



Blue Max Aces

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**Next meeting
October 20th at
St. Thomas School.
Start time - 7:00 p.m.**



**Starter Stands are
not first come first
serve. They need to
be shared.**

Gene's Lowdown

by Gene Zerega - President

It is hard to believe that it is already October, which is arguably the most important meeting month of the year. **October is important because it is the month that we**



have our annual club nominations. If you have the desire as a member to actively participate in helping set the future direction and priorities of the club, this is your opportunity to step up and put your name in for nomination. We will be nominating fellow club members for the positions of President, Vice President, and the four Board of Directors positions. I know that there are

some of you out there that would like to help out, but you are unable or you do not care to hold an elected position. If this is the case, there are still plenty of other opportunities to help by participating in one of the many committees.

If you are interested in holding a position, elected or otherwise, but are unable to attend the October meeting, please get back to me directly via email or phone before the meeting. I will be glad to place your name into nomination. Actual voting will take place at the November meeting, and new and repeat appointees will be installed at the close of the December meeting.

Remember, as an elected officer or committee member, this is your opportunity to have your ideas heard and participate in the decision process and the future direction of the club.

Our next meeting will be held on October 20th and our guest speaker will be Eric Karl. Eric is a design engineer for Robart Manufacturing, and competition turbine jet pilot.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Gene Zerega

President
Gene Zerega

Vice President
Pete Sidor

Editor
Bradford Walters

Board of Directors

Steve Haas
Murry Randell
Carl Will
Ron Petterec

Secretary
Murry Randell

Treasurer
Duane Lang

Webmaster
Pete Sidor Jr.

COMMITTEES

Banquet
Tom Jetson
Frank Stillson

Field Marshal
Matt Hauser

Flying Proficiency
Ron Petterec

Fun-Fly
Pete Sidor

Ground Crew
Gene Zerega
Matt Hauser

Noise
Frank Stillson

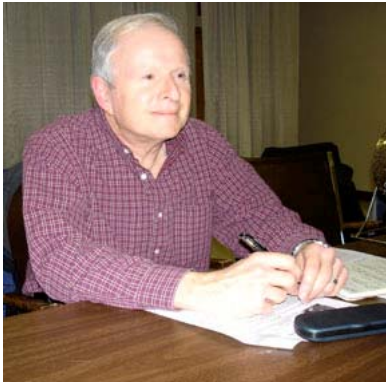
Picnic
Carl Will

Program
Rudy Krolopp

Safety
Carl Will

MEETING MINUTES

by *Murry Randell, Secretary*



**Blue MAX R/C Flying Club
September Meeting Notes**
Meeting Date: September 15, 2008
Secretary: Murry Randell

The September 15, 2008 meeting of the Blue Max RC Flying Club was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President **Gene Zerega**.

Welcome Guests

There was one new member - Dennis Rickey and one guest, Andrew Cammarata.

Pilot's Briefing

Bob Walker spoke of his career as a machinist, production manager and co-founder of Robert Manufacturing. He works on custom projects as well as standard products.

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 \$3594.19 including picnic.

Committee Reports:

- ✦ **Banquet: Frank Stillson** – All arrangements for the banquet are in place.
- ✦ **Field Marshal: Matt Hauser** – No report.
- ✦ **Fun Fly: Pete Sidor** – This month's Fun Fly was postponed.
- ✦ **Newsletter: Brad Walters** – Please keep file size for pictures under 1 megabyte.
- ✦ **Noise: Frank Stillson** – No report.
- ✦ **Picnic: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✦ **Proficiency: Ron Petterec – Matt Hauser** – Advanced to intermediate, **Lou Roberts** – Advanced to advanced, **Duane Lang** is now an unlimited instructor.
- ✦ **Program: Rudy Krolopp** – Schedule of meeting programs has been published in the newsletter.

October – Eric Karl, Robart design engineer & competition turbine jet pilot

November – Rudy Krolopp & Bob Davit, experiences in building their P-47

- ✦ **Refreshments: Carl Will** –
- ✦ **Safety: Carl Will** – No report.
- ✦ **Webmaster** – No report.

Old Business

1. The instructor list has been updated and will be on the web site.
2. St Thomas has been paid for use of our meeting room.

New Business

Our new sign will be hung on the impound stand and will be put back in the stand at the end of the day.

Unhappy Landings

Steve Haas – The tail of the Yak broke off the plane.

Bill Smead – Wing fell off plane. Will use more rubber bands.

Rich Frost – Tiger Moth. Take-off was at high rate.

Rudy Krolopp – P47 had a dead stick on its maiden flight.

New on the Radar



Rich Frost with his scratch built Buttercup.



Bill Smead with "1/8 stick", 5 amp motor.



Lou Roberts received his Advanced Certificate.



Duane Lang was awarded the Unlimited Certificate.



Bob Walker – Co-founder of Robart Mfg.



Bob Walker receives his certificate from **Gene Zerega**.

Top Gun



Andrew Gebhard won a \$100 Venture gift certificate.



Murry Randell won a gallon of fuel.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Sound and Banquet – Frank Stillson

The Flying season is fast coming to a close, except for a few dedicated flyers.

Now is the time to reevaluate how much sound your equipment generated this year. Most of you are well within the logical limits as to how quiet your aircraft are.

The big 4-cycle engines emit considerable noise, albeit low frequency, usually not run to max throttle, and consequently not as objectionable as some of the smaller engines that just scream.

Everyone should consider the kind of noise suppression system they are using for next year. Tuned pipes can be very loud. There are muffled pipes available. Big engines can be silenced with correct mufflers. Small engines can be helped by not exceeding excessive tip speed. There are solutions to loud aircraft, so take some time this winter to improve the muffling of the aircraft.

Mark your calendars for the Dinner-Dance Banquet at the Arboretum in Buffalo Grove on February 7th, 2009.

Indoor Flying – Mike McGee

For those of you who might be interested in flying indoors this winter, indoor flying at Forest View Educational Center begins September 15 and continues each Monday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Registration is now.

Dates: September 15 through November 17.

Course number: #9264

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 Shoval

Steve Tomczyk

GROUND CREW

Matt Hauser

Gene Zerega

Ambassador Notes – Pete Warenski

During my recent trip to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons a few weeks ago, I met a gentleman who was a full time RV'er (he and his wife live full time in their RV) and an avid RC enthusiast. While staying at a RV Park in Rapid City, South Dakota, a familiar site caught my eye at a field adjacent to the Park. My eyes focused on a RC plane in flight doing loops. Without hesitation, I headed toward the field where I had the opportunity to meet the RC pilot. He explained that he and his wife sold their home in Iowa, bought a Class 'A' RV and headed west for the adventure of their lives. Given the evolution of the "Park Flyer", he made the decision, with the blessing of his wife of course, to bring his hobby along for the ride. He purchased a tag along trailer that was large enough to have a full workbench area and storage for 20+ airplanes.

I guess the moral of the story is, "Where there is a will, there is a way". My wife refers to it as an addiction!!!

Editor's Page



Don't Get In Over Your Head

Recently on a very windy day at the field I witnessed two seasoned flyers pile drive their airplanes into the ground. Both of them allowed their aircraft to get blown in over their heads, losing orientation, which resulted in the crashes. We sometimes forget that the distance traveled of the average aircraft at the field is somewhere between 60-80 feet per second at full throttle.

In the August newsletter I published an article titled "Nail Those Landings" by Dan Stahn of the Anoka County Radio Control Club, Inc in Coon Rapids, MN. One of the points in the article said "Correct flight path changes immediately – Either speed or position or whatever – if it isn't right, fix it. Don't let needed corrections pile up." When the conditions are very windy it is easy for an airplane to get blown out of the pattern. Your flight path on downwind sets the stage for your base leg and final approach turns. Having a direct crosswind will cause you to either overturn your base and/or your final approach turns.

"Have a plan – Don't let the airplane determine your approach. Plan out your landing well in advance. Maybe two or three circuits around the pattern before you make the landing."

"Plan ahead – This is very important. Compare where the airplane will go if you don't change anything to where it will go if you do. If they don't match, make it match."

"Don't fly the pattern too fast – If you fly at a reduced speed, you lessen the chance of missing the runway."

Flying directly over your head is not easy. I have a helicopter with a camera mount attached for taking aerial photographs. I spent a good portion of an afternoon just hovering 50-100 feet above my head for the purpose of taking good aerial shots without getting disoriented. Believe me it is not easy to do!

Don't let the winds scare you, but keep in mind that there may be a point where the winds will exceed the capability of the pilot and not necessarily the airplane. Keeping in this mind, fly safely and see you at the field.

For All Season Flyers (or those that want to be)

Here's a tip from Tower Hobbies (submitted by Al Phillips) for making **snow skis**.

Easy to make and durable snow skis for your R/C plane. First cut a length of 1 to 1-1/2" piece of PVC tubing to the length you want your ski. Then cut that tube in half with a band or hack saw. Pull out your trusty heat gun and heat until the halves are pliable, pressing them flat on your work surface. Round off one end, then heat and lift the tip for a perfect pair of skis. Finish by gluing a vertical wood mount drilled to match your landing gear strut and you're ready for the snow!

BLUE MAX WEAR

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

T-Shirts \$10
 Available Now!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

October

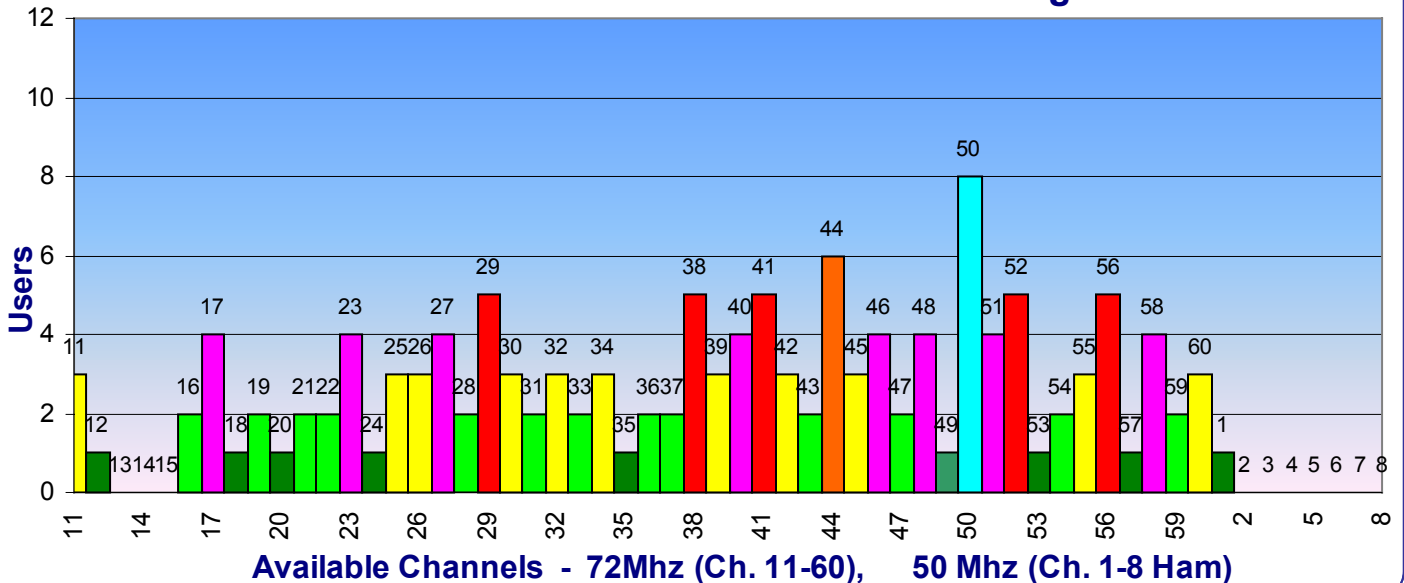
Mark Heermann 10/24
 Scott Zeliar 10/25
 Brian Kueker 10/27

November

Marvin Gino 11/9
 Lou Roberts 11/17

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.

Blue Max Member Radio Channel Usage



FREQUENCY CHART

Please contact Bradford Walters at (thehoverzone@ameritech.net) 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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AMA # 1040
www.BlueMaxRC.com

Look on the web for the newsletter in color.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR
October 2008 – December 2008**

October 2008

20) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.

November 2008

17) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.

December 2008

15) Monthly Meeting – 7:00p.m.



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