



# Blue Max Aces

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



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



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

## Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega

One of the great attributes of the Blue Max Club is the willingness of so many individuals to help contribute their time in numerous ways to the club. As an example, I have just returned from the field to help spread the truckload of free mulch the Forest Preserve donated to the club to spread over the muddy areas that have developed over the last few seasons. My thanks go out to everyone who contributed and especially to Bob Breckler and his nephew, who donated their time and a Bobcat.



Another example of members contributing their time took place on May 30<sup>th</sup> when the Blue Max Club sponsored a Fly In with 12 Boy Scouts and their families from Troop 36 out of Prospect Heights. Each of the Boy Scouts and members of their families took turns flying a trainer with the help of two instructors and a buddy box. Steve Haas, Scout Master of the troop and Brad Walters were instrumental in coordinating the details and bringing it all together, along with the help of numerous others in the club that made it all happen. As an added attraction, Paul Barsamian brought his Flight Simulator and heli, and put on a great show for the kids. I think some of the Scouts spent more time on the simulator than they did flying the airplanes. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed hot dogs and drinks. We all had a great time and I heard directly from Steve that the kids loved it.

Our next meeting will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> and our guest speaker will be Ken Flaglor. Ken is a member of the GAS Club and he will tell us about his home-built full-scale "Model Y Gee Bee". Over the years, Ken has personally built and piloted over 15 full-scale airplanes. This is a must see program along with video. Don't forget the Fun Fly on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

*Gene Zerega*

### President

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#### 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

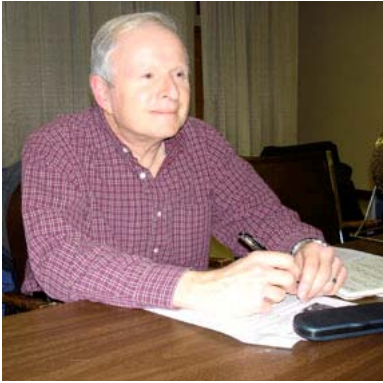
#### Safety

Don Linder

Sam Rimer

# MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



**Blue MAX R/C Flying Club**  
**May Meeting Notes**  
 Meeting Date: May 18, 2009  
 Secretary: Murry Randell

The May 18, 2009 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

## Welcome Guests

**Al Hlavacek** and **Mark Wilm** were guests at this month's meeting.

## Pilot's Briefing

### 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 \$5498.00.

### **Committee Reports:**

- ✦ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – No report. Gene presented **Ron Petterec** and **Steve Haas** awards for their service to the club.
- ✦ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – Volunteers will be needed to spread wood chips once they are delivered.
- ✦ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – Las Vegas Crap Shoot. 1<sup>st</sup> place – **Duane Lang** 10 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – **Ron Petterec** 9 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – **Marv Green** 8 pts, 4<sup>th</sup> place – **Brad Walters** 7 pts, 5<sup>th</sup> place – **Dan Deitemeyer** 6 pts, 4 pts were awarded to **Matt Hauser**, **Carl Will**, **Bob Wisinski**, and **Gene Zerega**.
- ✦ **Newsletter: Bradford Walters** – Going fine.
- ✦ **Noise: Bradford Walters** – Decibel readings will be taken at Fun Fly events. Planes over 100 decibels will not be allowed to participate.
- ✦ **Picnic: Carl Will** – Picnic date will be Sunday, July 12th.
- ✦ **Proficiency: Yohay Hahamy** – **Les Magid** advanced to solo pilot.
- ✦ **Program: Rudy Krolopp/Bob Davit** – **Rich Frost** spoke on batteries. He covered battery types, care, and charging of batteries.
- ✦ **Refreshments: Carl Will** – Thanks again to **Carl**.
- ✦ **Safety: Don Linder/Sam Rimer** – There is a new first aid kit and two new fire extinguishers in the impound stand.
- ✦ **Webmaster: Pete Sidor Jr** – No report.
- ✦ **Membership: Pete Warenski** – No report.

## Old Business

**Steve Haas** confirmed that the Boy Scout flying event will be on May 30, 2009. Fifteen scouts have signed up to participate. **Pete Warenski** contacted Pioneer Press to have coverage of the Boy Scout flying event.

### New Business

1. There was a discussion on whether or not to join with other clubs for Fun Fly events. The consensus was not to change what the club is now doing.
2. **Don Linder** announced the fuel program is about complete.
3. **Bob Davit** suggested we contact various surrounding municipalities to see about an exhibit at their annual events. **Bob Davit** will contact Barrington. **Pete Warenski** will contact Buffalo Grove. **Bob Wisinski** will contact Arlington Hts. **Gene Zerega** will contact Palatine.
4. **Gene Zerega** summarized the results of the members' survey.

### Unhappy Landings

None.

### New on the Radar



**Aviv Shoval** – Focus Pattern Plane 120 engine  
A123 batteries, 9.5 lbs.



**Chuck Poviliatis** – Fokker D VII foam. A little large  
for indoor flying.



**Rich Frost** – Riser Sig Kit, 2.5 pounds



**Pete Warenski** – Kyosho electric plane

Top Gun



Aviv Shoval won a Voltmeter.



Andrew Gebhard won a \$25 Venture gift certificate.



Gene Zerega won a Mini-tachometer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 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

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

## Editor's Page



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

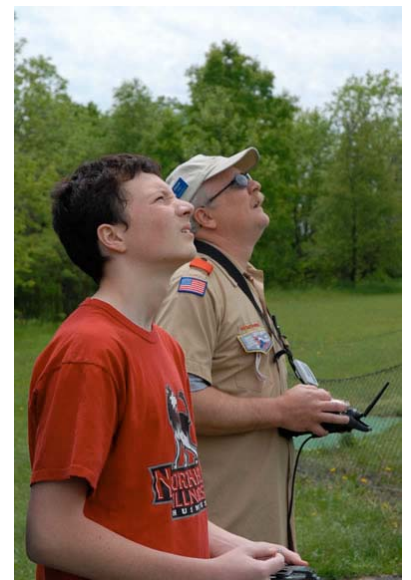
**The name of the plane is the Lockheed T-33A Shooting Star and no one answered it correctly.** In the 1950s, a series of accidents in this plane was eventually traced to the placement of the IFF (identification, friend or foe) panel at the console base between the pilot's knees. Instructed by ground controllers to "squawk" the transponder (press the button that identifies your aircraft to our radar), pilots would often move the control stick slightly, lean forward, and activate the signal. With the aircraft at high speed and turning slightly, the pilot's equilibrium would be disturbed as he sat up, and vertigo would result. Totally disoriented, some pilots flew into the ground before they could regain their balance. To this day, a simulator based on this plane is used to train pilots how to react to vertigo. See picture below:



### JUNE'S NAME THAT PLANE

One of these aircraft completed World War II with 207 operational missions over Europe, more than any other American aircraft. Early short wing aircraft designed for speed (323 mph), were often too hot for newly trained pilots. Single engine performance was poor, landing and take-off speeds were high, and the aircraft was unforgiving of mistakes. Combined with engine and propeller malfunctions, excessive anti-aircraft damage on low altitude missions would initially cost many of these aircraft and their crews. This aircraft had a 5-man crew consisting of a pilot, copilot doubling as a navigator, radio operator, bombardier, and a tail gunner. Send all responses to Bradford Walters at [Bradford@thehoverzone.com](mailto:Bradford@thehoverzone.com). (New email address)

## Boy Scout Day at the Field



# BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10  
Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10  
Available Now!



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

### June

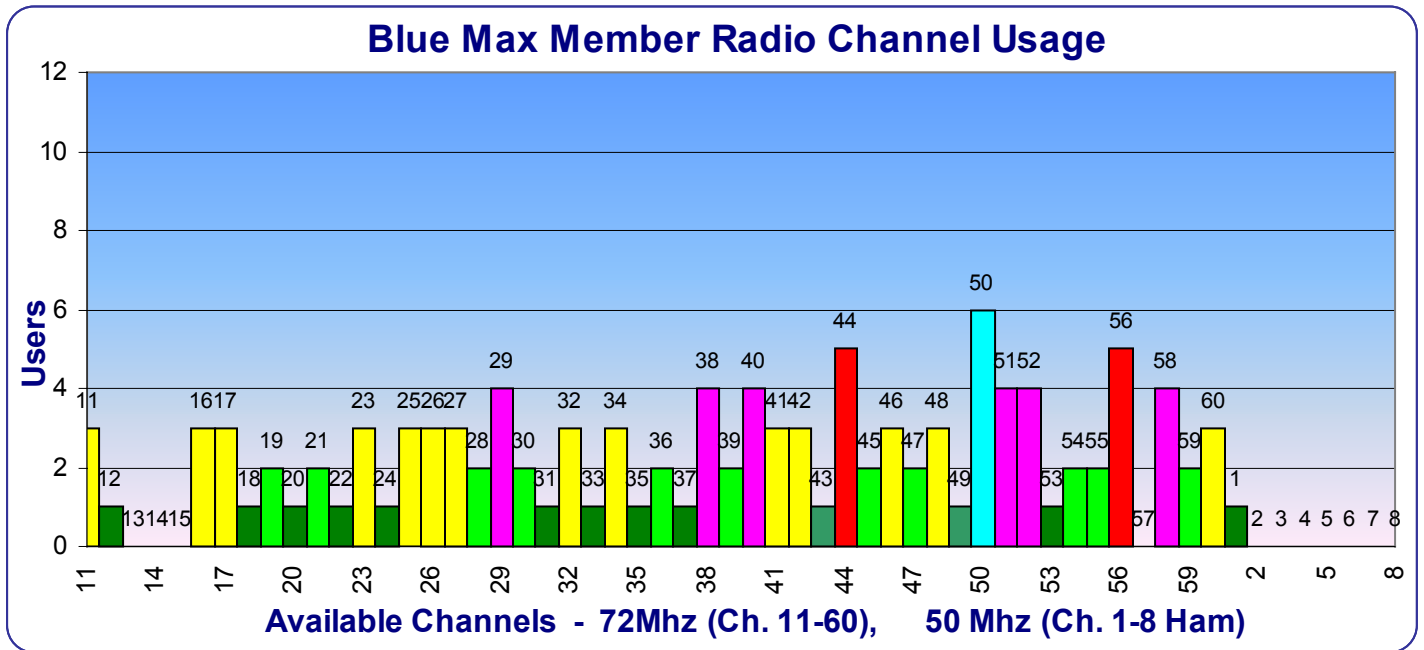
Kyle Kueker 6/17  
Stephen Tomczyk 6/29

### July

Bradford Walters 7/1  
Richard Butler 7/17

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



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**  
**June 2009 – August 2009**

**June 2009**

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

**July 2009**

- 20) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

**August 2009**

- 17) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**



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