difficult to get just the right amount on the hinge and to make sure the hinge is completely coated. A very cool way is to melt the petroleum jelly in a small dish, such as a dessert dish (an oven safe type, of course). Use only enough to melt to a depth of about 1/6 of an inch. Fold the hinge and dip the pinned end into the melted jelly. Remove and touch the hinge to a paper towel to remove excess. In a couple seconds, the petroleum jelly cools and has penetrated the hinge. You now have a completely coated hinge joint that epoxy will not stick to."

-from Schoolcraft Skyhawks R/C Airplane Club, Schoolcraft, MI

SNOWBIRDS

If you are interested in flying outdoors this winter, please send your email address to me, Bradford Walters, at TheHoverZone@ameritech.net. When the weather permits, I will send an email to let you know when we will be at the field. The pictures below are from January 1, 2009.



A Celebration of Life

SCOTT CHRISTENSEN

November 8, 1942 – December 30, 2008



George Scott Christensen, son of George and Constance (Pierce) Christensen was born November 8, 1942 in Owatonna, MN. In 1952, Scott designed and built his first model airplane. After high school, college and the Air Force, Scott went to work for Fairchild Semiconductor in Mountain View, CA in 1954. It was in the San Francisco Bay Area that Scott joined the Pioneer Radio Control Club and began flying Radio Control model aircraft as a full-time hobby. In 1976, he received an offer to work as a designer engineer for **Airtronics**, a well-known and highly respected kit manufacturer in Santa Ana, CA. Over the years, Scott designed several different model airplanes. Scott received an offer from Sid Axlerod to become the Vice President of **Top Flite Models**, Inc in Chicago in 1979. He moved his family from California to Chicago and began work with Top Flite Models, Inc. in the early 1980's. He worked for them for eleven years. In 1991, Scott received an offer work for Joel Davis, owner and president of **International Hobbycraft Co.** (IHC) in Northbrook, IL. Some of Scott's opportunities as Vice President of IHC, he was able to literally travel the world, meeting and working with some of the finest hobby distributors in virtually every viable market on the globe.

But being an active modeler, Scott still wanted to design and create models and he missed that a great deal. In 1999, he received yet another offer of employment. This offer came from **SIG Manufacturing** in Montezuma, IA. SIG was looking for someone to run their Research and Development department. Scott became SIG's Vice President of R & D, a position that he still held today. Scott enjoyed golfing, traveling, classic cars, being around his family; especially his wife, Marcia, surfing in his younger years, serving his country with the U.S. Air Force and of course; building model airplanes.

Scott's memory is honored by his wife Marcia of Montezuma, his daughter, Amanda (Geoff) Boushey of San Francisco, CA, his son, Matthew Christensen of Montezuma; his mother, Constance Beitz of Gilbert, AZ, his sister, Nicki (John) Hansberry of Chandler, AZ and his grandson, Miles Boushey of San Francisco, CA. He was preceded in death by his father, George Christensen; his grandmother, Alyce Peterson and his stepfather, Edward Bietz.

Scott was an honorary member of the **Blue Max RC Flying Club** and a good friend to many of its members.

Blue Max Winter Dinner Dance Banquet!

Saturday, February 7, 2009

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

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

*Repeat performance by the
“Gray Rock’ Band”*

\$30.00 per Person

Dinner Selections:

Flame Grilled Texas Ribeye Steak
Grilled Salmon Fillet
Pecan and Asiago Chicken

Children - \$12.00 Each

Chicken Fingers and Fries

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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NAME: _____ Menu Selection _____

Number Attending: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

MAKE PAYMENT TO BLUE MAX BY THE JANUARY 19 MEETING

OR SEND 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 a Great time to get together! A middle of the winter Dinner and Dance!

The 2008 Banquet Committee – Frank Stillson & Tom Jetson

BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10
 Sweatshirts \$20
 Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10
 Available Now!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

January

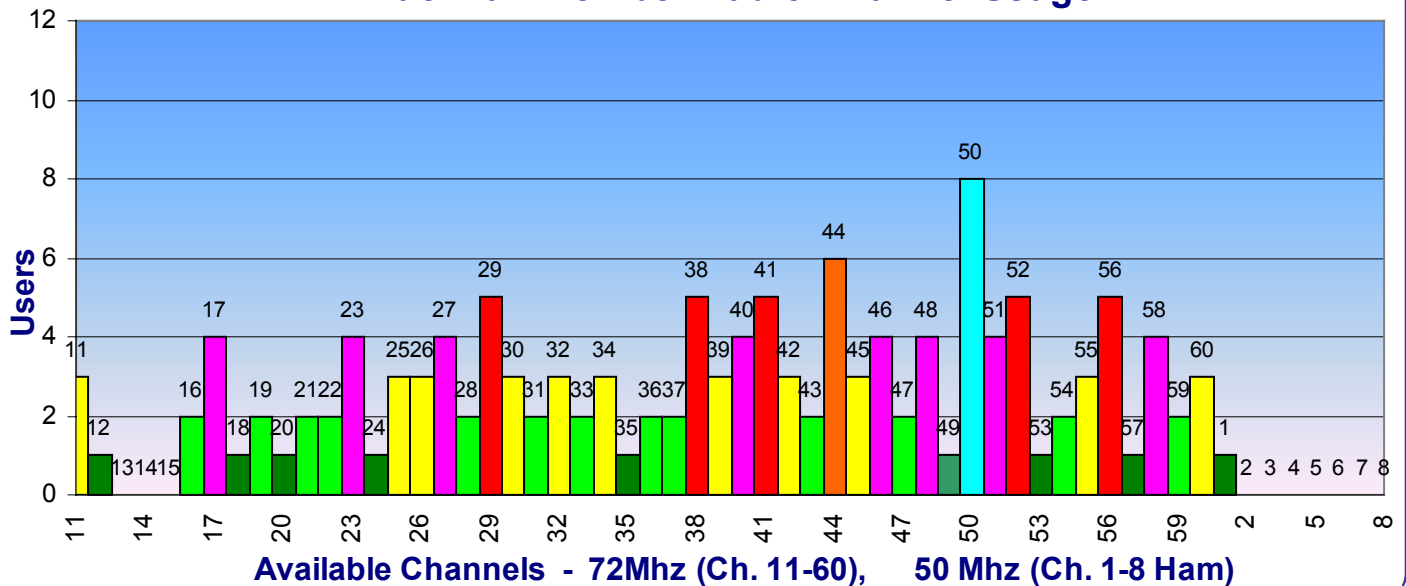
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| Robert Purcell | 1/25 |
| Dan Deitemeyer | 1/29 |
| Jack Wooden | 1/31 |

February

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| Pete Warenski | 2/6 |
| Paul Barsamian | 2/7 |
| Giacomo Fanizza | 2/7 |
| Edward Popiolek | 2/11 |
| Peter Boden | 2/13 |

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.

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
January 2009 – March 2009**

January 2009

19) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.

February 2009

**7) Winter Banquet – 6:00p.m.
16) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.**

March 2009

16) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.



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