



The Fox Valley Aero Club

Flypaper



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The Officers and Directors of FVAC wish everyone
Merry Christmas



President's Message

By Jeff Anderson



Wow – it's December already!! I just put in stakes along side our road and parking lot so when it snows there will be no unintentional off-roading. Good Idea....Right Norm?

THIS CLUB ROCKS!! and ROCKS ALL WINTER TOO!!! Your FVAC Family is activenot only Building but Eating, Drinking and Flying Too!!

DrinksWe go out for drinks (normally to Rookies) after each Board meeting and General Meeting. (First & Second Thursday of the month). That's where we have a nice time and get to know each other. There are normally 3 to 20 people every meeting. Come join us. It's fun...plus if you don't come we'll probably talk about you.

Food..... Every Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M. there is a gathering at Spring View Restaurant for breakfast (across the street from Rookies on North Ave, about 1 mile east of Randall). This is where we talk about EVERYTHING, and occasionally there is an impromptu trip to a Hobby Store or to someone's house to build.

Flying!!! Yes, Flying on Friday and Saturday Nights! We fly our "foamies" in Bensenville at the 2nd largest golf dome in the country put on by the Barnstormers. Man do we have fun!! It's \$10 each or free to spectators. I will tell you what -this will make you a better flier for sure!! No, that's not a typo – it's 11:00 P.M. until 1:00 A.M. The season is November through April, Thurs., Fri. & Sat at the Bensenville Golf Dome Flying. Thursday is reserved for Barnstormers only. All those without a curfew need to come join the fun.

Here is the white pines link: <http://www.whitepinesgolfdome.com>

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Secretary's Report

By Julian Pugh

Minutes of the November 10, 2005 Meeting



President Jeff Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

Secretary Julian Pugh requested the minutes as published in the 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 \$900 in the club treasury, after payment of outstanding bills. He also reported \$23,000.00 unpaid balls remain in the lottery.

Safety Chairman Karl Griesbaum advised that procedures for emergency situations will be posted at the field.

Fun Fly Chairman Alan Galle the winners of the Limbo contest. They were:

Dan Compton	First Place
Bob Oliva /Dominic Saverino	Tie Second Place
Gary Koester	Third Place

This was an exciting event with several interesting, inadvertent landings taking place. Everyone who participated had a great time.

Paul Douds reported on City Relations. The Dept. of Corrections has indicated that they will be moving the trash from the North side of the field, prior to Thanksgiving. The berms are starting to be installed at the new gun range.

Membership Chairman Jason Walsh was not present. Karl Griesbaum report for Jason. New member Dennis Smalley of Batavia was introduced. Two guests were present: Joe Huntley of Moline, IL and Tom Dinsmore of Propmasters Aero Club in Naperville. A discussion was held regarding membership cards and it was decided to prepare membership cards for all members.

Swap Meet Chairman Steve Baker and Julian reported on the Swap Meet which will be held February 25, 2006 at the Kane County Fairground. This is a larger site, with better parking and less expensive. Plans are going ahead, with ads placed. A mailing to all Clubs and Hobby Shops in the area will be initiated between Christmas and New Years.

Flypaper Editor Paul Jacobs requested that articles be submitted by the 20th of each month, so the Flypaper can be published in a timely manner. Paul has agreed to take over the responsibilities of Bob Mosinski on the FVAC Web Site. Thanks Paul!

The Christmas Party Committee reported on the party which will be held Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, Fisherman's Inn, Elburn, IL. Cash bar 6:00.....Dinner at 7:00.

President Anderson and Dave Gustafson reported on next years events. Which include Pylon Racing, Festival of Giants, Pattern Contests and Jet Events. We have an exciting and busy year coming up. Lots of fun!!

The Crash of the Month Al's Hobby Gift Certificate was won by Norm Johnson.

New planes were shown by the following members:

Greg Wright	P-38 Yellow Aircraft Kit
Todd Barret	House of Balsa P-51 with FX-32 Engine
Eric Ringstead	Great Planes Biplane with OS-46 engine
Mark Kanapke	Electric Helicopter
Jeff Anderson	Ultimate Foamy Biplane Horizon Hobbies

The Hobby Town Gift Certificate was won by Todd Barret for the House of Balsa P-51. Congratulations Todd.

President Anderson adjourned the meeting 8:43 P.M.

Julian L. Pugh

Secretary

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Technology is dominated by two types of people: those who understand what they do not manage, and those who manage what they do not understand.

Dates to remember for 2006 FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB

- Jan. 5 – Board Meeting**
- Jan. 12 – General Meeting**
- Feb. 2 – Board Meeting**
- Feb. 9 – General Meeting**
- Feb. 25 – Swap Meet – Kane Co. Fairgrounds**
- March 2 – Board Meeting**
- March 9 – General Meeting**
- April 6 – Board Meeting**
- April 13 – General Meeting**
- May 4 – Board Meeting**
- May 11 – General Meeting**
- May 13 – First Fun Fly**

June 1 – Board Meeting
June 3 – Fun Fly – Open Combat
June 8 – General Meeting
June 10 – Kids & Boy Scout Fun Fly
June 11 – Rain date for the above
June 16-17 – Al’s Hobby Helicopter Event
July 6 – Board Meeting
July 8 – Fun Fly
July 13 – General Meeting
July 13-14-15-16 – Extreme Aerobatic Club
July 19-20-21-22 – Windy City Jets
July 27-28-29 – Festival Of Giants
Aug 3 – Board Meeting
Aug 10 – General Meeting
Aug 12 – Fun Fly
Aug 19-20 – Pattern Contest
Sept 7 – Board Meeting
Sept 14 – General Meeting
Sept 16 – Fun Fly
Sept 23 & 24 – Pylon Races
Oct 5 – Board Meeting
Oct 5-6-7 Windy City Jets II
Oct 12 – General Meeting
Oct 14 – Fun Fly
Nov 2 – Board Meeting
Nov 9 – General Meeting
Nov 11 – Last Fun Fly
Dec 7 – Board meeting
Dec 8 – Christmas Dinner & General Meeting



Hey, you'd smile too if you owned a 7,000 sq ft hobby shop filled with every conceivable goodie that a modeler could want. Dave Taitel stands at the entrance which shows that its open 7 days a week to serve your needs. Dave took this shop over and merged his Hobby Garage inventory into it to make it one of the best places

worth visiting. Dave says "it may take a while to get here for most FVAC members the first time, but it is certainly worth the trip", and I couldn't agree more. Below right: Dave stands under a T-6 that has been hanging in this shop for 17 years and has become the signature icon of the store. The owner of the plane has several on display and just likes to share their existence with other modelers. Most of the planes hanging from the ceiling are for sale so plan on spending some time the first time you visit but leave the checkbook at home. Dave doesn't take checks but will gladly process your plastic or cash. I knew there was a reason to carry all those credit cards. The store seemed extra full but Dave said it's like that all the time not just at





holidays . Left: Dave stands in front of his huge inventory of electric motors and batteries. This will be the hottest selling item for 2005 and he has the staff to explain anything you need to know about e-flite. I was particularly impressed not only by the depth of his inventory but by the organization of the store. He seems to have it all

from scratch building supplies on through the latest ARF'S to electric helicopters with lithium ion batteries and chargers. Because about 40% of the store is devoted to plastic models, there is a large section devoted to paints. Some of the plastic models are now coming as ARF's so to speak they are

pre-built, painted, and ready for display. Check out his 1/48-scale die cast Franklin Mint Replicas. Right: This corner of the store is devoted to railroading and includes a small "n" gauge layout.



Right and Below: Talk about a kid in a candy store, this place is full of toys for men and boys. If you can spot that ducted fan F-16, it was built and sold by FVAC's Mel Ziska but the customer never took it home. Some people must have more money than brains. Scale builders often buy a plastic model of their project to ob-



tain all the details during construction and get the correct paint scheme. Below: Dave shows one of the large prints he carries which contain an unusual feature. Most of the prints are signed by the pilot who flew the plane. Dave has a picture of an F4U Corsair in his office which is signed by most of the original black sheep squad-

ron members. Some of these prints are also displayed and for sale as framed art work at very reasonable prices. Santa won't have any trouble finding something for all FVAC members in this store. Be sure your wife or significant other has the directions. That Futaba 14MZ would look great under a Christmas tree.



Treasurers Report

By Bill Simmons



Two weeks ago I was in Sarasota Florida with my wife. I was interested in seeing what the local RC club looked like and was directed, with the help of Bob Walker, to Nick Zirolì, who is a member of the Sarasota club.



Nick graciously took Markie and I to the field, introduced us to various members, showed us their fantastic on site club house, and then had us over to his house. I can't stop telling people how impressed I was with their club but more impor-

tantly how great it was for someone I had not even met before to give up his morning to show me and the wife around. My thanks go out to both Bob and Nick for perhaps the best day of our vacation.

Last Saturday I went to the Pot of Gold show. I saw Cindy and Dennis there from Al's Hobby shop but no one else from our club. This is one of the best swap meets of the year. I brought several fliers for our upcoming swap meet with me and the folks from the South Bend RC www.southbendrc.org club announced our event at least once every half hour. My thanks go out to them and I will make sure we have a better turn out from Fox Valley Aero next year. I bought several things there including digital servos for \$25 each, a foamee biplane with a 30 amp brushless speed controller for \$65, and a couple of rolls of Nelson light

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weight covering for electrics. I won one of the door prizes, a ¼ scale pilot figure which I will definitely use. They have an annual contest with trophies for several categories of models. This event is very well attended and very well organized.

There are a few good ones coming up and you can still call me if you want to avoid driving and come with.

It was recently decided by our board that we would host three big events next year, (several smaller events will also take place during 2006 as well) The Festival of Giants, A 3D Event, and The Windy City Jets. All three events were successful this year but there were some problems that came up because of the mix of 3D and Giant scale fliers at the Festival of Giants. We have heard rumors that some of the people who attended the festival this year will not be back next year due to the 3D flyers. The clash of these two different types of flyers has occurred at several other national events (Joe Nall and the Giant Scale event at Wright Patterson AFB to name only two). Since we have an event devoted to the 3D guys we decided that 3D flying will not be allowed during any part of the Festival of Giants in 2006. We will be making this very clear in our advertisements for this event and we hope that those people who have written off our festival will reconsider their decision. We want 2006 to be better than 2005. We have heard the complaints and have reacted, I believe, appropriately to them.

If you are reading this I would be interested in what you think. I can be reached at Bill_Simmons@Concentra.com. Let me know if you like hearing about opportunities outside the four walls of the club. I was going to start talking about tools I have found useful. Any interest there? Let me know what you want to read a bout.

Fun Fly Report

by Allan Galle, Chairman



Results of the November 12, 2005 Turkey Shoot

- 1st Place Merlyn Graves
- 2nd Place Alan Galle
- 3rd Place Bill Sponsler



The fun fly season ends with a cold windy day and only three brave members tempting fate. It was a great season and Alan Galle did a fantastic job of organizing events in 2005 and we look forward to his continuing efforts in 2006.



Membership News

By Jason Walsh



Report not received at Press Time.

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Safety Corner

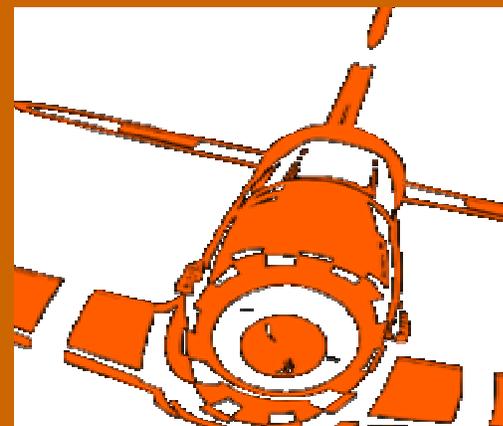
By Karl Griesbaum



Thanks to all our members for keeping 2005 a safe year. Yes, there were a few minor mishaps and some stitches but for the most part it turned out well. Let's rededicate ourselves to an accident free 2006. Believe it or not, the pilot of the Sukoi in the photo at the left did survive this little limbo failure but I would not recommend attempting it yourself.

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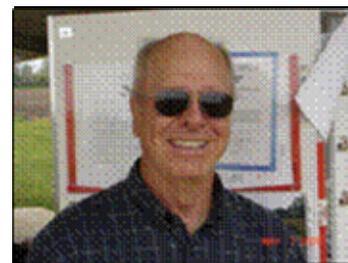


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Instructors Corner

By Dan Compton

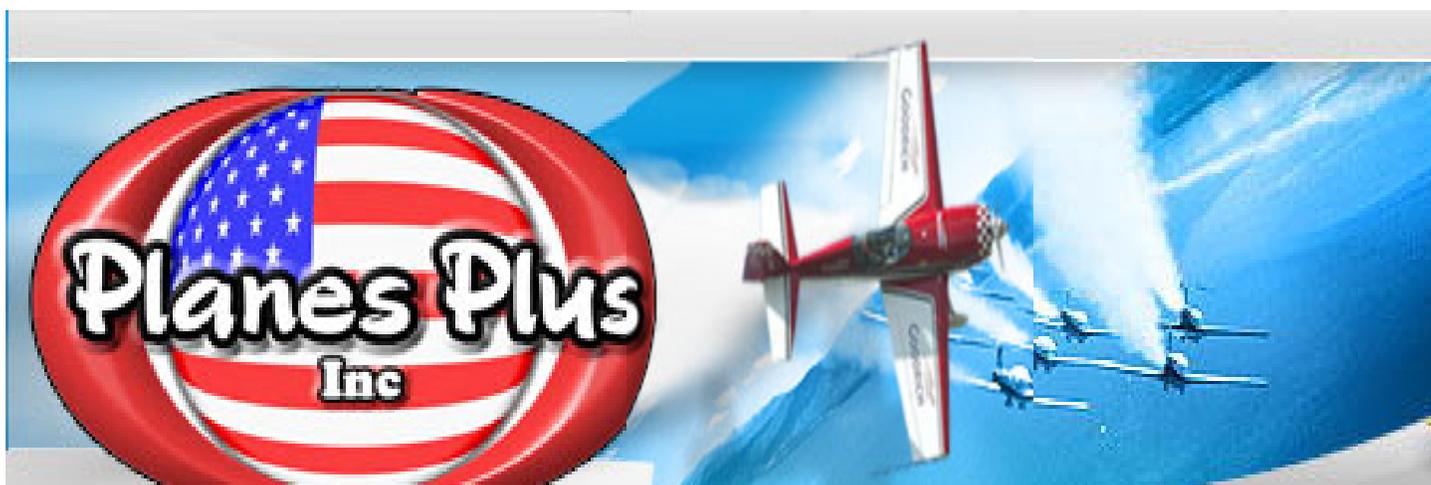


(editors note: this article just missed last month's deadline for publication)

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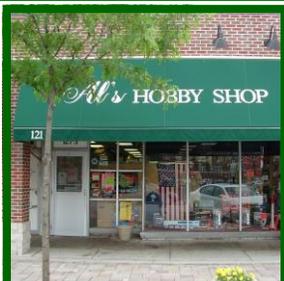
Winter is coming and with it comes Daylight Savings Time and shorter days (I really get bummed at this time of year). That means the training season is pretty much over. It has been slow at the field with bad weather and short days keeping us grounded. Last Saturday turned out to be a bit warmer and a bit less windy than the fearcasters predicted, so a few of the die-hard trainees came out to get in some stick time. Bill and Phil Scherer got in a few flights as did Bob Watson. In fact, Bob has done so well since getting interested in model aviation that he was able to solo. Congratulations to Bob!!

I'm sure there will be some hit and miss training going on, especially if we get an Indian summer. But in case old man winter moves in quickly, have a good winter and I'll see you next spring.



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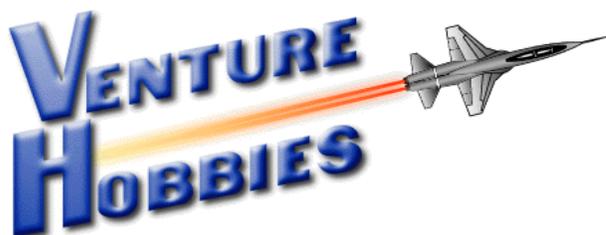
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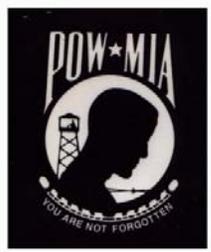
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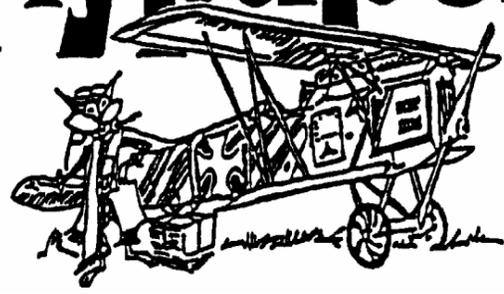
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