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Festival of Giants is coming July 27,28, & 29, 2006



President's Message

By Jeff Anderson



Nothing submitted at press time.



Left: Your editor hard at work training his new puppy "Harley" on the fine art of "napping." Below left: Greg Wright has just about finished his new P-38 which he brought to the field for some outdoor time. Below: Dominic Saverino's new "Double Vision" ARF, a Chip Hyde design which should be a good 3-D mount to fly.



Vice –President’s Report

By Paul Douds



Paul is recovering from major shoulder surgery and cannot yet sit at the keyboard to write his report. He hopes to be back to normal in another month or so.

Here are three ways to promote the club. The license plate is the idea of Dan Compton who drives around with FV AERO 1. The window sticker is the brainchild of Bob Mosinski who has a computer cutting machine which can cut this logo up to 6 3/4” and he will do them for club members for \$10. each. I had him cut a 4” logo in red for my new 34% Extra 300L. Julian should give these guys points for their ideas.



Secretary's Report

By Julian Pugh

Minutes of the March 9, 2006



Vice-President Paul Douds opened the meeting at 7:30.

Paul reviewed the success of the 2006 FVAC Swap Shop that netted \$3,500.00 for the club treasury. This was a record Swap Shop return. The club thanked Swap Shop Co-Chairmen Steve Baker and Julian Pugh for their efforts. Steve and Julian have agreed to Co-Chair the Swap Shop next year.

Secretary Julian Pugh requested the minutes as published in the February newsletter be approved. A motion was presented and members approved the minutes.

Treasurer Bill Simmons presented the Treasurers report to the club. It was approved by vote of the members. He reported a balance of \$13,274.00 in the club treasury, after payment of two outstanding Field Lottery Balls. Two balls were drawn from the field raffle jar; one went to Don Bennish and the other to the Lee Patterson estate.

New members were then introduced to the club. They are:

Joe Cubalchini of St. Charles

Ken Voegele of Geneva

Welcome to FVAC Joe and Ken.

Daryl Hedges reported on the articles he has helped write for R/C Flyer, the AMA Magazine (regarding our new field) and a new article for R/C Flyer written by Chief Instructor Dan Compton titled "Ten Common Mistakes of R/C Flyers". Good work Daryl and Dan.

Vice-President Douds announced a Bylaws Review Committee had been appointed by the Board of Directors. Julian Pugh will chair this committee, whose purpose will be to review our present Bylaws and recommend changes.

Ken Kaiser reported the Kids Fun Fly planning was on target and we could expect to have a large number of Boy Scouts present. He stated the need for more instructor pilots and planes for this event.

Field Chairman Greg Bohler reported that John Turner preparing a proposal for seed, fertilizer, etc. for the coming season. Thanks J.T. We now have a 2 yard Dumpster on the property and the trash will be picked up at regular intervals by Waste Management. One Porta-Pottie will be delivered to the field for the upcoming season.

Membership Chairman Jason Walsh reported that we now have 170 club members. This is up from last year at this time.

John Fischer discussed the Instructor Qualification/Member Flight Proficiency Program. We will schedule a qualification Saturday. He also reviewed the "Flight Training Log" for new pilots. Remember: Auction Points will be awarded for participating in the Instructor Qualification/Member Flight Proficiency Programs.

Jim Hagner discussed a program by the March of Dimes for assistance to premature babies. He requested we sent our old cell phones to the March of Dimes and provided S.S.S.E. for this purpose.

Paul Jacobs gave a brief overview of future plans for a field control tower and food preparation center at our new field.

Safety Chairman Karl Griesbaum reported that there have been few flyers and no problems at the field.

Chief Instructor Dan Compton again iterated the need for more Instructors to help with our training load. Anyone wishing to participate as an instructor should contact Dan ASAP.

Planes were shown by the following members:

Merlyn Graves 12' Wingspan Kawasaki KI-100 with 5 cylinder radial engine (Beautiful) Great work Merlyn

Greg Bohler Stinger 60 with 91 Surpass 4 stroke, built from sticks. Very nice job Greg.

John Fischer Two bladed electric helicopters. John says it is stable and easy to fly

Bill Simmons Cub Park Flyer. Converted from rubber band powered kit.

The HobbyTown USA Gift Certificate was awarded to Merlyn Graves for the best Show and Tell presentation by Ken Kaiser.

Vice-President Douds adjourned the meeting 8:32 P.M.

Treasurers Report

By Bill Simmons



This year we had a very successful Swap Meet. It was twice the size of last year with all sorts of open space. Don't forget to thank Julian and Steve for once again setting a new standard. Next year we hope to expand it further with RC cars and more food. I even heard that Dave Murray was able to sell some jets at this event. I never would have thought that someone would bring thousands of dollars to a swap meet. Why didn't they come by my table?

Speaking of Dave and Jets, a bunch of us went down to Florida Jets last weekend. The first night there we flew foamies in a bowling alley parking lot. It was the middle of the night. What a way to start things out. We spent two days at an airport watching jets fly, 8 at a time. It looked like the dome on steroids. Dave flew his new MB339 during the noontime air show. I wanted one of these but my car is too small. Let's face it, with a little effort I think we could get Dave in it.



This plane is too cool for words. A real standout in the air. Dominic flew his new BVM King Cat several times at the meet. Dominic does not seem to own any hanger queens unlike another jet jockey we all know. He had a slight mishap with a wing but will be flying it again soon.

Treasurers Report

By Bill Simmons



Here is another picture from Florida Jets. If you didn't go then you really missed out.



All in all it was a good trip.

Everything is expensive at Jet meets. I managed to purchase a couple of tubes of epoxy for \$80.00. As Jeff told me, "It's real good...it has an applicator and it mixes itself as you use it." I must have been drinking. I also bought a George Bush doll Action Figure for \$45.00 that will be piloting my next project. Dennis and Cindy came by on their way to Bike week. I saw Bob Walker there and a few other FVAC members. The only negative to the weekend was the banquet where people of all races and creeds and colors were insulted and offended by our host. Next year I think I will give the banquet a miss. I met some great people and had a great time. Next year why don't you join us?

Field Maintenance Report

By Greg Bohler, Chairman



There hasn't been much change at the field this month.

With spring right around the corner we will be out there more. At this time we have a few projects lined up that we will be starting on soon.

We have received a couple of quotes on mowing and the Board will be taking action on them at the next meeting.

We have also received a proposal from John Turner regarding the weed & feed. This is a full year program that includes application in addition to the product four times. The first one will be in April. As much as we appreciate the generous donations of members in the past of both time and material we ask that members refrain from additional applications to the field this year, in this instance when working on turf more is not better.

Before spring actually gets here this would be a good time to check over your airplanes, cycle your batteries and make sure all your equipment is safe to operate. Safe planes in the air mean less divets to fill during the year.

Team Bohler

Yes, these are women drivers.



SWAP at the new location was a great success. Special thanks to Steve Baker, Julian Pugh, and all the members who helped out to make it happen.



General Membership Meeting March 9, 2006



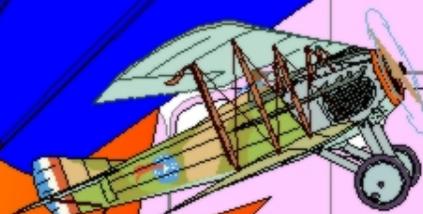
Merlyn Graves explains the details of his scratch built KI-100 which took 30 hours a week for nine months to complete. This is powered by a RCS 215 radial engine turning a 30-12 Biela prop and it has a 144" wingspan weighing in at a mere 67 lbs. A maiden flight is planned at the FVAC field this spring.



Above left: Greg Bohler show his Lanier Stinger which turned out just like the picture on the box. **Above:** John Fischer discusses his Blade electric helicopter. **Left:** Bill Simmons finally will have something to fly on "Cub" day at the field if it lives that long at the dome.

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Florida Jets: A Different View

By Dennis McFarlane



It's Friday morning, March 3rd. It's been a long trip, but we finally made it to Florida. Things started out badly when we picked up some debris in a tire going through the toll road construction zone between Halstead St. and the Indiana State line. The resulting blowout put us back a couple of hours, and we weren't even an hour into the trip. The trip is behind us now. It's 82 degrees outside and time to begin enjoying why we came here in the first place. Cindy and I aren't here for a modeling event. We're here for "Bike Week" an annual spring pilgrimage to Daytona Beach for motorcyclists. Bike Week, or the Run to the Sun, has been my spring getaway for over 25yrs. Cindy has been coming with me for the past 5yrs. In years past we've always stayed in Orlando, but traffic in Orlando has become worse than Chicago. This year we moved our location to Titusville, pretty much across the street from Kennedy Space Center. Even though the glory days of NASA and the Apollo missions have passed this whole area is still geared towards Cape Canaveral. There's the space coast highway, the local high school is "Astronaut High" our camp ground is the Cape Kennedy KOA. This place is bumper to bumper motorcyclists, but by 9pm it's so quiet you can hear a bug crawl; perfect location.

Saturday we got ready to take our first real ride of the season. From Titusville we're going to head west to Lakeland and check out Florida Jets. We knew several club members would be there, so we'd be able to move around pretty freely. After a 90 minute ride we found the airport and pulled up to the gate. Upon paying our entrance fee we were told to ride past the yellow Penske truck, scooter parking would be to the right. Cindy had never heard of a motorcycle being referred to as a scooter, so asked me about it. I congratulated Cindy on her promotion. She'd gone from being simply a passenger on a motorcycle to a saddle tramp, or in southern vernacular, scooter trash. She wasn't impressed. We quickly located the FVAC group, and began chatting. Cindy was looking around and within minutes spotted all sorts of people she knew. (go figure) Cindy took off to say hi and update old friendships so Bill took the opportunity to show me some of the product displays. About the time we were done looking around I sort of cornered Jeff and asked him how the event was being run. As a CD I'm always looking towards alternative methods of conducting an event. Jeff was able to answer all my "why" questions fairly clearly. To me the flight looked like some sort of barely organized chaos, but Jeff assured me things were running smoothly and had been incident free.

About this same time Cindy reappeared and told me she wanted me to meet a few of her friends. One of the people she introduced me to was Luis Garcia, a captain for one of the major Mexican airlines. Air Mexico I believe. Whenever Luis has a flight to O'Hara he stops in Al's to say hi to Cindy. Luis introduced me to his father, who was also his pit crew, and showed me his airplane, a nicely detailed F-16 Falcon. Watching Luis fly his Falcon demonstrated to me that he's both a dedicated modeler, and disciplined pilot. After Luis landed he suggested to Cindy and I that we come to Mexico and watch them fly jets in Cancun. Hmmm might be time to get the passport updated. About the only person we hadn't seen was Dave

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Florida Jets: A Different View

By Dennis McFarlane



Murray. Once we finally found him Dave told us the crowd and the noise were starting to get to him so he'd taken a break and gone out to lunch off site. Completely understandable.

As we were leaving one of the volunteers came up on a golf cart (there's not an event out there that runs well without lots of volunteers) and asked in his best southern drawl. "You going to sell that fancy hawg and get one of them jets?"

Nope, one hobby at a time.

Florida Jets was interesting, and a nice way to spend a day. We both enjoyed the company, and the ride.

Dennis



Fun Fly Report

by Allan Galle, Chairman



FUTURE FUN FLY EVENTS

- May 13, 2006 First Fun Fly
- June 3, 2006 Fun Fly
- July 8, 2006 Fun Fly
- August 12, 2006 Fun Fly
- September 16, 2006 Fun Fly
- October 14, 2006 Fun Fly
- November 11, 2006 Last Fun Fly

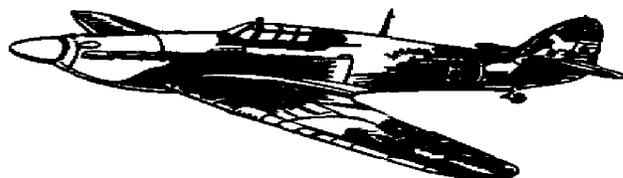
I've decided not to announce the names of the events this year until right before the fun fly



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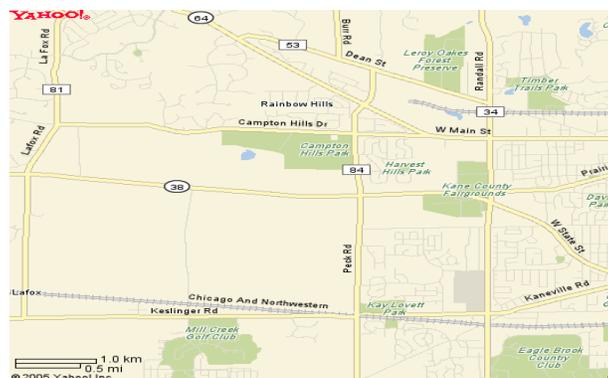
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Membership News

By Jason Walsh



We have two new members this month; Joe Cubalchini and Ken Voegle. Please give them a welcome when you see these guys at the field or meetings.

We are implementing new membership cards for everyone in the club. You do not have to have membership card, but it is encouraged. There are three designs, an airplane, a jet, and a helicopter and you are free to choose whatever design you want. Each card will have your name, photograph, your frequencies, AMA number, and if applicable, turbine waiver number.

The cards will be given out inside a plastic cover, which allows you to place your current AMA card opposing the membership card. Membership card faces one way; the AMA card faces the opposite way. It is this packet that will be placed in the frequency box. Concerning the stickers, we will continue to hand out current year stickers for placement on the AMA card.

This idea sprang from some requests for something a little more formal than a simple handshake and welcome. We also had some people request an easier way to identify people out at the field via photographs, and still others wanted to have turbine waiver numbers visible to everyone. Since these cards have your photo on them, they will give people at the field a way to quickly and easily identify people, whether to see just who is flying at a certain frequency or simply to remember a name without having to go through the embarrassment of telling them you forgot. Todd Barrett did a great job designing these cards and I think you will like them.

We will begin photographing your faces at the next meeting. We will try to make the process as painless as possible but we want to make sure we get all the faces and names properly lined up so please be a little patient with Karl and I as we go through the process. Once the photos are taken it may take until the following meeting to give you your card.

Membership tags are in, so please come and grab yours at the April meeting. However, the newest members will not have tags until the May meeting (or if I get them earlier Ill give them to you at the field).

Other than that, nothing else to report as of now. In the meantime hurry up and finish your projects because spring is here.

Jason Walsh

AIN'T" IT THE TRUTH!!!

Bob Walker started the day early having set his alarm clock (MADE IN JAPAN) for 6am. While his coffeepot (MADE IN CHINA) was perking, he shaved with his electric razor (MADE IN HONG KONG). He put on a dress shirt (MADE IN SRI LANKA), designer jeans (MADE IN SINGAPORE), a light jacket (MADE IN VIETNAM) and tennis shoes (MADE IN KOREA). After cooking his breakfast in his new electric skillet (MADE IN INDIA) he sat down with his calculator (MADE IN MEXICO) to see how much he could spend today. After setting his watch (MADE IN TAIWAN) to the radio (MADE IN INDIA) he got in his car (MADE IN GERMANY) filled it with GAS from Saudi Arabia and continued his search for a good paying AMERICAN JOB. At the end of yet another discouraging and fruitless day checking his Computer (Made In Malaysia), Bob decided to relax for a while. He put on his sandals (MADE IN BRAZIL) poured himself a glass of wine (MADE IN FRANCE) and admired his fleet of ARF R/C airplanes (MADE IN CHINA), turned on his TV (MADE IN INDONESIA), and then wondered why he can't find a good paying job in **AMERICA**.....good thing he's retired.

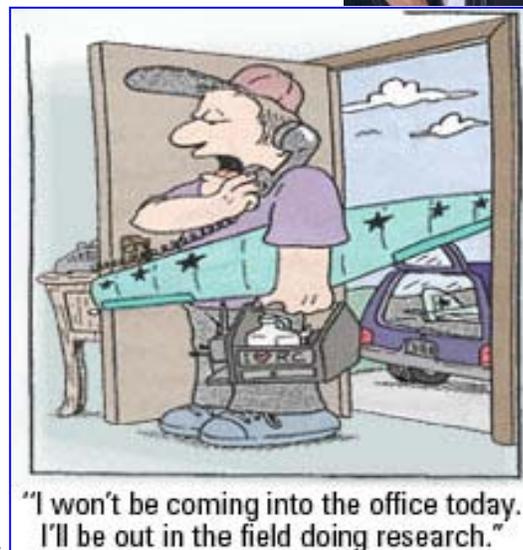
Got something to sell? Send me the information and I will post it here in the Flypaper.

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Thunder Tiger glider for sale with electric assist motor. It comes with everything including radio, a lot of extra parts, batteries etc. I'm asking \$100 for it as I paid over \$200 when new. Contact Gene Stevens at 815-578-1047

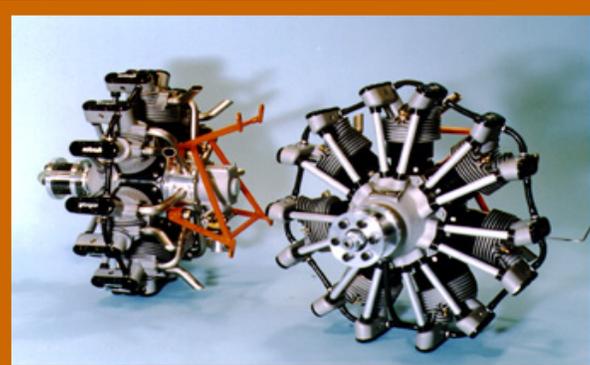
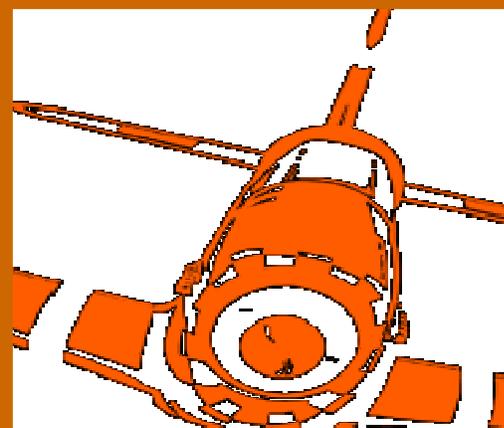
Safety Corner

By Karl Griesbaum



At the meeting this month I talked about ordering the yellow FVAC shirts for anyone that missed last years' order. It's important that members wear these to our events to make it easier for the public identify someone to ask for help. I will be placing the order by April 15 as the first event is June 10, Kids Day. Call, e-mail, or see me at the field. E-mail address: Kzar@sbcglobal.net

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Instructors Corner

By Dan Compton



“Spring has sprung...”, oh well, maybe it isn’t quite spring but it won’t be long before we can get out and shake off the effects of cabin fever. I, for one, am ready for nice weather so that I can feel comfortable at the airfield.

Good weather means it’s time to get your planes and equipment in operating condition, which includes cleaning the dust off your planes, checking out your transmitter and receiver battery condition and replacing any that are marginal. You may also want to make sure you have an adequate supply of fresh fuel. Well, in any case, all you trainees need to make sure you have all these things in good order so that I can get some more stick time!

It appears that we are in good shape with training equipment. We bought some new buddy boxes last fall after someone stole the relics we had (good luck to them). At our swap meet Rich Aranyos donated a Futaba buddy box and cord to the club. Previously, Mike Wlodek donated an Airtronics buddy box and cord and Darryl Hedges donated a buddy cord, which allows Futaba to JR hook-up. We should have the capability to handle any radio combination that students may have. Thank you to these three club members for their donations.

At our January club meeting, I requested help for training the new members who have little or no experience flying. A number of club members responded to my request and are willing to help get the beginners into the hobby. Paul Douds volunteered to help check out the new airplanes and give suggestions for making sure they are airworthy. Several members indicated that they would be willing to take over some of the buddy box training duties. They are:

Allan Galle

John Fischer

Paul Jacobs

John Horvath

Mike KostECKI

Bill Sponsler

Dave Murray

Jason Walsh

Merlin Graves

If I have left out anyone, I’m sorry and let me know who you are, the more the merrier.

Now that I have help, I can go on vacation! Hope to see you all out at the field soon.



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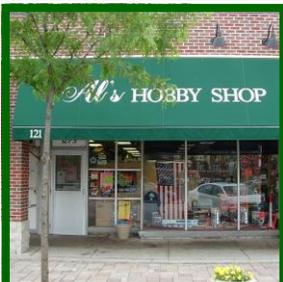
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Left: This is the fellow that did our field mowing last year. Below: A bad decision for formation flight. Both items submitted for publication by Bill Simmons .



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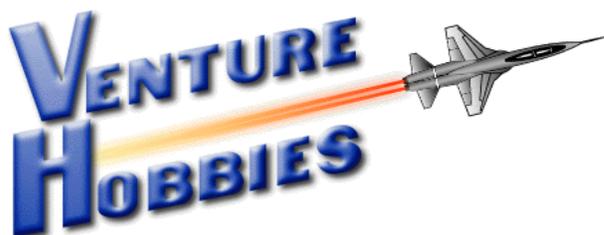
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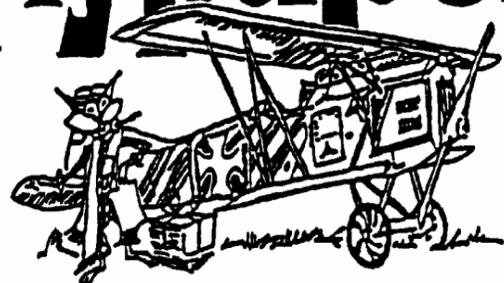
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