

The Fox Valley Aero Club Monthly Newsletter		
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What have you been up to this winter?

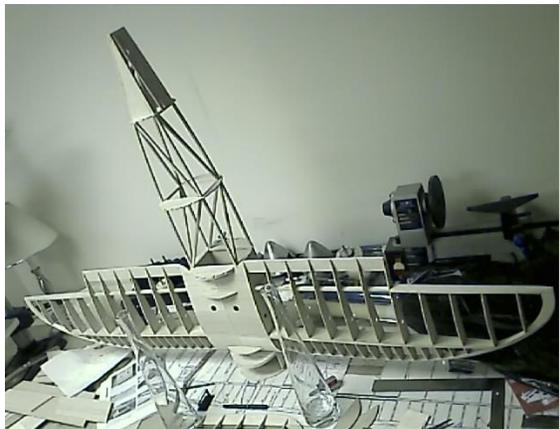
A look at what FVAC members have been cooking up in their workshops.



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Editor's Message

Tom Siwek – tsiw@sbcbglobal.net



The Continuous Call For Membership

With each passing year, we have members that bid the club farewell. For a variety of reasons, FVAC won't be a part of their future. This year is no exception. When the dust settles, we will go into the upcoming flying season a small group then we had last fall. This got me thinking about something I heard at a management meeting I attended last fall.

My company's CEO started a speech with the following statement, "without growth, there is no life." The message was simple. You're either growing, or you're slowly falling behind and will ultimately be out of business. Rarely can an organization operate "status quo" for an extended period of time.

This may sound a little melodramatic seeing as though we'll still be close to 200 members with this year's attrition, but it doesn't take much to start a downhill slide. In college, I belonged to a fraternity that had over 200 members. We were among the strongest and most influential on campus. Last year, the member count was 50. On campus, they're now an afterthought. Over the last 14 years, bit by bit, the membership sank by over 150. There are a lot of reasons for the decline. One of which was to say, "We're only down 10% this year. We'll be OK." Say that for enough years in a row, you're no longer OK.

One of the reasons we can afford to operate such an exceptional field is our strength in membership. Looking at Greg Bohler's field maintenance budget proposal for 2008, one could conclude that it would be awfully tough to keep the facility maintained and equipped to our standards if we had 40 or 50 fewer members. It would place that much more of a reliance on the special events and the profitability of these events would be critical. Or, we'd be forced to cut back.

Regardless of how many members we may lose each year, we must be aggressive and creative in our efforts to recruit. We have some upcoming activities that will help. The Kid's Fly Day presents an excellent opportunity to hook both kids and parents into the fun of this hobby. The Elgin Community College (senior's education program) event that Mel Ziska is coordinating presents an excellent opportunity to draw from baby boomers looking for activities to keep them active. We may need more of these types of events to increase our community exposure.

The Membership Chairman cannot unilaterally succeed in recruiting and promoting the club. Each and every member is a representative of the club and must actively participate in promoting the club and sharing ideas for building membership. It's in our collective best interest.

This summer, when there are onlookers along the fence and on the bleachers, take a few minutes between flights to say hi and talk with them. Some of them may be potential members. Talk-up the Kids Fly Day around your workplace and your neighborhood. Maybe you have a neighbor or co-worker whose kid is in a scout troop and the Kids Fly could be a troop activity. Promote the club events at your workplace and within other organizations or clubs you belong to.

If everyone's involved in a continuous effort to build membership, we'll likely have few worries about maintaining our strength in numbers.

Ciao for now, Tom

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President's Message

Dominic Saverino – dominics@saverino.org



Members:

You guys made me proud this month. A huge turn out in Florida from FVAC. A huge turn out at our club meeting.

Florida was jammed with 250 pilots 30 mph cross winds! I still got 13 flights in, choked some people with smoke and even managed to wow some of the other people. Dave and Eric were able to secure some more pilots to come to our event.

Our March club meeting may have been our biggest turnout yet. It was nice that Dennis and Cindy helped out getting Great Planes to come up and talk about 2.4GHz FASST. From what I understand, they never really did that before. Giving a 7 channel system away helped out with the attendance as well as Al's Hobby 30% off shopping spree. At one time, I was a Futaba guy and I still own an 8UAP. The only reason I switched was the people I had helping me fly were JR 10x people. I like the 14mz a lot but the 12x I got to play with at Florida jets was awesome also. I loved that a lot of you were in the game about how Spektrum worked and know this is the biggest change that is to come our way.

In closing some of my favorite quotes:

A true leader inspires others to lead themselves. – ARI D. KAPLAN

In the final analysis, true justice is not a matter of courts and law books, but of a commitment in each of us to liberty and mutual respect. – JIMMY CARTER

Dominic



John Stokes from Hobbico's Futaba brand visits FVAC and presented the FASST system at the March meeting.



John presents a Futaba 7C FASST radio to raffle winner Bill Sponsler.

Vice President's Message

Dennis McFarlane – highpd119@aol.com



Spring Has Finally Arrived

Thank goodness spring has finally made it to our area. We've still got some cold days in our future before the real warm weather gets here. But I for one am extremely grateful to have a little sunshine and warmer temperatures. As of this writing I've not yet been to our field for any flying. I've had quite a bit of "stick time" over the winter months though as I do quite a bit of helicopter work both at home and at Cindy's store. My fingers are limber and the batteries are all charged. All I need is that day with low winds and plenty of sunshine and I'll be out there with the rest of you brave souls who aren't bothered by the cooler weather.

Depending on when our editor gets the newsletter in print, there should be about one, or at the most two weeks left before the annual Toledo exposition. Although Cindy and I go every year, I generally don't have an agenda. This year is slightly different. I've been getting some good natured flack about being the CD of the Extreme 3D event and not even owning an aerobatic airplane. This year at Toledo I'll be looking for the ideal, at least for me, airframe. There's a lot of aircraft in the 50cc range, and a lot in the 100cc range, but nothing in between. Well, I don't own either engine, but I do have a 70cc power plant. This year I'll be looking for something in the 90in/18lb range. I'll also want a Yak or Sukhoi; something with a big round cowl that will act like an airbrake on nose down maneuvers.

I've been practicing on the simulator at Cindy's store. I still can't do a round loop, but at least I can keep my wings level and maintain my altitude while performing these egg shaped excursions. About half the stall turns I attempt end in a tail slide, but at least I'm practicing. In short order should be back up to speed. I'm not a 3D pilot and never will be. I don't necessarily even care for that type of flying, but these guys have buckets full of talent. I did fly IMAC several years ago. So, if I can find the airframe I'm looking for, perhaps I can do a torque roll or something while the 3D guys are in town.

I hope everyone has finished up those winter projects. I for one didn't do much building this winter, but I did send a photo of one project to our editor for inclusion in this month's newsletter.

My job is neither safety, nor instruction - but if I may make a couple of suggestions. When you make that first trip out with your brand new airplane, have someone you trust look it over. You would be surprised at the number of missing servo arm screws and clevis retainers I've witnessed over the years. I can distinctly remember watching a brand new airplane do a VPL (vertical powered landing) several years ago. When the wreckage was checked, the elevator servo was still secure in the airframe and the pushrod was still connected to the servo arm. However, the arm was not attached to the servo and there was no screw to be found. These are easy items to miss and need to be checked. I know most of the experienced modelers will be happy to do a "once over" just to make sure you've not made a simple oversight.

The other item I personally recommend is the obvious. **KEEP YOUR FINGERS OUT OF THE PROPELLER.** The infamous date was May 10th, 2007 about an hour before the general club meeting was to begin. I still suffer from a lot of pain and in the cold; the first three fingers of my right hand aren't very flexible. Almost all of last summer, from the middle of May until late September, is just a blur. I built my first model airplane when I was six years old, and am now in my mid 50's. It's the first time I ever got my fingers whacked and the reason is simple. I got careless. So please be careful. Under no circumstances allow yourself to become complacent around a spinning propeller.

That's about it. I don't have any photos for this month's column. What I've been dreaming about is finally here. Spring has sprung! Think smart and fly safe. See you at the field. - Dennis

Secretary's Report

Tom Spriet – tom@etglass.com



Minutes of the March 13, 2008 General Meeting

Prior to the meeting we had two special guests:

First was Major Steven Koehler from the Salvation Army. The Major spoke of a few ways in which the Salvation Army helps our community and was glad to have had our past participation as well as our future efforts in helping the needy.

Second was the representative from Hobbico, Mr. John Stokes. John spoke of Futaba's many product lines and gave an excellent presentation. John also brought many of Futaba's current R/C controllers for the members to look at and ask questions. Lastly John drew a ticket and presented a Futaba 7C radio to Bill Sponsler, the lucky winner!

Many thanks to these gentlemen for attending our meeting.

President Dominic Saverino called the meeting to order at 8:40 P.M.

Dominic mentioned that we are gearing up for the year's events, which will be here soon. In preparation for the events and try to control revenue loss at the gate, we are looking at getting 11,000 wristbands to be used at all events and the next swap shop. The dates for our calendar of events are set and available on the website. Dominic has again ordered bottled water with the events and club information printed on them. If you would like to advertise at an event just ask Dom for some water.

Secretary Thomas Spriet: Tom mentioned that the club had received its Charter and Insurance certificates for 2008. He requested the minutes as published in the February newsletter be approved. The motion was approved.

Treasurer/Membership Chairman Paul Jacobs: Paul reported a positive balance in the club treasury and that he had received 3 more checks this evening for dues. Paul reiterated that about 40 members were still unpaid and that these members will have their flying privileges suspended as of 3/31/2008. Paul mentioned that last year we were at 216 members. Welcome to prospective member Mike Kirkpatrick and new members Jeff and Dylan Kapp.

Field Chairman: Greg Bohler: Greg is currently taking bids for our field services, which will be awarded at our next board meeting. Bid criteria will be post on the website and in the Flypaper.

Safety Chairman Karl Griesbaum: Karl said there has been some flying at the field. Please remember to hook up the chains and close the frequency box when leaving the field. He will be placing an order for sweatshirts and polo shirts at \$20.00 ea. and "T" shirts at \$10.00 ea. These items must be prepaid at order time. Karl had ID badges for new members with still more to come. They will be available at the next meeting.

Fun Fly Chairman John Turner: John mentioned that the first fun fly is only 2 months away and we are setting up two competitive events this year with other clubs.

Swap Shop Coordinator Jim Toth: Jim reported a profitable and successful swap shop was held. Thanks to all who helped to make this event a success! Jim spoke of next years swap shop, which will return to the Kane County Fairgrounds but at the front building on Randall road. Thanks Jim to a job well done!!

Flypaper Editor Tom Siwek: Tom mentioned that he will be submitting application to the AMA for FVAC to be recognized as a Leader Club. This elite status is only held by only 6% of the Chartered AMA clubs. Tom requested that the members submit photos of their winter projects so they can be placed in the April Flypaper.

The Flypaper

Extreme Aerobatics / 3D Event: Dave Gustafson mentioned that time is growing short and he is looking for volunteers to help with event. Dave's email is: c1morecard@comcast.net

New planes were shown by the following members:

Dave Murray - A beautiful Scorpion Jet by Aviation Design.

Mark Knoppkie - A box of sticks that are turning into a Reaction 54 Jet. This is a kit that so far looks great.

John Turner - Piper Pawnee 40: ARF by Hangar 9

Based on a membership vote, Cindy from Al's hobby shop presented a 30% discount coupon to Mark for his Reaction 54.

President Saverino adjourned the meeting @ 9:20 P.M.

Treasurer's & Membership Chairman's Report

Paul Jacobs – paul@mertes.com



First, welcome to our newest members of FVAC. Jeffery Kapp and his son Dylan joined the club at the last meeting. Dylan is in his high school engineering club that, among other things, wants to begin building model aircraft. So, our junior membership numbers may grow this year. Instructor Dan has already begun work with these newest members.

Speaking of members; FVAC was well represented at Florida Jets this year in Lakeland. I'll try to list them all but if I missed you...you must have been hiding from the wind.

Rich Erikson, Paul Jacobs, Eric Karl, Gary Koester, Cindy McFarlane, Dennis McFarlane, Nick Mitrakos, Dave Murray, Rouslan Nekhai, Bob Oliva, John Redman, Dominic Saverino, Doug Scatterday, Albert Taylor and Bob Walker.

Other notable non-members from our area were Don Winn, Dennis Crooks, Tim & Tracy Redelman, Chris Huhn and David & Kim Payne. I was so impressed with Dominic and the way he was flying his Boomerang that I bought one for myself. They were making great deals on the aircraft and accessories but I must say this part of the hobby is not for the faint of heart or wallet...and I have not even got to the turbine yet!

The number of unpaid members is dwindling down and hopefully all will renew by the March 31 deadline. I have 37 out of 218 names unaccounted for but I have heard from several that they intend to renew in time. Badges have been ordered and should be here before the next meeting. Tom Siwek will also try and take pictures at the next meeting for those of you that do not have the official FVAC membership card. Karl Greisbaum has handed out the stickers which are applied to your 2008 membership card so if you have not received yours...see Karl. Sometime in April, Karl will start taking prepaid orders for FVAC apparel...shirts, sweatshirts etc.

The club treasury stands at \$16,644 including the \$1,107 that was made on the swap...thanks to Jim Toth and others for all their help. Greg Bohler, our maintenance chief, has submitted a spending budget for 2008 at \$15,126 for the field. Any other expenditure will have to come out of the profits from the events (if any).

Till next month,

Paul

Safety Chairman's Report

Carl Griesbaum – kzar@sbcglobal.net



Karl didn't have a report for this month.

Now that spring has come, be sure to give your planes a comprehensive pre-flight before taking to the air. Take a few minutes to refamiliarize yourself with both the field rules and the AMA Safety Code.



Fun-Fly Chairman's Report

(A.K.A. John Turner) – john.turner@bayercropscience.com



For early spring training next month, bring out your BEST Model Airplane (sport, jets, scale, bi-plane, etc) and get ready for the Fox Valley Buddy Flight. Here is the format: Start your engine and make sure the carburetor is adjusted very lean then taxi YOUR plane onto the runway. Once you are set up, then get on the throttle and point YOUR plane down the runway and be ready with the rotation. Once YOUR plane leaves the runway, hand off your transmitter to your teammate next to you who is blindfolded. He will fly YOUR plane through all the maneuvers. Since you are the caller, you need to instruct your buddy on how YOUR plane is flying in the pattern. (Rolls, Spins, Loops, you get the picture). Once all the maneuvers are completed, you instruct your buddy to begin the final approach. Just as soon as YOUR plane is position and ready for landing, your buddy hands back your transmitter and you make the spot landing. Any shouting or yelling during this 2 minute drill will disqualify all the points that will potentially be earned. I am sure this will provide great training for the upcoming scheduled events including teamwork at its best. Stay tune!

There is some positive communication from both area RC Clubs (Chicagoland and Prop Masters) to come together for a 3- way fun fly event this early summer. I think this would be great for all 3 clubs and their families to come to the FVAC and enjoy some of the challenges of the fun fly while sharing some good conversation throughout the day. I will be in contact with both clubs during the month of April to set up the event and determine the month for the event. It would be a lot of fun to have both glow/gas and electric events where everyone could use their flying skills during the fun fly event. More information to come next month.

Finally, as many of us are returning back to the field from a long winter and eager to start flying again, be sure to help out for some of the spring cleaning events to get our field back into "tip top" condition. I noticed this past winter was hard on our flags, shelter and of course the grass. Just a little effort with all the members will help get our flying field ready for another great season of activities.

Oh by the way, with April around the corner it should not go pass without little April Fools gesture with regards to the FAVC Buddy Flight Event. This event is officially cancelled!

See you at the field

JT

Field Chairman's Report

Greg Bohler – gbohler@sbcglobal.net



Winter is finally winding down. I have started to see a few more people out at the field. Conditions are a little rough because we are not quite ready to start setting up the field yet. In the next 3 weeks, during the first couple weeks of April, we will attempt to roll the field. I have already had volunteers ask about that. We will also get out the garbage cans and set up the outboard flags.

Speaking of flags, our American Flag is in really bad shape. We will definitely have to address that first. I'm thinking that we will resume Porta-Potties and dumpster pick-ups sometime in April. I'm still working on getting bids to sandblast the pavilion. I would like to have that done so that painting it could be part of our spring work day in May. If anyone has any ideas for projects to address during the spring work day, please let me know so we can plan to take care of them.

Putting the field back in shape is only part of what we need to consider for spring. Remember to thoroughly check out your airplanes before you start getting ready to fly this year. It's much more fun to enjoy our beautiful field from the air than from the sidelines because of dead batteries, loose clevises, or broken or missing bolts.

Great weather is on the way and the start to another great flying season.

Greg

Mowing and Weed & Feed Bids

Parties interested in bidding on mowing, weed & feed, or both, should submit bids to paul@mertes.com or gbohler@sbcglobal.net by **April 2nd**. Bids will be reviewed and awarded at the April 3rd Board Meeting. Contact Greg Bohler should you have any questions. Specifications for bidding are below.

Mowing

- The contractor must provide proof of insurance.
- The contractor must have appropriate equipment to mow 10 acres, including weed eating and blowing all grass clumps off of all asphalt surfaces.
- The contractor shall invoice Fox Valley Aero Club once a month for all services rendered.
- Mowing shall be every Thursday unless F.V.A.C. requests that there is no need to mow.
- Mowing shall be done by 9AM.
- Weed eating shall be done as needed.
- Grass clippings shall be blown off all asphalt areas.
- Grass shall be maintained at a height of 2.5" to 3.5".
- Any grass clumps shall be raked, blown, or otherwise dispersed or disposed of.

Weed & Feed

- The grass part of our field is approximately 355,000 square feet (roughly 10 acres).
- We will entertain bids for weed and feed in 3 applications.
- The first application would be in April and be a total weed and feed application of our total field.
- The second application would be in June and be a weed and feed application on the front area only. This would be around the runway and the fly over field area.
- The third application would be in September and be a total weed and feed application of the total field.

Chief Flight Instructor's Report

Dan Compton – trainu2fly@comcast.net



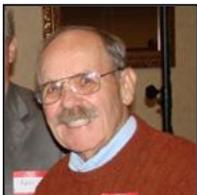
Again, it was a slow cold month and training was at a minimum. The activity is starting to heat up for training with the warm weather on its way, however, and at last month's club meeting there were numerous people asking about training. I saw many of the old faces of trainees from last summer and talked with a few of them. They are waiting patiently for warm weather as I am. There were also some new prospective members in attendance.

Joe Pedone and his son Stephen sent me an E-Mail asking if they could come to the field and break-in their engine. I met them at the field and helped them get the engine going. They had not intended to fly and had not charged batteries recently, so I allowed them to use my field charger and hooked up a buddy box and helped each of them with a flight. They were both excited and so the hook is set. Both have used a flight simulator and took to the skies well. I think they are going to join FVAC and I can get them soloed in short order. They have a NexStar-40 and are in the process of building an Easy-Sport 40 kit. Joe was in the hobby many years ago and has a PT-40 3-channel which he may try to resurrect. Come on warm weather!!!!

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Alan Galle	Cell: 630-697-8464	ajgalle@comcast.net	
John Horvath	Cell: 630-440-7398	horvatsky@comcast.net	
Paul Jacobs	Cell: 630-908-9955	paul@mertes.com	
Mike KostECKI	Cell: 630-373-2722	MkostECKI503@comcast.net	
Dennis McFarlane		Highpd119@aol.com	Not available Friday or Sunday.
Tom Siwek	Cell: 630-677-5855	tsiwek@sbcglobal.net	Available primarily on weekends.
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Government Relations Chairman's Report

Julian Pugh – julianpugh@gmail.com



Julian didn't have a report for this month.

The Flypaper

2008 Calendar – FVAC Events		
3/13	Board Meeting	6:30 – St. Charles Township
3/13	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
4/3	Board Meeting	6:30 – Gino's East Pizza
4/10	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
5/1	Board Meeting	6:30 – Gino's East Pizza
5/8	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
5/10	Fun Fly	FVAC Field
5/17	Member Work Day	FVAC Field
5/23-5/25	Extreme Aerobatic Club Event	FVAC Field
6/3	Board Meeting	6:30 – Gino's East Pizza
6/7	Kids Fly	FVAC Field
6/12	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
6/14	Fun Fly	FVAC Field
6/20-6/21	Al's Helicopter Event	FVAC Field
7/3	Board Meeting	6:30 – Gino's East Pizza
7/5	Fun Fly	FVAC Field
7/10	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
7/26	Fun Fly	FVAC Field
8/1-8/3	Festival of Giants	FVAC Field
8/7	Board Meeting	6:30 – Gino's East Pizza
8/9-8/10	IMAC Chicagoland Event	FVAC Field
8/14	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
8/15-8/17	Windy City Jets	FVAC Field
9/4	Board Meeting	6:30 – Gino's East Pizza
9/6-9/7	FVAC Pattern Contest	FVAC Field
9/11	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
9/13	Fun Fly	FVAC Field
9/20-9/21	Pylon Races	FVAC Field
10/2	Board Meeting	6:30 – Gino's East Pizza
10/9	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
10/11	Fun Fly	FVAC Field
11/6	Board Meeting	6:30 – Gino's East Pizza
11/8	Fun Fly	FVAC Field
11/13	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
12/5	FVAC Christmas Party	Hilton Garden Inn

Photos of the March general meeting and some March flying are on the website at

www.foxvalleyaero.com/club_gallery/index.htm

Congratulations to club member Joseph Wagner. Joseph became the second FVAC member to become an AMA Lifetime Member. He joins Hal Parenti.

The Flypaper

Laminating Wing Tips – by Bill Simmons

I said last month that I was going to talk about laminating wing tips this month so here it goes. A lot of the WW1 vintage airplanes have curved wing tips and tails. Those airplanes were a lot more about design than aerodynamics and therefore had lots of curved pieces. When you build one of these WW1 kits the curved surfaces are usually made of multiple pieces of balsa so that the grain is optimized around the curve. This works, but tends to end up not very strong and too thick to be recognized as scale. A better way to do it - better in that it is lighter and stronger - is to laminate several pieces of thin beech wood or even hard balsa.



All you need is a tray that you can put very hot water in and some white glue and a lot of pins. I believe if you put ammonia in the water it actually makes the wood more pliable but it also stinks and water alone has always worked for me. On rubber powered airplanes a lot of people use strips of bamboo and a candle to make these curves but that is another story. I've done this and have the burnt fingers to prove it. Anyways you have a choice to either cut out a template to bend the strips around it or use strategically placed pins. The balsa will give you a smoother curve once out of the mold but the pins are easier to deal with and with a little additional sanding you will have the same result. Leave the piece in the mold for at least 24 hours and have waxed paper under it so it does not stick to the plan. The extra work is worth the end result.

Sand paper is your friend when building and the biggest mistake people do with it is not to use a sanding block (second biggest mistakes is to not sand enough wood off of the surface ending up with a very heavy model closely followed by sanding to the point of nothing left). Great Planes makes several sizes and shapes of blocks and sells various grits of sticky back paper to put on them. I would recommend that you have at least two of the 1 foot size and one three foot size. More is always better. Another company you need to become acquainted with is called SeeTemp. They make a template making material under the same name that is a must have for plans builders. It is stiff and somewhat transparent. It is easy to cut as well. SeeTemp also makes various sizes of emory boards with several different grits available. I would recommend that you get several of each type. The guy who runs this company is always at Toledo so go see him.

Robart makes the best hinges and control horns out there so always have a gross or two of these around the shop. I believe they make landing gear as well. (very good landing gear in fact...just seeing if you knew that).



Epoxy is always important to have around. You need a bottle of 5 minute and 30 minute epoxy as well as acetone to thin it with if you want to use it as a fuel barrier. Any time you want a very strong joint on a high vibration area use the 30 minute. Another version of epoxy that the jet guys use is hysole (also called aeropoxy). This stuff takes about 24 hours to dry but once it cures it will never come apart. Bob Violet sells this stuff and it ain't cheap.

Here's a picture of a Neuport 17 I purchased up in Wisconsin. I am converting this to electric. The plane is in pretty good shape however it lacks details. I plan on spiffing it up a bit over the next

month and I will share pictures of the end result.

You can see it is missing a gun, cockpit combing and a few decals. Also the head rest is missing. The basic airplane is quite scale and will look much better after a little dressing up.

The Fox Valley Aero Club Presents



3D Extreme



Fly-In



The Midwest's best R/C 3D aerobatic pilots will have one mission:

To out-fly each other!

May 23-25, 2008

Fox Valley Aero Club Airfield – [Karl Madsen Drive, St. Charles, IL](#)

Lots of Good Food – Raffle Prizes and Vendors – Noontime 3D Demos

Flying begins at 9 a.m. Admission: Adults – \$5.00 Children – Free

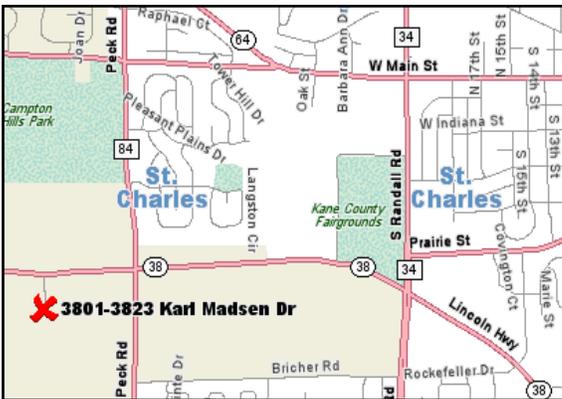
For event information, contact CD Dennis McFarlane at highpd119@aol.com or
Event Coordinator Dave Gustafson at 630-533-3177 - c1morecard@comcast.net

Club information at www.foxvalleyaero.com

The 23rd. Annual Helicopter



FUN FLY



June 20-21, 2008

Fox Valley Aero Club Airfield

[Karl Madsen Drive, St. Charles, IL](#)

Pilot Registration - \$25.00 (includes Saturday night dinner)

All proceeds go to the Al Fuchsen Scholarship Fund

Night flying on Friday and Saturday!

To register, contact CD Cindy McFarlane at (630) 832-4908 – rc@alshobbyshop.com

For club information, visit www.foxvalleyaero.com

2008 ARMY WINGS & WHEELS
MAY 30TH-JUNE 1ST



L-BIRD FLY-IN & RE-ENACTMENT

VINTAGE WINGS AND WHEELS MUSEUM



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www.ArmyWingsAndWheels.com

Club member Bill Sponsler was recently contacted by Tom Murray, the President of the Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum at Poplar Grove Airport (Belvidere IL). They are having their annual Liaison aircraft fly-in and WWII reenactment on the weekend of May 30th - June 1st of this year. He inquired about the availability of any scale liaison aircraft for display at the event. This would be a great event to attend as they will be demonstrating the different aspects of WWII Liaison aircraft flying. If any club members are interested in this event, or know of anyone that is, please contact Tom at 1942L-3C@insightbb.com.

The website for the museum is www.armywingsandwheels.com.

Hopefully, the last of the winter flying photos for this year.



Please patronize your local hobby shops!

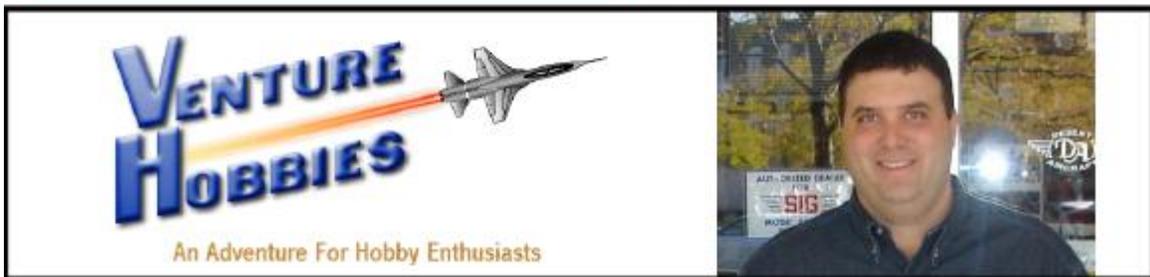


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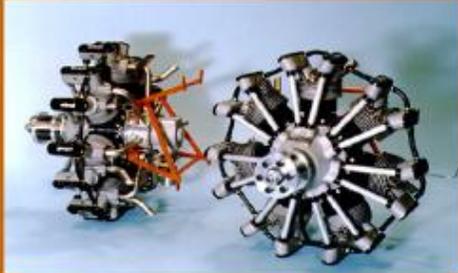
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