



# Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting  
May 18th 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

**S**pring is finally here and fortunately we have had a number of very good flying days in the past two weeks. Even though I have been doing some indoor flying this past winter, it still takes me a little time to get used to flying outdoors. Those of you who have been out to the field this spring may have noticed that the field has been rolled and the grass has been cut. Right now the field is as smooth as it is going to get for takeoffs and landings – so take advantage.



As I mentioned at the April meeting, Pete Sidor and I were invited to the Chicagoland Radio Control Modelers Flying Club meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, for the purpose of determining whether the two clubs should have a joint Fun Fly. Everyone we met was very cordial and we had a good discussion after the meeting. It was a great opportunity to learn how other clubs stage some of their events. A big thanks goes out to Greg Palace, the president of CRCM, and all the members we met for their warm hospitality.

Rich Frost will be our guest speaker this month. He will present the results from his battery investigation. The emphasis will be on the impact batteries have on various manufacturer's receivers and transmitters. During the last meeting, I asked Rich to contact the manufacturers directly to get their input and recommendations. As all you experienced fliers know, there are more opinions on the pros and cons of batteries than there are batteries. Are five cells better than four cells? Should we be using LiPo's in the transmitters, etc., etc.? These are just a few of the questions Rich will be addressing. This should be a very interesting presentation – don't miss it. Our next meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. 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**  
**April Meeting Notes**  
 Meeting Date: April 20, 2009  
 Secretary: Murry Randell

The April 20, 2009 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

## Welcome Guests

**Jim Irlbeck** and **Marshall Kotlicky** were guests at this month's meeting.

## Pilot's Briefing

## Around the Hangar

**President Report: Gene Zerega** – No report.

**Secretary Report: Murry Randell** – March minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer Report: Duane Lang** – Balance is \$5054.20.

### Committee Reports:

- ✈ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – No report.
- ✈ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – The field has been rolled. The Gas Club will pay ½ of the cost.
- ✈ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – Fun Fly was canceled due to weather. Will reschedule to 4/26/09, weather permitting. A Fun Fly champion will be selected at the end of the season based on points.
- ✈ **Newsletter: Bradford Walters** – Going great.
- ✈ **Noise: Bradford Walters** – Decibel readings will be taken at club events.
- ✈ **Picnic: Carl Will** – Picnic will be held the first week of August.
- ✈ **Proficiency: Yohay Hahamy** – No report.
- ✈ **Program: Rudy Krolopp/Bob Davit** – No report.
- ✈ **Refreshments: Carl Will** – Thanks again to **Carl**.
- ✈ **Safety: Don Linder/Sam Rimer** – Two LiPo battery explosions. Two new larger fire extinguishers will be needed. **Chuck Poviliatis** will obtain them.
- ✈ **Webmaster: Pete Sidor Jr** – No report.
- ✈ **Membership: Pete Warenski** – No report.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

1. **Pete Warenski** has contacted other clubs to see if they are interested in joint activities such as a Fun Fly. Fox Valley and Chicagoland are interested. Club members were receptive to the idea.
  2. Please send in surveys. The club appreciates the feedback.
  3. **Don Linder** will check with Venture Hobbies on fuel program prices.

Unhappy Landings

None.

New on the Radar



**Bradford Walters** – Modified Hobbistar 60 with bolt-on wings and dual servos on ailerons.



**Dan Deitemeyer** – “Flying Machine” scratch built. OS .46 AX engine.



**Chuck Poviliatis** – E-Flight SE-5, 250 motor. Also demonstrated a stabilizing fixture for the slot machine.



**Bill Smead** showed a table saw made from a ceramic tile cutter.



**Peter Boden** – Binder clips make good clamps and they come in various sizes.

Top Gun



Sam Rimer won the \$50 Venture Hobbies Gift Certificate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 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 Shoal  
 Steve Tomczyk

GROUND CREW

Matt Hauser  
 Gene Zerega

## FIRST NEW SOLOIST OF 2009

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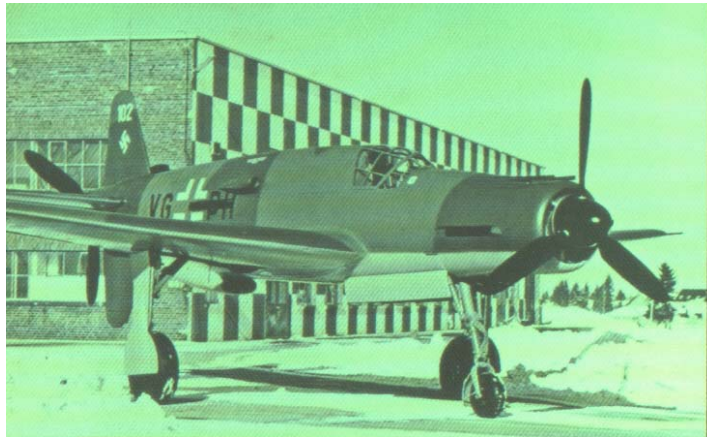


## Editor's Page



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

The WWII fastest piston-engined fighter ever produced with one of the world's first pilot ejection seats is the **Dornier Do 335**. The first person to answer correctly was **Ron Petterec**, who will receive a raffle ticket for the May meeting. See picture below.



### MAY'S NAME THAT PLANE

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.

Send all responses to Bradford Walters at [Bradford@thehoverzone.com](mailto:Bradford@thehoverzone.com). (New email address)

**The Blue Max website is back on line with a new internet host. We expect the site to be 100% operational, including a new forum, within the next week or so.**

**Special thanks to Pete Sidor Jr for all of the hard work he has done for our club as website administrator.**

[www.bluemaxrc.com](http://www.bluemaxrc.com)

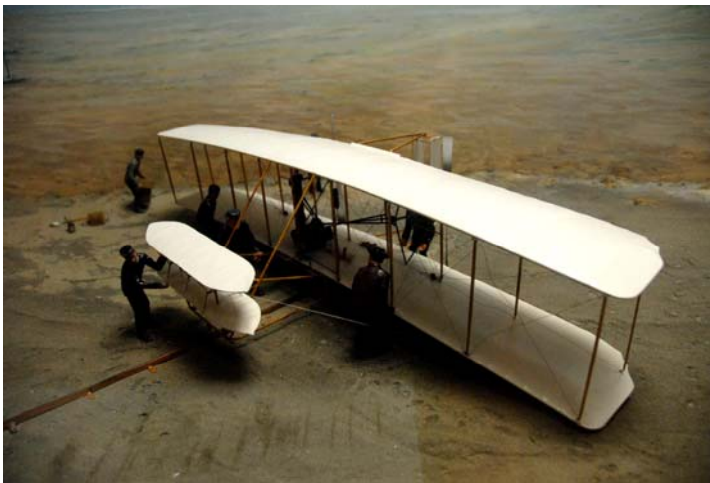
## Ambassador Notes – Pete Warenski

Last month my wife and I decided it was time to leave Chicago for some warmth and sunshine. We had enough snow for one year! On our way south we visited the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Located on the Outer Banks is a little town called Kitty Hawk, the birthplace of modern aviation. Two bicycle mechanics Orville and Wilbur Wright from Dayton, Ohio were credited with sustaining the first powered human flight. The two brothers became interested in the possibility of flight in the 1890's. From the period of 1890 to 1903, they experimented with glider flight.

On December 17, 1903 their dream came true. They successfully completed four flights. The first lasted 12 seconds and the last covered 852 ft with a flight time of 59 seconds. Although Orville (by coin toss) was credited with the first flight, Wilbur had the longest. Needless to say, we have come a long way! If you ever have the opportunity to visit the Outer Banks of North Carolina, take time to visit Kitty Hawk. You will love it.

Unfortunately, our trip south was cut short due to a family illness and we headed back to Eastern Ohio/Pennsylvania. As usual, I went on the Internet to see if any AMA Clubs were located in the immediate area. While in this area I visited two clubs. The initial club was the Greater Pittsburgh RC club, just outside of Pittsburgh. Their field was located in a Penn. forest preserve. They had a T-shaped runway that was paved asphalt and was 100 ft by 633 ft in length. This was provided by the County!!! The club had individual flight stands that could be moved in the staging area (see photo).

The other RC club was located in Columbiana, Ohio. This club's field was located on a private farm with a grass field at least 100 ft by 1000 ft. It was one of the nicest fields I have been on. The respective clubs members were extremely friendly and offered the use of their field if I was ever in the area. Needless to say I offered the same courtesy.



# AMA DARTS

Thanks to **Mike McGee** for organizing the building and flying of the AMA Darts with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at St Thomas of Villanova in Palatine. This year there were 27 students and 16 volunteers. We were able to have 2 volunteers supervise at each of the 7 tables. The building of the Darts took place on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and they were flown on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a great time!



# BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10  
Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10  
Available Now!



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

### May

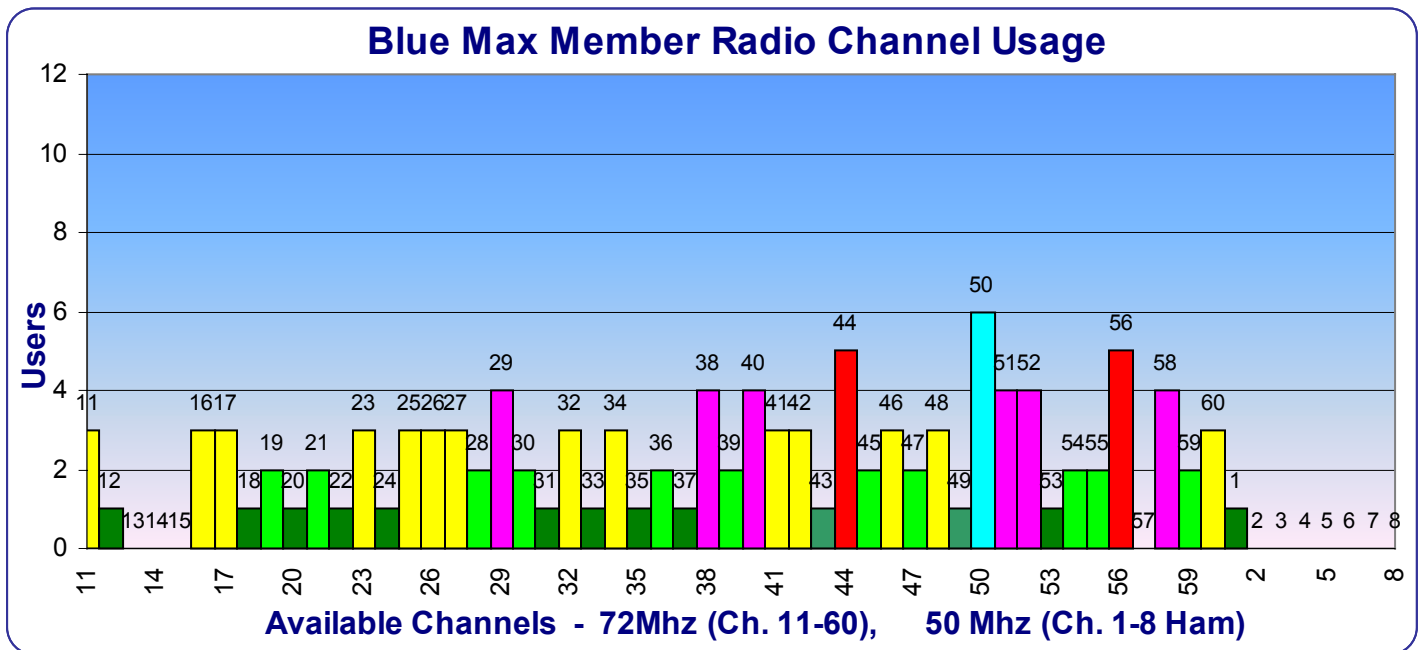
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|-----------------|------|
| Pete Sidor      | 5/19 |
| Les Magid       | 5/20 |
| Bruno Ozga, Jr  | 5/22 |
| Bob Davit       | 5/25 |
| Carl Will       | 5/26 |
| Jameson Barclay | 5/27 |

### June

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| Rudy Krolopp | 6/7 |
|--------------|-----|

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.



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**[www.BlueMaxRC.com](http://www.BlueMaxRC.com)**

**Look on the web for the newsletter in color.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR**  
**May 2009 – July 2009**

**May 2009**

- 17) Fun Fly – 10:00a.m.**
- 18) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.**
- 30) Boy Scouts at the field – 1:00-3:00p.m.**

**June 2009**

- 15) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.**

**July 2009**

- 20) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.**



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