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NEOWISE Comet and Space Station Trail shot by Don Froula
FVAC Field—July 19, 2020—9:51pm



Cub Fly Day 2020

Don Froula Photo

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Events, Events, Events – We finally had three events during the first two weeks of August. The first was our Cub Fly Day on Saturday the 1st, followed by the Night Fly that same evening, and then our Retro Fly Day the next Saturday. It was a joy getting to

see the 27 Cubs and of course their pilot owners that showed up for the event. We had a great time flying and visiting. As typical, we had everything from Vic Fortino's half scale J3 Cub down to my Ultra-Micro 18" wingspan J3. The weather was great, and the flying was awesome. We have photos of the event in this issue, so make sure to take a look. There are even a couple of shots from the field cam, snapped by Sharon Sampson, which gives us a view of the Cub lineup that we have not seen before.

Following the Cub Fly, the Night Fly was also a great success. We had a good selection of night flyers, and the skies were full of planes from dusk till about 10:00 pm. I was talking to Don Froula at the Cub Fly about the Night Fly event and suggested that he might want to come out and photograph it. I told him that I stopped shooting photos of the night fly as every year they looked the same, and I thought maybe he would have some ideas for photographing this event that I was unfamiliar with. Wow, that was an understatement. Don Froula and his wife came out to photograph the event and came up with some amazing photos. Make sure to check them out in this issue.

Thanks go to Doug Swanson and Jeff Peca for obtaining the sanction paperwork for the events, and for keeping an eye on things. Everyone maintained safe practices and distances for both events.

The Retro Fly followed on Saturday the 8th, and we had about ten 'Retro' aircraft and their pilots attend. Doug Swanson organizes this event and will be covering it in the September issue of the Flypaper.

Field Reminder - The flags are in the corn to assist you in finding a downed plane if you have the misfortune of putting one down. The corn is now eight to ten feet high, and it is

difficult to find lost planes in there. The flags can be used to help you, or your spotter, remember where the plane went in. One important thing to remember – The poles that the flags are mounted to are 20 feet high and made of steel tubing. If you hit one of them, your plane will break. Please remember the poles when you are on your downwind leg. Also, please work with fellow members if you have to go into the corn. Get one of the white poles with red stripes on it from the shed and take it into the corn with you. It is recommended that you also take a second person with you to provide assistance. Take your cell phone and coordinate with a member on the flightline so that you can communicate by phone if you get lost. The corn is much like a forest, and you CAN get turned around in there. If you get lost, the member on the flightline can look for the white pole when you hold it up and then tell you which way to walk. Also, make sure you secure your phone when in the corn. Mine fell out of my clip once and it was not easy to find.

Board Position Changes – Two of our President appointed board members are stepping down from their positions:

Membership Chairman - Tony Bahowick let me know a while back that both his parents had passed away in the last year, and that he was left the family farm in Wisconsin. Because of this, he would no longer be able to perform the Membership Chairman duties. I thank Tony for his service as our Membership Chairman and wish him the best.

Please welcome our new Membership Chairman - Dave Cotton. Dave has some neat new ideas and I look forward to working with him to bring them to fruition. Dave is at the field regularly, and most of you have met him.

Flypaper Editor – Susan Galle has had a lot going on lately, including health problems with her mother. Due to these issues, Susan and I have decided that it would be best for her to step down as Flypaper Editor. Susan has done an admirable job as editor since January 2017, and I am incredibly grateful for her service. She stepped in when we had a real need and she met that need.

Welcome our new Flypaper Editor - Doug Swanson. Doug is a past Flypaper Editor and has won an award from the AMA for the Best Club Newsletter in a contest that they had when he was editor. Doug has extensive experience in graphic design, and we can look forward to what he has to offer in his first issue (this time around) of the Flypaper in September. You can browse some of Doug's past work in the newsletter archive on our website.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (continued from page 2)

Please offer your thanks to all four of these dedicated FVAC members, Tony and Susan for past service, and Dave and Doug for their willingness to step into their new positions.

Member meeting - I hope to see you at our Zoom August Member Meeting on August 13 at 7:30 pm. If you have not joined one of our Zoom meetings, give it a try. You might like it. A link to the meeting will be emailed on Tuesday.

I hope you all stay safe and healthy by following our temporary field restrictions and CDC and government guidelines. And, I hope to see you at the field. Remember to welcome our new members when you see them.

Dale



I think Orvil left his passenger in the motor home with the windows up too long. (Dale Gathman photo)

TREASURERS MESSAGE

Joe Pedone

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I sincerely hope you and your families remain safe and healthy.

From the Club treasury standpoint, we are in good shape and our checkbook balance has remained pretty steady over the past months. With most of our main summer events being cancelled this year, our spending has been limited to the typical field expenses of grass mowing, electric for the juice bar, dumpster pick-up and porta potties. On the other hand, we haven't had the income from these events either, but we have had the pleasure of welcoming a number of new members to the club this year, and that has helped supplement some of the event income. I look forward to meeting all of our newer members either at the field or during our monthly Zoom meetings until we can re-establish member meetings in-person again.

From the flying side, much of my time this year has been to "re-maiden" every plane in my fleet. I finally migrated from my very old JR radio to a new Spektrum iX-12. Because I couldn't copy and migrate the settings via software file, I had to measure the throws and trim on every plane, and then duplicate that manually in the new radio. Very time consuming, but each new re-maiden went off without a hitch. Just finish my 22nd plane! At least it was good reason to get every plane I have in the air this season. And nice to finally enjoy some great transmitter features like voice alerts and telemetry!

Stay safe,

Joe

Joe

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SECRETARYS REPORT

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Fox Valley Aero
Club

Member Meeting
Minutes

July 9, 2020 via
Zoom

(Just a quick note,
this was a quick
meeting due to a
storm that took out
Dale's power along
with Mark

Knoppkie's power as well)

President Dale Gathman opened the meeting and reminded everyone to say their names to make doing the minutes easier off the recording for Debbie.

Secretary Debbie Howe asked for a motion to approve the June Member Meeting Minutes, a motion was made by Bill Suhr and seconded by Dave Cotton, all approved

Treasurer Joe Pedone said the checking account is looking good and this month we got 5 new members:

Ralph VanDorpe JR., Dominick Silvestri, Jim Black, Ralph Infusino and Steve Peters Welcome Everyone!!!

Having the new members and minimal expenses other than the porta potties, dumpsters and electric our bills have been low so checking account is in good shape. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Dave Cotton and seconded by John Fischer all approved.

Safety Chairman, Jeff Peca reminded everyone to social distance and let everyone know that after using the paper towels in the porta pottie to please put them in the toilet, not on the floors so we keep the porta potties clean for the next person. Jeff also reminded everyone that this time we ARE allowing guest but NO guest pilots.

Fly Paper Chairman, Susan Galle was not present and President Dale Gathman said we will get a fly paper out from this month but it will be late, thus everyone should have gotten the Member Meeting Minutes to review before the meeting, so that we can vote to approve them.

With Mark Knoppkie's power out, Debbie Howe went over

what Mark said at the board meeting and that was he will be getting a new 5 gallon bucket with a lid for Lipo battery disposal that will have at least a pound of salt in the water so there will be a screw on cover on the bucket to protect any dogs that come to the field from drinking that salt water, **SO PLEASE IF YOU ARE PUTTING BATTERIES IN THERE PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PUT THE SCREW ON LID BACK ON THE BUCKET.** Mark also used weed killer on the weeds that are growing up in the cracks in the runway and other places around the field.

A big Thank You to Dale Gathman and Dave Cotton for helping to put up the flag poles in the corn. These poles are to be used as a reference in case of a downed plane, please make sure not to go into the corn alone as it is easy to get disorientated in the corn and there are long poles in the shed to take out there with you so that members back on the flight line can see where you are and help guide you, because the corn is well over our heads already so try to have cell phone contact with someone on the flight line and a suggestion was made that the best way to find a downed plane is to squat down and you can see about 20' down the rows of corn.

Government Relations, Tom Spriet had nothing to report, all good.

Public Relations Chairman reminded everyone to get your hat orders in ASAP as we will be submitting the order in about 10-14 days. We are hoping to get an order of about 50 hats and we are at 40 already.

Warbird Event Chairman, John Fischer said we are looking forward to next year and we have gotten the deposit back from the golf cart and pilot dinner companies, and the tent company is posting the deposit for next year's event.

Vice President, Dave Murray said for anyone planning on attending the Joliet Warbird Day this Saturday, there will be **NO Jets Allowed**,

Calendar Updates:

We Will have cub day, we will NOT have the electric fly, we WILL have the night fly but no food will be provided at any of the events and there will be no landing fee collected at any of the events. Since the ad for the events are already out with the AMA, guest pilots that show up will be able to fly but we ask that members do not invite any guests as we would like to keep this club members only due to Covid 19 and small groups only.

We will be doing Retro Fly Day.

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SECRETARYS REPORT (Continued from page 4)

Festival of Flight will be cancelled and the field will be open as a regular flying day.

Tailgate Swap is going to be planned and visitors are welcome to that event but there still will be no guest pilots. We hope next year to make it more of a swap and fly, but due to Covid we are trying to keep the crowd small.

Dale Gathman shared a couple of quick trivia one of which is..... What Warbird hold the best Victory to Loss rating???? It was actually the Wildcat, with a 32 downed enemies/ per one Wildcat.

Dave Cotton told everyone there was a great article in Model Aviation about our club member Mike Mueller with Gator RC. Great Read, check it out on page either 57 or 67.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Suhr and seconded by John Fischer, all approved.



Alan Galle's Decathlon is flying once again.

Photo submitted by Alan Galle

FVAC Cub Fly 2020



Don Froula Photo



Dale Gathman Photos
(unless noted)



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Sharon Sampson photos from the field cam

FVAC Night Fly 2020

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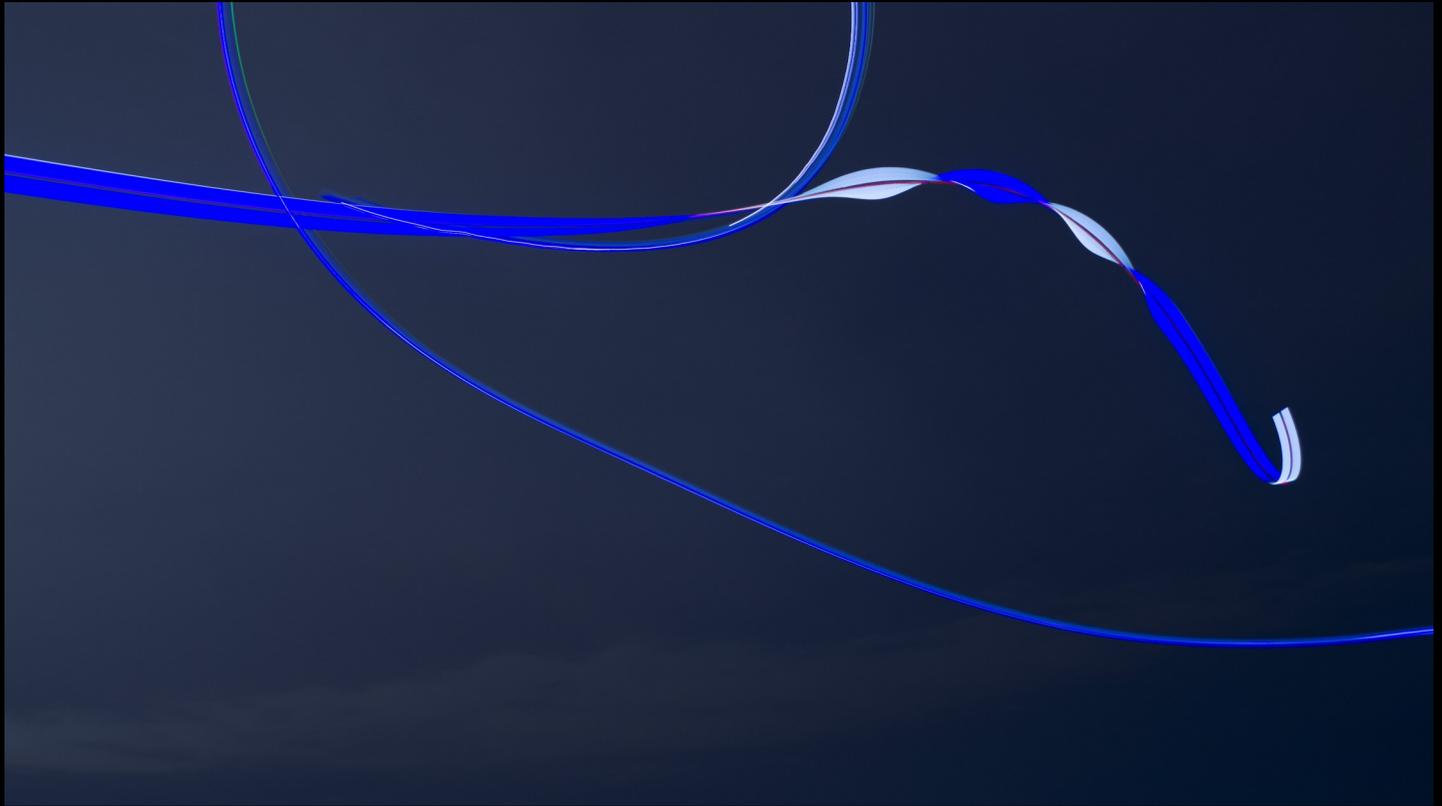
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2020 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:00 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 15	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	9:00-1:00 Swap 1:00-4:00 Indoor Foamy Fly Kane County Fairgrounds
March 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 9	FVAC Member Meeting	CANCELLED
April 18	Field Workday	WILL BE RESCHEDULED
May 2	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	CANCELLED
May 14	FVAC Member Meeting	7:30 Zoom
May 16	Cub Scout Rocket Fest	CANCELLED
May 17	Fun-Fly — #1 —	CANCELLED
May 25	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	CANCELLED
May 29	2019 Media Day	CANCELLED
June 6	FVAC Cookout (formerly pig roast)	CANCELLED
June 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
June 18-20	2020 Windy City Warbirds & Classics	CANCELLED
June 21	Open Fly — All Scale	CANCELLED
July 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
July 12	Fun-Fly — #2 —	CANCELLED
August 1	Cub Fly — AMA Sanctioned — Club Only	9:00 — 1:00 Cubs Only - FVAC Field
August 1	Electric Only — AMA Sanctioned — Club Only	CANCELLED
August 1	Night Fly — AMA Sanctioned — Club Only	8:00 pm — Midnight - FVAC Field
August 8	Retro Fly	9:00 — 3:00 - FVAC Field
August 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
August 22	Family Fly Day	CANCELLED
September 5	Festival of Flight	CANCELLED
September 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at TBD
September 12	Tailgate Swap Meet	TBD
September 13	Fun-Fly — #3 —	CANCELLED
October 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at TBD
October 10	Turkey Fry	TBD
November 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at TBD
December 5	Annual Christmas Party	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn — St. Charles
December 10	Rookies Christmas Party	7:00 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles

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FVAC NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member Assessment Fee: \$300.00 (For new memberships only.)
Does not include dues.

- Dues for Senior Members (19 years and over) \$125.00 per Member**
- Dues for Junior Members (18 years and under) \$ 25.00 per Member**
- Family Membership \$125.00 1st Member**
(\$25 for each additional family member with an AMA card, either a spouse or a child under 19 years old.)

PLEASE PRINT

Your Full Name:	AMA Number:	Birthdate:	Dues Amount:
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