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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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## Oshkosh 2018.

I just got back from eight full days at AirVenture – Oshkosh, and once again had a wonderful time. The weather was super, except for one evening,

and the planes were outstanding. I wore my FVAC shirt to the airshow one day, and the man behind me asked if FVAC was next to the boy's home. When I said yes, he said that he learned to fly there about 20 years ago, and now lives in Michigan. What a small world. Tom Flint joined me on Wednesday, and we had our camping units parked next to each other. Joe Pedone met up with us on Friday, and hopes to join in the campout experience next year. It would be great if additional FVAC members would meet up at the campgrounds for a group campout at the airshow.

While walking amongst the antique/classic airplanes, I came across a beautiful Stinson. On closer examination, it looked like the plane and engine were brand new. I talked to the pilot and found out that the plane and engine only had 68 hours of flying time on them since a complete restoration. I also got to watch Kermit Weeks start up three different rotary engines, one in his Sopwith Snipe. I am so thankful that there are people willing to take the time and effort to restore and fly the antique and classic airplanes, many that end up on display and flying at Oshkosh every year. This got me to thinking about how great it is that we as

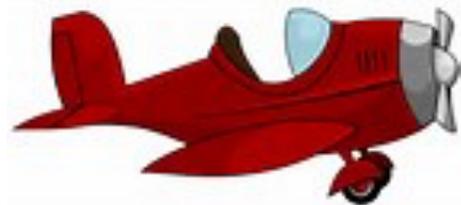
model aviation builders and flyers take the time to build and detail models of some of the old antique and classic airplanes. Some of the models we build are very rare or even non-existent in full scale, so through our efforts we can bring history through modeling to the spectators who come to watch us fly. What a great opportunity and hobby we share.

**Fun Fly Limbo** We had another Fun Fly on Saturday, July 21. Seven contestants showed up in a significant crosswind to try their hand at the Limbo. It was a blast watching the contestants attempt to make it between the poles and under the string all while combating the wind. At the end of the event, Jeff Mrachek was the winner, making it successfully under the 48" string. Congratulations, Jeff.

**Upcoming Events.** Join in the fun on Friday, August 10, when Doug Swanson will host his annual Retro Fly Day, followed by the Cub Fly and Night Fly on August 11. And of course our annual Festival of Flight, now called Wings & Wheels – Festival of Flight on Saturday, September 8. Watch the web site for more details.

Hope to see you at the August Member Meeting on the 9th, and remember that it will be at the field unless the weather is bad.

Dale



# FROM THE SECRETARY

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2018 @ FVAC Field



President **Dale Gathman** opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Dale asked everyone to state their

name and speak loudly since **Debbie Howe** was not here, all the minutes will be done off the recording.

Dale asked for a motion to accept the June member meeting minutes, a motion was made by **Sal Perno** and seconded by **Mark Knoppkie**. All approved.

Treasurer, **Paul Jacobs** said the checking account was up significantly from last meeting and is now pretty much at the same place we were last year at this time.

A motion was made to approve the treasurers report by **Rob Sampson** and seconded by **Mark Knoppkie**, all approved.

Safety Chairman, **Jeff Peca** was not there, so everyone was reminded to be safe.

**Mike Maciejewski** said that **Jeff Peca** was having his surgery and he had talked to his wife Lynda and said that Jeff had come through the surgery well.

**Paul Jacobs** said that we have two new members **Mark Soddacker** and **Scott Schilling**. **Scott Schilling** was there tonight and introduced himself and said he has been out of the hobby for

about 35 years but had the week off last week and has started getting back into the hobby and getting some flying time in. He had continued to build planes even after he left the hobby. Scott said he has a 10-year old son that has started getting into other things so it frees him up to get some flying in. Welcome Scott.

Field Chairman, **Karl Griesbaum** said he did not have much to say but **Jim Gnutek** was going to be coming out to talk about the cracks in the runway since **Dale Gathman** commented that the cracks are getting deep. **Paul Jacobs** said we could cure that by using bigger wheels (haha).

Flypaper editor, **Susan Galle** was not there but everyone said she is doing a great job.

**Dale Gathman** also said that **Tom Flint** wanted to thank **Jim Gnutek** bringing a huge roller out and rolling the field and parking lot area with a very heavy roller. That significantly helped when we had all that rain - with the hardened ground it stopped cars from sinking into the mud and no one got stuck. Thank you Jim!

President **Dale Gathman** also asked for a round of applause for **Tom Spriet** for keeping up our lawn equipment.

Dale reminded everyone that Fun Fly #2 is July 21st and the Limbo goes from 1pm -3pm.

Dale told everyone we have a bunch of events coming up right in a row - Aug 9th is our member meeting, August 10th is our Retro Fly, and August 11th is our Cub Fly and Night Fly that evening.

**Doug Swanson** gave us information on the Retro Fly event. This is our 3rd annual Retro Fly. This is one of those days to bring out your older equipment and bring your planes and stories of the good old days. Everyone come out and enjoy. Even if your planes are not flyable but they are vintage, please come out and enjoy.

Doug let everyone know the Cub Fly which starts at 9am and the Night Fly which starts when you want, are both sanctioned events - the pilot fee is \$10 but each of those events will come with food. We will also be lining the runway with glow sticks again for the night fly.

**Rob Sampson** brought his Condor model products AT6, with 1/6 scale. Hitec servos and Robart gear. Rob said the hardware that came in the box did not even seem like it was for this model as nothing was the right length, but Rob said he likes the way it looks and it went together relatively well. Rob showed us the large hatch he has and told us that he had to put over 3lbs of lead in the nose to get her to balance out. Rob said he is swinging a 22 x 12 prop. Looks great Rob!

**Dale Gathman** wanted the club to thank **John Fischer** for running the Warbird and Classics event. A round of applause for John!!

**John Fischer** came up and said we had some weather issues at the event. John wanted to thank **Kevin Kessler** for being a trooper and flying even when it was drizzling. We did have a few people come out on Friday and we had a great day on Saturday as we had 70 pilots. John said he had reminded the board that every 5 years we have to plan on getting a wash-out of the event. This was our year but we were very grateful for our pilots that came in for the event and stuck around - it paid off because Saturday was a great day to Fly! John said we came very close to breaking-even financially which was great considering the weather and wet conditions. John said he would be asking the board at the next meeting to approve having the event again next year. John proceeded to say THANK YOU, to all the volunteers and a personal THANK YOU to his team that he meets with on Skype calls every couple weeks. Those people are **Sal Perno, RJ Monroe, Armin Weber, Dale Gathman, Dave Cotton, Joe Pedone, Tom Flint, John Fischer**, and a late admission to the team was **Katie Howe**. Thank you to **Joe Pedone** and **Paula Fischer** for all the work they did with the Pilot check and shirt sales. A big thank you to the Flight Team as well, our parking team did a great job,

Thank you to our Turf Team, **Dave Brussle** and **Debbie Howe** for the pilot dinner team, and to

**Dale Gathman** for helping keep the budget on point. A big thank you to **Todd Culbertson** for all



his help with the printing. **Tom Flint** for all your help with the media and shirt and hat designs.

We want to thank all of our club vets that presented our flag at the flag ceremony. A big thank you to our announcing team **RJ Monroe, Jim Thompson and Katie Howe**, as RJ steps out of announcing the events more and more, **Katie Howe** will be stepping into the announcing roll and did a great job at the event and will be working more with **Jim Thompson** at our Wings and Wheels event doing the announcing. She will also be doing more announcing for us at our Warbird events in years to come. We also want to thank **Katie Howe** for all her work with the social media aspect of the advertising. She absolutely brought the youth into the group and the social media presence we needed. We also had so many unsung heroes that gave their time and energy helping with all the jobs we had out there. There is no help that we are not thankful for. Everyone did great and a huge thank you to all that made this event happen. Even with the weather we had, all of our pilots were having fun and in the end they got to fly and we pulled off a great event, THANK YOU ALL!!!!

A special thank you to the **Howe family** for the candy drop, even though the plane's engine quit twice, **Debbie and Katie** always come prepared to never leave the kids without candy no matter what happens with the planes, so after the plane landing in the beans for the second time, **Debbie and Katie** were able to throw a ton of candy in all directions on the runway to make sure that the

kids still got to gather candy and that every child out there got candy too, good job Howe's.

John also wanted to thank **Patrick Lavigne** for all the help he gave all three days and even though there was nothing really to do for the first two days we wanted to thank you for sticking in there and helping so much on Saturday as well.

John asked everyone to stand up if you have helped and a big thank you was had for all!!!!

Final figures for the event look like we only lost about \$140 and considering the event cost us about \$14,000, we were blessed that we had good weather on Saturday and were able to pull out that much.

We want to also thank our pilots that go around to other events, because just like us going to alliance events, we really need to make sure we have our out of state pilots coming to our events.

**John Fischer** and **Dale Gathman** let everyone know about the next couple Warbird and Classics events coming up. Many of our members were at the Goshen Indiana "Air Supremacy Over Goshen" this weekend (July 11th - 14th) and then the biggest of the Alliance, "Warbirds and Classics over the Midwest" in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin will be coming up in August starting on August 16th -18th. It is a sight to see all the planes and a huge airfield. Always good for a day trip just to spectate even if you're not going to fly.

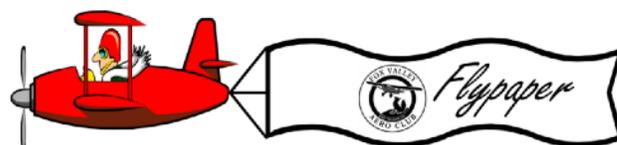
**John Fischer** was also up next to give us information on the Festival of Flight "Wings and Wheels Festival". We will be having over 20 model T cars coming to the event from a model T car club from Chicago. John said that **Jim Thompson** will be taking lead on the event and **Katie Howe** will be doing a lot of the announcing for the event. **Tom Flint** will be working on the media aspect for the event and during the Warbird and classic event we were able to hand out information for spectators about our upcoming event, so we are hoping with the Model T group and our spectators that this will be a great event. We will be passing around a signup sheet for the Wings and Wheels event. The good thing is that this is a one-day event and

can be very profitable for the club - remember anything flies at this festival.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Paul Jacobs** and seconded by **John Fischer**, all approved!



Bob's Comedy Career Never Quite Got Off the Ground.



## 2018 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	<b>Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers</b>	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 11	FVAC Member Mtg	7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 17	<b>FVAC Annual Swap Meet</b>	9:00-1:00 Kane County Fair Grounds
March 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 12	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 21	<b>Field Work Day</b>	9:00 am FVAC Field
May 5	<b>Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day</b>	9:00 am – 1:00 pm - FVAC Field
May 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 19	<b>Fun-Fly –#1 Whiffle Ball Touch-n-Go</b>	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
May 28	<b>St. Charles Memorial Day Parade</b>	Time TBD
June 2	<b>Rocket Fest &amp; Family Fly</b>	FVAC Field
June 3	<b>Pig Roast &amp; Fun-Fly</b>	FVAC Field
June 8	<b>2018 Media Day</b>	9:00 am – 3:00 pm - FVAC Field
June 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
June 21-23	2018 <b>Windy City Warbirds &amp; Classics</b>	FVAC Field
June 24	<b>Open Fly – All Scale</b>	FVAC Field
July 12	FVAC Member Mtg.	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
July 21	<b>Fun-Fly – #2 - Limbo</b>	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
August 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
August 10	<b>Retro Fly</b>	2:00 pm at FVAC Field
August 11	<b>Cub Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open</b>	9:00 am – 8:00 pm - FVAC Field
August 11	<b>Night Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open</b>	8:00 pm – Midnight - FVAC Field
September 8	<b>Festival of Flight</b>	FVAC Field
September 13	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
September 15	<b>Night Fly &amp; Chili Dinner</b>	7:00 pm FVAC Field
October 6	<b>Fun-Fly #3 - One Minute Timed Rolls</b>	1:00 - 3:00 FVAC Field
October 11	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 14	<b>Turkey Fry</b>	FVAC Field
November 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn - St. Charles
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Rookies Christmas Party</b>	7:00 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles

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