



Blue Max Aces

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



**Time to renew your
Blue Max
Membership for
2010 !!!!**

Bradford's Briefing

by Bradford Walters

Winter is almost done with us here in the Midwest. For those of us who have been in the Chicago area more than twenty years, we know that some



snow is still possible in April. Now that the temperature is in the mid to upper forties and lower fifties, it makes you want to get outside, fire up your nitro planes, and go fly. Some of us brave souls bear the cold and snow and put skis on our planes. Someone tried to shovel off the runway and made a mess out of it. PLEASE DO NOT SHOVEL THE RUNWAY! It

makes it difficult to land in between the piles of snow left on either side. A number of us are still flying electric indoors at Forest View and at Lake Barrington. I found out that if a basketball court is available on any day of the week at Lake Barrington Fieldhouse, you can fly in it for \$5.00 and take advantage of the hardwood floors for easier take-offs and landings, instead of the artificial turf downstairs.

This month's speaker will be retired U.S.A.F. Colonel Tim McKay, who was on active duty with the US Air Force for 27 years, from 1978 to 2005, as a Navigator and Electronic Warfare Officer, and flew in the F-4 "Phantom", EC-130H "Compass Call", and E-8C "Joint STARS" aircraft.

Our next meeting is on Monday, March 15th at 7:00 pm. If you have not paid your 2010 dues at this meeting, you will not be allowed to buy a raffle ticket. The raffle is for paid members only. This month we will be raffling off a "Martin AM-1 Mauler" 60 size ARF, finished in Navy colors with retracts. We will also be going over the 2010 club fuel program (see page 4), so don't miss this one. Don't forget to watch for new things on our website, like the picture of the month. If you have a picture that you would like to see on our site, send it to me. I'll pick the best one each month.

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Noise

Bradford Walters

Picnic

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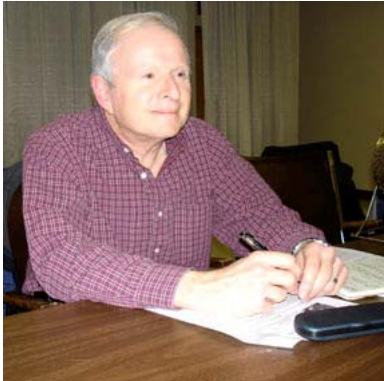
Safety

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MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
February Meeting Notes
 Meeting Date: February 15, 2010
 Secretary: Murry Randell

The February 15, 2010 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President **Bradford Walters**.

Welcome Guests

The Taylor Family – Reuben, Emily & Charles and Tim McKay

Welcome New Members

Brendgol Majewski and Rich Blaha

Around the Hangar

President Report: Bradford Walters – No report.

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

Treasurer Report: Bob Wisinski – Balance is \$3935.03. We have 44 paid members.

Committee Reports:

- ✈ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – Went well. Thanks to **Bradford Walters** for doing so much to obtain donations.
- ✈ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – There is snow on the runway.
- ✈ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – The third place award for the Fun Fly season was awarded to **Bob Wisinski**.
- ✈ **Newsletter: Bradford and Lynne Walters** – There are no changes in the newsletter at this point.
- ✈ **Noise: Bradford Walters** – No report.
- ✈ **Picnic: OPEN** – The club needs someone to step up and become chairman of the picnic committee.
- ✈ **Proficiency: Yohay Hahamy** – No report.
- ✈ **Program: Bob Davit** – Bob Davit introduced tonight's program – The Taylor Family.
- ✈ **Refreshments: Carl Will** – Thanks again to **Carl**.
- ✈ **Safety: Don Linder/Sam Rimer** – No report.
- ✈ **Webmaster: Doug Bradbury** – **Doug Bradbury** was introduced as our new Webmaster.
- ✈ **Membership: Pete Warenski** – No report.

Old Business

Gene Zerega gave out the remaining annual awards to members who were not at the banquet.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote to change the wording of the constitution from “meeting shall start at 7:30 pm” to “at a time determined by club officers”.

New Business

None.

Unhappy Landings

None.

New on the Radar



Rich Blaha – Hobby Lobby F4D Phantom foam ducted fan. Markings from the 25th Tactical Fighter Squadron.



Terrance Kelly – A wing he rebuilt after a crash



Ron Pettrec – Custom instrument panel for a ¼ scale Cub. One of 7 panels for the 7 Cubs he is building.

Top Gun



Futaba Flight Pack won by **Bob Davit** and given to **Reuben Taylor**.

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 3rd Monday
of each month and they
start at 7:00 p.m.

INSTRUCTORS

GROUND CREW

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

2010 Club Fuel Program

George Gaynor, at **AdVenture Hobbies**, has worked out a plan for our 2010 Fuel Program. There is a wide selection of fuels available. There will be a sign up sheet at the March meeting, so make your selection and bring the money to the meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, you can send your check and fuel request to the Blue Max Club, P.O. Box 7803, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089.

Here are the Rules.

1. The fuel must be purchased in full cases (4 gallons). Two or three members can share a case, but only full cases will be ordered.
2. You must give your payment to the Club before the fuel will be ordered for you.
3. You can purchase as many cases as you want.
4. You can purchase more than one type of fuel, but each type must be a full case.
5. We cannot leave the fuel overnight at AdVenture. Therefore, the Club has to remove all the fuel the day that it arrives. So, you must pick up your fuel that day or arrange for someone to get it for you.
6. You can order any fuel shown on the list that will be emailed to the members. In this list, the case price includes tax, the gallon prices do not include tax.
7. The Club must order at least 16 cases or the program will not be honored.

Obviously, AdVenture would make more money selling us the fuel at their regular price. They are doing us a favor with this program, so let's take advantage of it.

Don Linder will be coordinating this program. When the price list is available it will be sent out to our mailing list.

WANTED – PICNIC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

If you want to have a picnic this year, we need someone to take over this position and put together a team to pull this together. Many thanks go to **Carl Will** and his team in coordinating an excellent event in the past few years.

Indoor Flying

This year we have two locations for indoor flying.

Forest View Educational (For questions contact Mike McGee, Chief Instructor):

The “Come Fly Indoors with Us” classes will be held on Mondays, Feb. 22 to May 3, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm. (No class March 22) Course #9264.

Further information and "sign in" at www.ce214.org. Class # is 9264.

Lake Barrington Fieldhouse – 28156 W North Pointe Parkway, Lake Barrington, IL

For more info and directions go to <http://www.lakebarringtonfieldhouse.com/default.aspx>

Flying is every Friday from 11 am until 2 pm and the cost is \$10. It has a 40 foot clear ceiling.

February’s Program – The Family of Charles Taylor

We were delighted to have a presentation of the life of Charles Taylor by his grandson Reuben and great-grandson Charles. “The Wright Bros. were having a problem finding an engine for their Wright Flyer, so they turned to their employee, Charles Taylor, who was a skilled machinist. With only a lathe, drill press and some basic hand tools, he built each part and in only 6 weeks the engine was ready for testing. On Dec 17, 1903 the engine ran perfectly and made history. He remained with the Wrights and was a personal friend for over 50 years. He was the first airplane mechanic, airport manager, airplane crash investigator and much more including working with Henry Ford. In 1965 he was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame. In 1993, the FAA created the “Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award”, which is given to mechanics that have been FAA certified for at least 50 years. Charlie was born in 1868 and died in 1956 at the age of 87, exactly 8 years to the day after Orville Wright passed away.”



Editor's Page



THE ANSWER TO FEBRUARY'S NAME THAT PLANE

The name of the plane is the Polikarpov I-16. Larry Bochenko was the first to answer it correctly and will receive a free raffle ticket at this month's meeting. Dan Deitemeyer and Bob Wisinski also answered correctly. This aircraft entered service in the USSR in 1935, the fighter being powered by a reverse-engineered Wright Cyclone. It was the world's first cantilever low wing monoplane and retractable undercarriage fighter to enter frontline service. It also had a tail skid and open cockpit. See picture below.



MARCH'S NAME THAT PLANE

This was the first all metal monoplane bomber to enter full-scale production for the US Army Air Corps. It featured such advances as cantilever monoplane wings, flaps, stressed-skin construction, advanced engine cowls, retractable landing gear, and internal bomb bay with power-driven doors and variable-pitch propellers. Send all responses to Bradford Walters at 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 "R. J. Mitchell" and the movie is?

The February hint was: "The Ruptured Duck" and no one answered correctly.

Send all responses to Bradford Walters at Bradford@thehoverzone.com.

UPCOMING SWAP MEETS

Sat., April 3rd, Suburban RC Barnstormers Swap Meet, Dupage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL, 8 am –noon.

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Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
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 (Required by Blue Max R/C)

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State: _____ Zip: _____ (Please print clearly)

Phone: _____ AOL Instant Messenger Name: _____

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AMA MEMBERSHIP IS A CLUB REQUIREMENT

PLEASE RATE YOUR FLYING ABILITY:

- No Experience**
- Very Limited** (Require assistance to fly)
- Fair** (Occasionally need assistance to fly)
- Good** (Can fly alone with no problems)
- Advanced** (Can safely do aerobatics)
- Expert** (Can fly and give instruction)

The **Blue Max R/C Flying Club, Inc.** tracks member usage of radio frequencies to try and avoid overcrowding of channels. Please register the channel numbers of all **R/C aircraft radio's** you currently own:

Channel: _____ Channel: _____ Channel: _____
 Channel: _____ Channel: _____

DUES

ANNUAL DUES: Open (Age 18 – 64):	\$50.00	PAID: _____
Associate (non-flying)	\$40.00	PAID: _____
Student (Age 17 and under):	\$25.00	PAID: _____
Senior (Age 65 and over):	\$37.50	PAID: _____

Make check payable to:
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ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS:

(Requires at least one Open Membership per family)

(Ages 13 - 17):	\$15.00	PAID: _____
(Age 12 and younger):	FREE	

INITIATION FEE: (One per Family/Household) \$20.00 PAID: \$20.00
 (Covers all immediate family members under the age of 18 in household)

NOTE: Membership dues cover the cost between the time of acceptance and December 31. If you join September 1 through October 31, you will pay 50% of the above dues. If you join November 1 through December 31, you will pay the full dues amount and this will cover you until Dec 31 of the following year.

The FULL INITIATION FEE is required regardless of application date.

TOTAL PAYMENT: _____

Were you previously a Blue Max Member? _____ No _____ Yes
 If Yes, what was the last year of active membership? _____
 How did you learn about this Club? _____

We often take pictures of members and their airplanes for the newsletter and club web site. Your picture may be used in the newsletter and/or web site. Signing this application authorizes The Blue Max R/C Flying Club to use your picture or likeness in its newsletter and/or web site. All personal information such as Address, Phone Number, etc. is only available in the password protected Members Only section of the web site.

By signing this application you agree to abide by the rules, regulations and constitution of the Blue Max R/C Flying Club, Inc. and of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

Applicants Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
 (Parent or Legal Guardian for members under 18 years old)

BLUE MAX WEAR

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

T-Shirts \$10
 Available Now!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

March

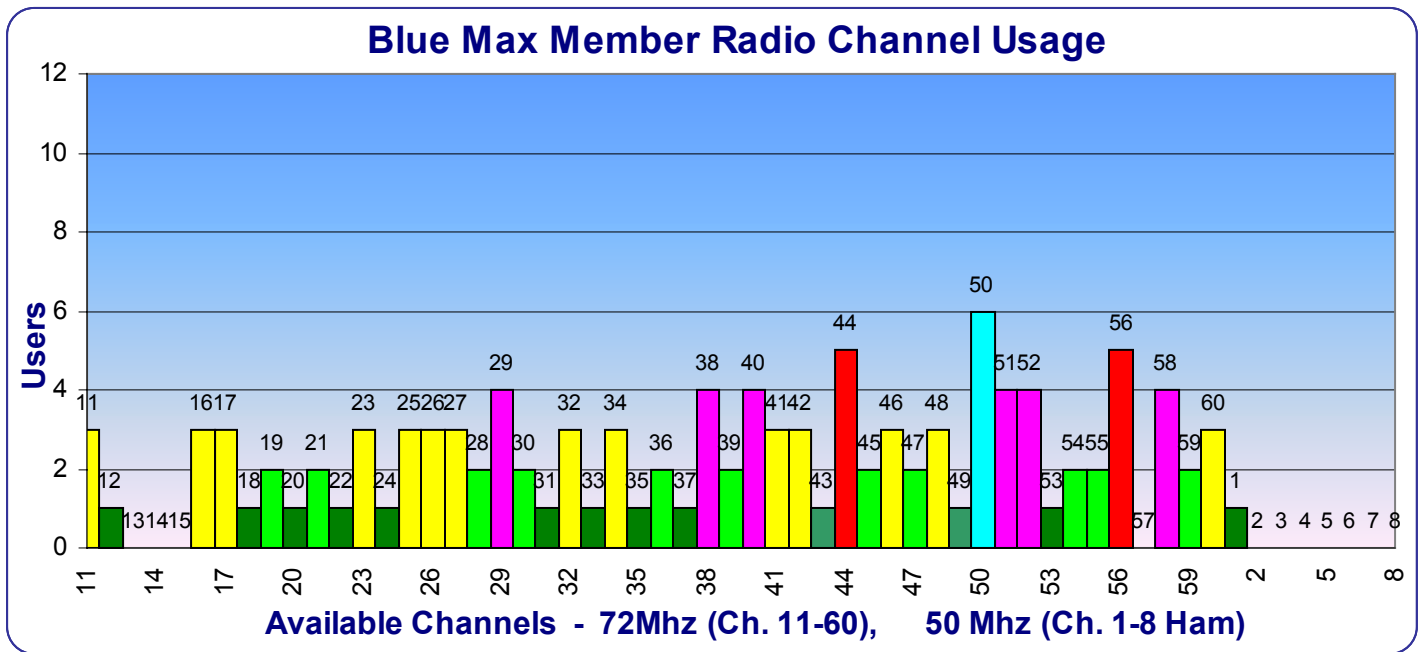
Charlie Cassidy 3/18
 Paul Stawinoga 3/21
 Gene Zerega 3/30

April

Dusty Edmonds 4/2
 Dan Elekman 4/3
 Terrance 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.

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.

Blue Max R/C Flying Club
AMA # 1040
www.BlueMaxRC.com

Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
March 2010 – May 2010**

March 2010

15) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

April 2010

19) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

May 2010

17) Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.



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