



# Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting  
September 21st at  
St. Thomas School.  
Start time - 7:00 p.m.**



**Don't miss the Fun  
Fly on Sunday, Sept  
20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**



**When flying, carry  
your AMA card.**

## Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega

Last month we had our annual Blue Max picnic and everyone had a great time despite the threatening rain. In fact, for the first time, we had to start the raffle early while the food was cooking in order to fit everything in and finish eating before the rain started. We just made it, by the way. I believe that it may have been one of the shortest Blue Max picnics on record.



Thanks again to Carl Will, with help from his daughter, who just completed his third year as picnic chairman. Thanks to Gene Derbick who completed his 13<sup>th</sup> year as Chief Chef with a lot of help from his wife and Chuck Poviliatis. Thanks also to Jim and Joe Keehan for their help with organizing the games for the kids. And I can't forget all the great food prepared by the wives of the club members, and all the other volunteers I did not mention. Without good food and all your help, there would not have been a picnic.

In case you did not see it, there was a very nice article that appeared in the Buffalo Grove Countryside (Pioneer Press) August 26 giving a little history and background of the Blue Max Club. For those of you who did not see the article, I have included the website address for your convenience. [http://www.pioneerlocal.com/buffalogrove/news/1735861\\_buffalogrove-flyingclub-082709-s1.article](http://www.pioneerlocal.com/buffalogrove/news/1735861_buffalogrove-flyingclub-082709-s1.article)

The Fun Fly on September 20 will be the "Mail Run".

Our next meeting will be held on September 21 and if all goes well our guest speakers will be Don Phillips and George Gaynor. George is the new owner of Venture Hobbies and he says his number one goal is to bring Venture back. He will be prepared to answer all your questions. It should be a great discussion. Don't miss it.

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

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# MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



**Blue MAX R/C Flying Club**  
**August Meeting Notes**  
Meeting Date: August 17, 2009  
Secretary: Murry Randell

The August 17, 2009 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

## Welcome Guests

**Rick Schleicher, Carl Vause and Tim Graves** were guests at this month's meeting.

## Welcome New Members

### Around the Hangar

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

**Secretary Report: Murry Randell** – Minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter. Thanks to Sandra Randell for typing the minutes every month so that the minutes are not several months behind.

**Treasurer Report: Duane Lang** – Balance is \$5179.00 minus picnic expenses.

### **Committee Reports:**

- ✈ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – The banquet will be held at the Arboretum Club. There will be some menu changes. We need display aircraft. The banquet will be held on February 6, 2010, starting at 6 pm. A motion was made and passed to not have entertainment at the banquet and instead use the money for raffle prizes.
- ✈ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – The grass has been cut and the area has been kept free of litter.
- ✈ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor – Musical Planes**  
1st<sup>st</sup> place – **Steve Haas**      3rd place – **Yohay Hahamy**  
2nd place – **Ed Derc**      4th place – **Ron Petterec**
- ✈ **Newsletter: Bradford Walters** – Thanks to Lynne Walters for doing all of the typing for the newsletter.
- ✈ **Noise: Bradford Walters** – A complaint was filed with the Forest Preserve as to noise. There has been no further word on the complaint. Please try to keep your planes as quiet as possible. Bradford has a DB meter. Average readings have been 92-94 DB's. No one has been over the AMA limit of 98 DB's.
- ✈ **Picnic: Carl Will** – Thanks to **Carl Will, Gene Derbick, Chuck Povialitis**, and everyone else who worked so hard to make the picnic a success despite the rain.
- ✈ **Proficiency: Yohay Hahamy** – Yohay challenged everyone to advance one or more levels of proficiency. Changes to Test Requirements: 1) A procedure turn was added to all test levels. 2) An inside loop was added to the Solo exam. 3) On the Sport Level exam the second landing should be a dead stick. **Doug Bradbury** and **Lynne Walters** passed the Solo exam.
- ✈ **Program: Rudy Krolopp/Bob Davit** – No report.
- ✈ **Refreshments: Carl Will** – Thanks again to **Carl**.
- ✈ **Safety: Don Linder/Sam Rimer** – No report.
- ✈ **Webmaster: Pete Sidor Jr** – No report.
- ✈ **Membership: Pete Warenski** – No report.

**Chuck Povialitis** made a CA bottle holder for **Carl Will** for safe use of CA.

**Basil Michael** mentioned a new possible indoor site at Route 14 and Pepper Road in Barrington. It is an indoor soccer field. Some club members will go to check it out.

Old Business

**Bradford Walters** will email a PDF document of the club roster to all members.

New Business

**Mike McGee** – The church, in whose school we meet, is having an Octoberfest. Volunteers would be appreciated to provide static displays.

**Don Linder** - The Gas Club is holding its Golden Age and Twin Fly-In at Deer Grove on Wednesday. Blue Max members are invited. There will be a hot dog picnic.

**Ron Petterec** – Ron brought up a possible merger with the Gas Club. **Gene Zerega** said it is a dead issue.

**Bill Smead** is in his second week of therapy. He is doing well but has difficulty swallowing.

Unhappy Landings

**Dan Deitemeyer** – Tree grabbed plane

**Jim Keehan** – Hard landing

**Bradford Walters** – P-38 lost an engine

**Gene Zerega** – Landed RV-4 on parkway

**Murry Randell** – plane went behind trees at the west end of field.

New on the Radar

**Doug Bradbury** – rebuilt plane after mid-air collision



**Tim Graves** – Senior Kadet .46 engine



**Bradford Walters** – Multiplex Fun Jet. Electric foam. Travels at over 100 mph.



Top Gun

None

New Solos

Doug Bradbury



Lynne Walters

*Meeting adjourned at 8:55 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

Dan Deitemeyer	Duane Lang	Shlomo Rimer	Steve Tomczyk
Ed Der	Don Linder	Aviv Shov I	Bradford Walters
Steve Haas	Del Peral	Jim Speers	Carl Will
Yohay Hahamy	Ron Petterec	Frank Stillson	

## GROUND CREW

Matt Hauser  
Gene Zerega

## AMA Card Reminder

As a reminder to all club members, make sure you have your AMA membership card in your possession while flying your model at the field.

## Editor's Page



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

The name of the plane is the **Boeing FX8B-1 Fighter Bomber**. **Bob Wisinski** was the first to answer it correctly and will receive a free raffle ticket at this month's meeting. This plane was the heaviest carrier based airplane built before the end of WWII. It could be flown as a torpedo bomber and, because of its single-seat configuration, could also be used as a fighter. Because of its size and great horsepower, it used an unusual dual six-blade contra-rotating propeller. It carried bombs internally and extra fuel externally, and its six machine guns were mounted inside the folding wings. Only three were built during 1944 and 1945. See picture below.



### SEPTEMBER'S NAME THAT PLANE

As over 13,500 were built, this plane is the most widely produced combat aircraft of the cold war. Designed as a short-range, clear-weather, supersonic fighter, the first production left the factory in late 1959. The cockpit of the plane was unpressurized, so pilots wore a partial-pressure anti-g suit and sealed helmet. A separate control on the right console heated the helmet for comfort and defrosted the faceplate. A clear, armored canopy/windscreen hinged forward for access from the ground; as the canopy closed, it depressed a plate behind the pilot's head, arming the ejection seat automatically. The canopy also hinged forward and left the aircraft with the seat to protect the pilot from wind blast during ejection.

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

### AVIATION MOVIE TRIVIA

**Rich Frost** has submitted some Aviation Movie Trivia questions. Here is the one for this month.

**The hint is "Ernst Kessler" and the movie is .....**

The August answer is: "Tennessee Gal" and the movie is Memphis Belle.

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# THE ORIGINS AND HISTORY OF THE BLUE MAX FLYING CLUB OF BUFFALO GROVE

WRITTEN AND SUBMITTED BY FRANK STILLSON

## PART 1

**Frank Stillson**, author of this history, joined a control line model airplane club from Buffalo Grove shortly after the club was formed in 1970, the forerunner of the current **Blue Max Flying Club**. We flew in several schoolyards, including Jack London Junior High in Wheeling and held 2 picnics before the conversion to RADIO CONTROL.

During **1972**, we formed the **Blue Max Flying Club** from the original control line club. Paul Swalski and Bill Shedler already could fly R/C and Alan Rychlik joined at this time, the first members capable of Radio Control flying. Alan self taught himself to fly and became an outstanding flyer, premier teacher, designer and scratch builder.

One of the first requirements of the new Blue Max RC club was to write a constitution. Bill Shedler had been a member of an Ohio RC club and drafted our first constitution, very similar to the constitution of the R/C club in Ohio. (Since then there have been a number revisions.) We flew the first year anywhere we could; in schoolyards, in parks, and open fields. Not a very satisfactory way to fly. For the first several years, our monthly meetings were held in various members' homes. Meeting notices were hand-written by the secretary. The first permanent meeting location was at the Buffalo Grove Raupp Memorial Museum, 901 Dunham, before they developed it into a museum. We then met at the Buffalo Grove Park District building on Raupp Boulevard for many years. Next we moved to the youth center in the back of the Buffalo Grove police station. Then it was the VFW Hall in Wheeling for a year or so. Following that it was Addolorata Villa in Wheeling. In 2007 we moved to St Thomas School in Palatine.

**1974** The first of three flying fields built out of nothing more than an open field. The original field location was near the corner of Quentin Rd and Route 22 in Lake Zurich. This began as a hilly field with small trees and other impediments. After grading and seeding, we had a fairly nice L-shaped field. The North-South runway was a little longer than a football field, but was less than 150 feet wide. A utility shed/building "protected" one side of the runway, along with the pits. On the opposite side of the field was a tree line. Needless to say, it was very important to line up with the runway correctly, or you could hit the building (if you were lucky you could perform a touch and go off the roof of this building and several did.) or go into the trees! The second runway of the L was more open, however there were small trees around the field and they were great airplane catchers. The open area around the flying field was planted in corn, which was okay in the spring, but 7 foot corn in the summer is very hard on aircraft and difficult to find downed aircraft in.

**1975** began the long tradition of holding family picnics in the fall. The first picnic was held in September and naturally it was cold. We built a bonfire in the pits and had an outstanding get-together over food, coffee, and conversation. At future picnics games were played on the field during the day for both the children and the adults. Rules were very lax at this time with a membership of only about 20-25 members. There were only 3 people that could fly to start with and act as instructors. Marv Green joined in 1975 and became the primary flying instructor for the club for the next 27 years. One of the first rules the club instituted was that all aircraft be equipped with mufflers.

In **1976**, we began flying contests, both fun fly and precision competition. Q200 Pylon races were held at this time. For one thing, they were easy to fly. Grass-cutting and field maintenance was taken care of by the members. (I wore out two lawn mowers over the years that I helped maintain the fields.) Some rudimentary frequency control was begun at this time. Our time at this field was memorable and very relaxed.

In **1977**, a church was built on the access road to the flying field. The first day of church services, right after church, we had 8 or 10 kids standing on the edge of the runway, watching us fly. The parents came to take them home and were not too happy about it.

**Watch for Part 2 in next month's newsletter.**

# BLUE MAX WEAR

Caps \$10  
Sweatshirts \$20

Sizes: Small to 3X

T-Shirts \$10  
Available Now!



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

### September

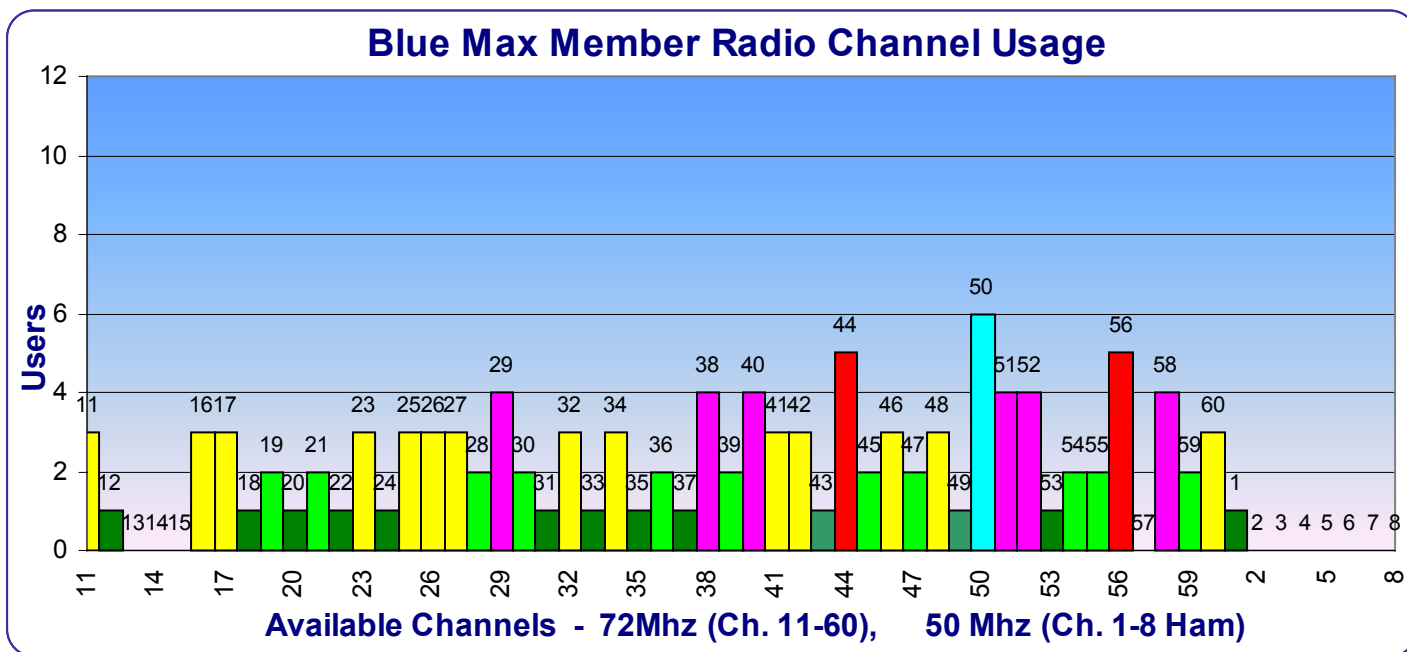
Thomas Jetson 9/22  
Bob Wisinski 9/24  
Aviv Shoval 9/28

### October

Jeff Beck 10/1  
Robert Kamensky 10/2  
Rich Frost 10/4  
Duane Lang 10/7  
Yohay Hahamy 10/11

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  
September 2009 – November 2009**

**September 2009**

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

**October 2009**

- 19) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

**November 2009**

- 16) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**



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