



Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting
March 16th 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 - President

Spring is around the corner – I think. As I write this newsletter the temperature is 63 degrees, and for the first time this year I flew outdoors. As you all know the Club



had their annual winter banquet last month, and it was great fun had by all. Everyone I talked to during the course of the evening had great things to say about the food. For dessert, the cake was prepared and decorated by Kurt Schmitt. He did such a beautiful job replicating a Tiger 400 in flight, that we had a hard time making the first cut. (See picture in February newsletter).

As I mentioned at the January meeting, we are tightening our belts a little in accordance with the current economic climate. So far our efforts in controlling spending are paying off. I plan on holding a board meeting before the April meeting and the budget will be one of the main topics. Keep in mind that flying season is fast approaching and I would like to do some necessary field maintenance as soon as the weather permits. Recruitment will also be another main topic.

Speaking of maintenance, this is the time of year to check the status of your batteries. Although most flyers have moved to NiMH, you still want to cycle the batteries a few times a year to make sure they are meeting at least 80% of their rated capacity. If they are not, it is time to discard them. New batteries are cheap insurance. If you have not done so for a while, don't forget to check out your fuel system. The tubing in the tank does deteriorate over time.

As a friendly reminder, I encourage all our current members to get their annual dues in as soon as possible. Also, please do not forget to pay your 2009 AMA membership dues. This is your liability protection. Remember, keeping your AMA dues up to date is not only a Club requirement, but it is also required by the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

Our next meeting will be held on March 16th. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Gene Zerega

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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
February Meeting Notes
 Meeting Date: February 16, 2008
 Secretary: Murry Randell

The February 16, 2008 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

Welcome Guests

Don Barclay, Andrew Mass, Tony Mass, Joe Chiarelli & Christine Heermann

Pilot's Briefing

Dave Taitel of Venture Hobbies explained the new Loyalty Reward Program..

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 \$5455.12 before banquet.

Committee Reports:

- ✦ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** –Thanks to **Dave Taitel** for the donation of a helicopter and **Kurt Schmitt** for the donation of a cake. The banquet was attended by 46 people. Raffle were drawn by Noa Shoval, Maya Shoval, Shayna Elkman and Michael Boyd.
- ✦ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – Field is okay for flying.
- ✦ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – No report.
- ✦ **Newsletter: Bradford Walters** – Going great!
- ✦ **Noise: Bradford Walters** – No report.
- ✦ **Picnic: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✦ **Proficiency: Yohay Hahamy** – A binder has been put together for new student pilots. Thanks to Bradford Walters, Les Magid, Peter Sidor and Gene Zerega..
- ✦ **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** – No report.

Old Business

None

New Business

Dave Taitel – Venture Hobbies. A Loyalty Reward Program will replace the 20% club discount. Program starts March 1, 2009. See Venture Hobbies for complete details.

Unhappy Landings

None.

Rich Frost spoke on the various tools he has used over the years for building. Rich stressed the importance of safety glasses.

New on the Radar



Matt Hauser – 4th Rain Gutter Jet – Evolution .46.



Pete Sidor, Lanier ARF, plastic body, foam wings, Saito .91.



Doug Bradbury – GWS Formosa ARF 2



Rudy Krolopp – 103” wing span F7F being built from drawings with radial engines and custom gear.



Chuck Poviliatis – demo'd hinges & hinging techniques.



Rich Frost spoke on various tools used for building.

Top Gun



Dave Taitel of Venture Hobbies donated a used Hobbico trainer to **Michael Boyd**.



Michael Boyd won the \$50 Venture Hobbies gift certificate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 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

The plane that set a record that still holds today for the highest altitude obtained in a piston-driven propeller aeroplane without a payload is a Caproni 161 and the pilot's name was Mario Pezzi on Oct. 22, 1928. The first person to answer correctly was **Aviv Shoval**, second was **Bob Wisinski**, and third was **Larry Bochenko**. Great job! See picture below.



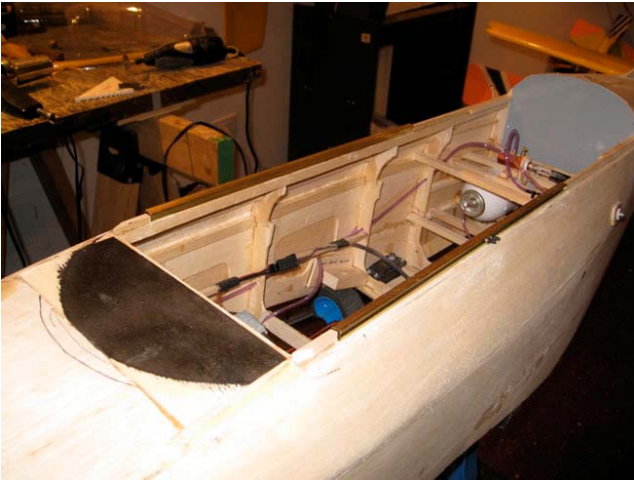
THIS MONTH'S NAME THAT PLANE

Starting this month the first correct answer will receive one raffle ticket for the following month's meeting. What airliner was the first to allow the engineer to shift fuel between fuselage tanks to adjust the aircraft's center of gravity? Send all responses to Bradford Walters at bradford@thehoverzone.com. (New email address)

BUILDING TIPS

Remember when charging LiPo and Li-Ion batteries to never leave them unattended as they can burst into flames if overcharged or too rapidly charged.

WINTER BUILD PROJECT TOP FLITE T-34 MENTOR KIT BY YOHAY HAHAMY



BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10
Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10
Available Now!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

March

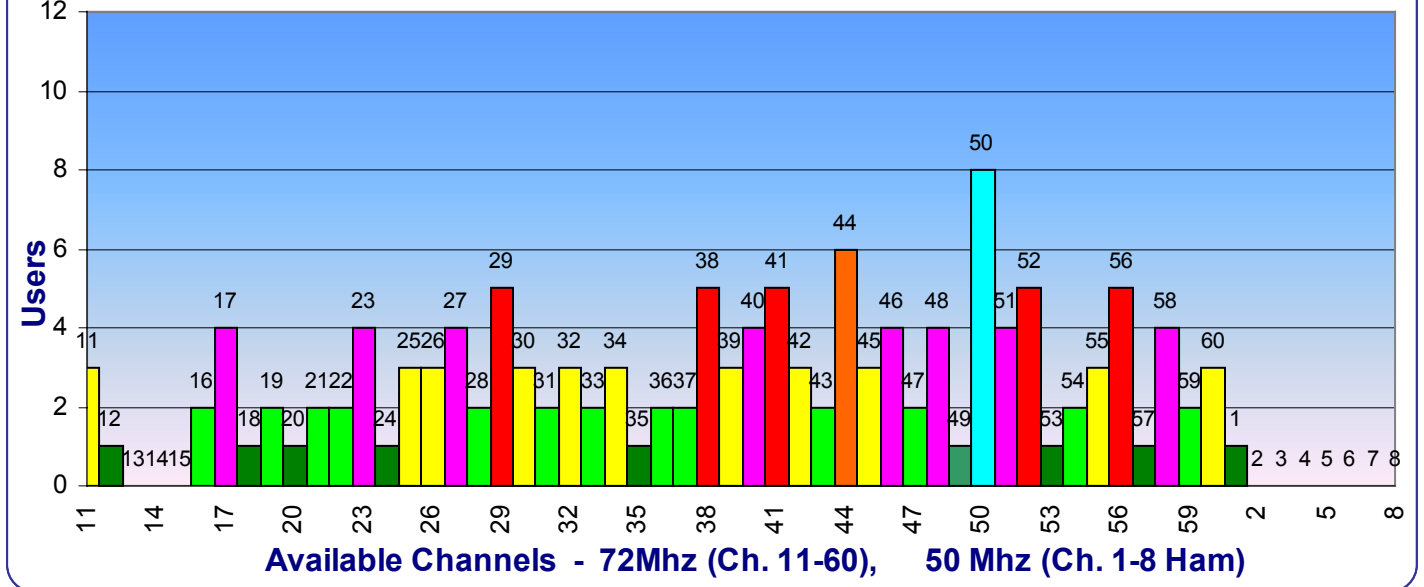
Gene Zerega 3/30

April

Dusty Edmonds 4/2
Daniel Elekman 4/3
Terrence Kelly 4/5
Chuck Poviliatis 4/17
Kurt Schmitt 4/17
Frank Stillson 4/19

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 (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.

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Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
March 2009 – May 2009**

March 2009

16) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.

April 2009

20) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.

May 2009

18) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.



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