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## PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Alvin Cole, Sr. —  
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This being the final newsletter of his tenure as Flypaper Editor, we extend a very generous thank you to Doug Swanson for a job well done! We also welcome to this role Dennis McFarlane with

full support from myself and the FVAC officers!

As we move into our next season, let's do so with a greater enthusiasm for enjoyment of the hobby. Our business matters are a priority, but equally important is having loads of fun flying RC models. Our club not only contains skilled pilots, but simply a great group of people, and I look forward to hanging out with all of you in 2014! Happy Holidays to you and your family, and best wishes for a prosperous New Year!

DHC-2 Beaver 30cc ARF  
by Hangar 9 (HAN4545)



## FROZEN FINGERS 2014

Are you looking for a great way to kick off the new year? Come on out to the flying field at 10:00 am on January 1st for *Frozen Fingers 2014*.

Bring an aircraft to fly and try to be the "First in Flight" for 2014. Last year Joe Pedone took the honors and the trophy. **Who will it be this year?**

If you've never attended this event, check out the article on page 16 in the January 2013 Flypaper to see what it's all about! Find it at [www.foxvalleyaero.com/newsletters](http://www.foxvalleyaero.com/newsletters).





## FROM THE EDITOR

Doug Swanson  
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Well, folks—it's been a wild ride, but it's time for me to get off. Three years ago I responded to President Tom Spriet's request for a new editor—a decision I will never regret. Please don't misunderstand my 'jumping for joy' at the Christmas party when it was announced that we have a new

editor; I was just having a little fun in the moment. It is simply time for me to move on and I'm glad that the position has been filled again. Please welcome our new editor, **Dennis McFarlane** with support, content and a handshake. Thank you, Dennis, for your generous offer of time and talent to produce this publication throughout the coming year.

I'm writing this during the last weekend before Christmas. The tree is up, the presents are all wrapped (a few have already been unwrapped) and the big day is next week. With FVAC holiday functions, work holiday parties, get-togethers with friends, and everything else that comes with the season, to say that things have been busy over the past few weeks is an understatement.

The holiday season always brings out great new offerings from many of the manufacturers in the hobby. Once again I've placed a few of them about these pages—maybe you'll see something here that you just can't live without!

Don't forget about your local hobby shops during your after-Christmas shopping and also when it comes time to equip your new acquisitions from Santa. Cindy McFarlane at Al's Hobby Shop and Sharon and Ken Kaiser of Hobbytown USA, St. Charles support this club in many ways throughout the season—we need to support them as well.



Mosquito Mk VI  
BNF Basic by  
ParkZone (PKZ6350)

This issue is jam-packed with content from several contributors.

We start with pictures from the Christmas party, held at the Hilton Garden Inn. The majority were taken by Dale Gathman and Dennis McFarlane. Thank you, guys for spending some time at the party looking through a viewfinder.

Dan Rocha and Dale Gathman have both submitted tips this month. Dan's is a simple shop tip that can save frustration and Dale makes us aware of something to watch for when setting up the timer on your computer radio.

A new flyer is included, detailing our upcoming swap meet on February 22. Be sure to get your table reservations in to JT or Joe before it's too late!

Dave Cotton has submitted a write-up on this summer's Air Supremacy over Elkhart event, held in Indiana. I have included some of the photos that Dave shot, as well as some from the event's official photographer, Mike Cox.

Dale Gathman and Paul Makowski once again provide some pictures of members and their aircraft in 'Shots from the Field'. Some of them were taken during the warmer months this year—it's nice to think about the warmer weather coming in a few months.

As I said earlier, my time is up as Editor. I'm sad to let it go, but also excited to see what comes of it.

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I look forward to getting the notices over the coming year letting me know that a new issue is ready for reading. Someday, in the future, I will seek the position again with fresh ideas and a new perspective. Thank you to all who have contributed over the past three years, for without you, this newsletter wouldn't be what it is today.

See you at the flying field,

Doug ✈

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Jacobs—  
treasurer@foxvalleyaero.com

Dorie and I had a great time at the Christmas Party and are looking forward to the gathering at Rookies. John and Pam Turner did a great job on the event and I am grateful they volunteered to pick it up. We have a great group of officers and directors and I look forward to working with them in 2014. Our GHPP Tom will be missed, but judging from what I heard out of Alvin it is going to be a fun year.



As I write this for Doug's last Flypaper, I would be remiss if I did not thank him for all the fantastic work he has done for the club in the past few years by making the Flypaper the best club newsletter in the country. It is surely going to be a tough act to follow but now Doug is going to have more time for flying and IMAC.

Dues renewals are coming in at a good pace but for those that have not yet written the check, please do so as January 1st starts the new club year.

Until next month,

Paul



Great Planes U-Can-Do SF 3D GP/EP ARF 59" (GPMA1272)

## FVAC Membership Renewal 2014

### Dues are now due

Annual dues are now \$125

Family members\* are an additional \$25 each.

\* Must be an AMA member and live in the same household.  
Children must be 17 or under.

Make all checks payable to the FVAC and send them to:

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P.O. Box 837		1010 Bankfield Ct.
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# FVAC Christmas Party

Photos by Dale Gathman, Dennis McFarlane and Doug Swanson



Cindy McFarlane (R), along with event organizers, John and Pam Turner, made sure everyone was checked in with name tags and prize tickets.



We had two emcees over the course of the evening. Outgoing President Tom Spriet couldn't keep the mic. away from newly-elected President, Alvin Cole



The raffle prize table was well stocked this year with items from both Al's Hobby Shop and Hobbytown USA, St. Charles. In all, 24 items were given away to some lucky members.



Walt Thyng delivered the blessing



L-R Alvin Cole, Sr., Jamel Kimbrough and Alvin Cole, Jr. provided great music throughout the evening.

## The results from this year's mailed-ballot election were revealed at the Christmas Party

The Officers for 2014 are as follows:

President . . . . . Alvin Cole, Sr.  
 Vice President . . . . . Dave Murray  
 Treasurer . . . . . Paul Jacobs  
 Secretary . . . . . Dale Gathman  
 Past President . . . . . Tom Spriet

The following members were elected as Directors at Large:

Bob Boen                      John Fischer  
 Cindy McFarlane            Joe Pedone  
 Sal Perno                     Doug Swanson

These member volunteers will serve as chairpersons in the following positions:

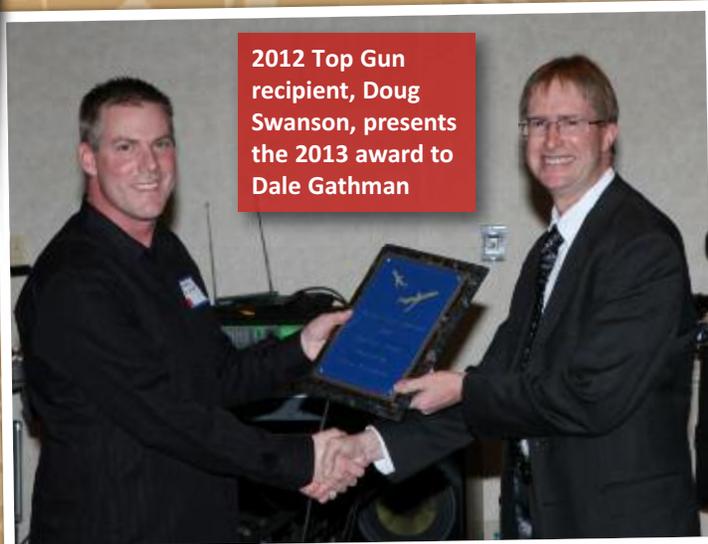
Field Chairman . . . . . Mark Knoppkie  
 Safety Chairman . . . . . Karl Griesbaum  
 Membership Chairman . . . . R. Thomas Flint  
 Government Relations . . . . Tom Siwek  
 Flypaper Editor . . . . . Dennis McFarlane



Your Board of Directors for 2014: L-R Alvin Cole, Sr., Dave Murray, Dale Gathman, Paul Jacobs, Tom Spriet, Cindy McFarlane, Sal Perno, Doug Swanson, Bob Boen, John Fischer, Joe Pedone, Mark Knoppkie, Tom Flint, Karl Griesbaum; behind the camera: Dennis McFarlane



Tom Spriet presents the President's Choice award to Bill Sponsler in recognition of his work with our lease renewal. Great work, Bill!



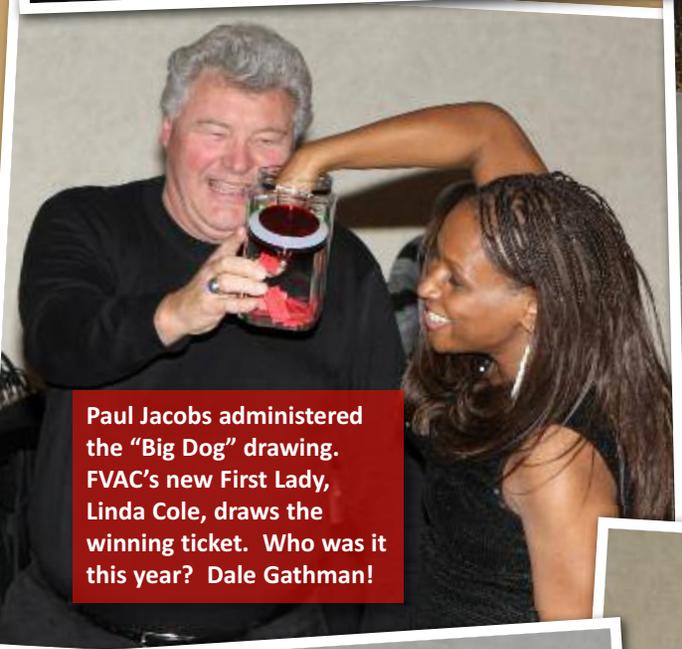
2012 Top Gun recipient, Doug Swanson, presents the 2013 award to Dale Gathman



Winner of the Spitfire painting was John Turner. The painting was donated by Dave Brustle.



The passing of the torch. Your current editor and his successor, Dennis McFarlane



Paul Jacobs administered the "Big Dog" drawing. FVAC's new First Lady, Linda Cole, draws the winning ticket. Who was it this year? Dale Gathman!



Pam Turner and Marlene & Joe Pedone pose with the 2013 "Big Dog" winner, Dale Gathman.



John Turner brought his projector to show images from throughout the year.



Sebastian Kowalski charged up his raffle prize for a little flying fun on the dance floor.



# FVAC in the community



The Fox Valley Aero Club was welcomed by Major Jonathan Miller this past weekend where both John Turner and Sal Perno made their annual visit with gift cards and toys for the Salvation Army Toys for Tots. Many of the toys are a great welcome, but the gift cards will be widely used for the teens and young adults. Major Miller commented "we can always count on the Aero Club for their annual campaign of donations!" FVAC member Turner mentioned this was one of our largest contributions to the SA and we thank all the members who made this year's campaign a huge success!



Members Sal Perno and John Turner with Salvation Army volunteers

## Shop TIP

by Dan Rocha

**Problem:** You need to install a socket head cap screw into an obstructed location on your model. Every time you put the screw on the end of the hex wrench and bring it into position, it falls off.

**Solution:** Place some material from a plastic bag between the screw and the wrench. Simply pull down on the material while holding the wrench and only a small portion of the bag will remain around the tip of the wrench, inside the screw head. Voilà, the screw remains in position on the wrench, while you put it in place!



Nine Eagles Solo Pro 290 Lama SLT 2.4GHz Red/Ylw RTF (NE200371)

# 20 years ago in the Flypaper

Winner of the 4-channel radio raffle was Doug Reinert.

Dennis Crooks brought his Lear Jet in for show and tell. Dennis earned first place in the 1993 Scale Masters and 3rd at Top Gun. 10 years construction, 27 lbs., O.S. .77 engines, landing lights, flaps, brakes, and “all the bells and whistles”.

Board room discussion and decisions. Items to be purchased with some of the remaining treasury fund: Flags/banners for parking and spectator areas—\$150; canopy (for members who collect parking fees during events)—\$70; tape player (for use during our events)—\$50; American Flag—\$50.

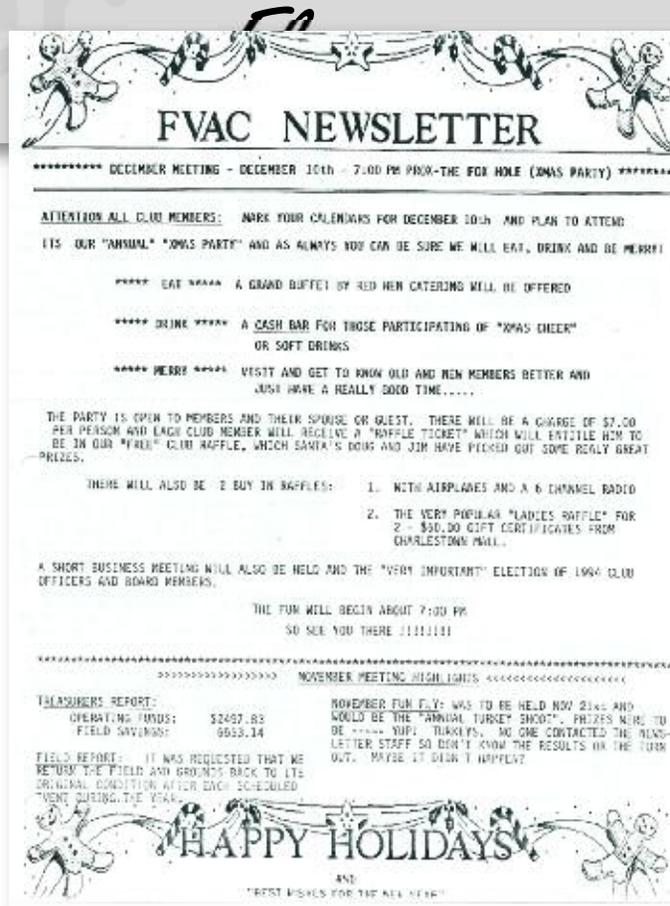
1994 Swap Shop: Keith Burns has volunteered to be Chairman. Event to be held at the Sports Center.

Elections for 1994 officers will take place at the Christmas Party. Nominees for each position are:

- President: Mark Weber
- Vice President: Dave Gustafson
- Secretary: Dan Witt
- Treasurer: “Red” Breen

## Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	<b>First-to-Fly Fun Fly</b>	10:00 AM FVAC Field
January 9	FVAC Member Meeting	7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 22	<b>FVAC Annual Swap Meet</b>	Kane County Fair Grounds
March 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall



December, 1993 Flypaper image: Dale Gathman

### Past Events of 2013

- January 1 **First-to-Fly Fun Fly**
- February 23 **FVAC Annual Swap Meet**
- April 27 **Member Work Day**
- May 27 **St. Charles Memorial Day Parade**
- June 8 **Kid's Day**
- June 9 **Fun-Fly & Pig Roast**
- June 14 & 15 **Al's Helicopter Fun-Fly**
- June 23 **Geneva Swedish Days Parade**
- July 20 & 21 **Festival of Flight**
- August 3 & 4 **Chicagoland IMAC Challenge**
- August 24 **Cub Scout Rocket Fest**
- October 20 **Fun-Fly & Turkey Fry**
- December 6 **Annual Christmas Party**

# Radio Control Swap Meet

Hosted by:



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**Saturday, February 22, 2014**

*Kane County Fair Grounds*

525 Randall Road

St. Charles, IL

(Use Randal Rd. entrance between North Avenue and Lincoln Highway/Route 38)

**BUY, SELL** and/or **TRADE** RC Aircraft, Helicopters, Radio, Equipment, Cars, and Boats.

Over 15,000 sq. ft. of tradeshow space

Admission \$5.00 per adult, children under 12 **FREE**

**OPEN ADMISSION from 9:00AM TO 2:00PM**

Food service available all day

**AFTER 1PM, WE WILL BE OPEN TO FOAMY ELECTRIC AND LIGHT ELECTRIC INDOOR FLYING**

Come and participate or sit and enjoy the show.  
AMA cards required for pilots

**FOR TABLE RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION:**

John Turner @ 630-443-7807 Joe Pedone @ 847-695-0328  
[jtgrassroots@yahoo.com](mailto:jtgrassroots@yahoo.com) [jtpe@aol.com](mailto:jtpe@aol.com)

**Early-pay table rental discount if paid by February 1st**

One table	\$18.00 each
Two or more tables	\$15.00 each
All table rentals after February 1st	\$20.00 each

*All table rentals include one free admission*

Checks Payable to: Fox Valley Aero Club, PO Box 837  
St. Charles, IL 60174-0837

— TABLES READY FOR SET UP AT 8:00AM —

# Safety TIP

by Dale Gathman

Over the summer, I ran into a situation where I was running my engine (glow) and taxiing my plane around for a considerable amount of time before taking off. Once I took off, I flew as usual, watching the flight timer to determine when to land. About two minutes before the timer expired, I ran out of fuel. After successfully deadstick landing (thankfully), I gave it some thought, and the problem was in the way I set my timer activation up. I always set my timer to activate at 25% of full throttle. While the throttle was below 25%, the timer was not timing, even though I was burning fuel. This normally is inconsequential, as the start-up and warm-up usually only lasts a minute or so. My timer setting takes this into account. Because of the extended engine run and taxiing (much of it below 25% throttle), I burned more fuel before the flight than usual, thus I ran out of fuel before landing.

The solution is either to top-off the tank after extended ground handling, or try to keep track of how many minutes the engine is running 'before' takeoff. Another option if the radio has two programmable timers (like the Spektrum DX9 and DX18) is to set a second timer that only activates below 25% (See photo, left). The second timer tracks how many minutes the engine runs below 25%, and by watching both timers, the pilot gets a more accurate picture of how the fuel supply is doing (make sure to reset your timers as soon as the engine is running, as it will accumulate the period of time between when the radio is turned on and the engine is started). This situation applies to all power types, glow, gas and electrics.



Tactic AnyLink2  
2.4GHz Universal Radio  
Adapter (TACJ2005)



Thunder Tiger Raptor  
90 G4.1 Flybarless  
Nitro 3D Kit (4895-K10)



Heli-Max Axe 100 CX Helicopter SLT RTF  
(HMxE0818)



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dale Gathman—secretary@foxvalleyaero.com

### Fox Valley Aero Club Member Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2013 @ St. Charles Township Hall

**President Tom Spriet** called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm, and welcomed everyone.

**Secretary Dale Gathman** asked for any additions or corrections to the October 10, 2013 Member Meeting Minutes. None were voiced and the minutes were accepted as presented.

**Vice President Alvin Cole** thanked everyone for the year we have had, and stated that we have pretty much gotten our lease renewed and will still be at our field next year. (Thunderous applause followed). Alvin said that our goal last year was to be neighborly and do the right thing, and that this year should be a time to have fun. We still need to be neighborly and responsible, and he stated that we should be introducing ourselves to people that we don't know out at the field, and promoting a fun atmosphere at the field. Enthusiast Alvin then announced that he has gone 30 days without buying a plane (wow). He did buy 6 new receivers though. He reminded everyone to make sure to sign up for the Christmas party, as he has heard that the entertainment is great (Alvin's band). He asked that anyone wanting to hear any specific music let him know what they want to hear before the party.



Alvin Cole

**Flypaper Editor Doug Swanson** received a well deserved rousing round of applause for the latest issue of the *Flypaper*. After a chant of "five more years", and other comments jokingly encouraging him to extend his service as editor, Doug stated that he and his wife are counting down the days (one more issue – December) to the end of his service as editor. Before the December issue, Doug said he will publish our usual Special Election edition of the paper, which will include statements from any of the board nominees who wish to submit one. Doug then thanked **Dale Gathman** and **Dennis McFarlane** for submitting articles for the November issue. He mentioned that he still has **Dave Cotton's** write-up on the Elkhart Air Supremacy show, but has not had a chance to get it in the *Flypaper* yet. He also reminded us that no one has stepped up yet to take over the *Flypaper* editing responsibilities.



Photos by  
Doug Swanson

**Treasurer Paul Jacobs** reported that the checkbook is a little low at this point, and going down fast, which is typical for this time of year due to end-of-year bills (field maintenance, Christmas party, etc.). Dues are coming in, and Paul announced that he is accepting dues tonight. Overall, the treasury is in good shape.



Paul Jacobs

**Membership Chairman Tom Flint** asked if any guests were here, and **Bob Seiler** from the Suburban R/C Barnstormers in Bloomingdale introduced himself. Bob stated that

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he came as a guest of **Mike Cannata** and announced that there are indoor flying opportunities (electric only) at the White Pines Golf Dome in Bensenville. The dome is 300 x 300 x 95 feet high. The flying times are Friday and Saturday nights from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and the cost is \$15.00 per session. A season pass is available for \$10.00 per session. Dome flying rules and registration form can be found at 'SuburbanRCBarnstormers.com'.



Tom Flint

Tom Flint then reminded us that our club dues have gone up this year, after a long period of no increases, and he encouraged all to get their dues in as soon as possible.

**Christmas Party Organizer John Turner** requested that all those who are going to attend the Christmas Party send their registration money to him. The party is a formal dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn. John's wife Pam will have gifts for the spouses who attend. The cost will be \$30.00 for singles and \$45.00 for couples. Checks or cash should be sent to John Turner along with a note saying what entrée choice we want. John said he is thinking of

cutting down on the number of raffle prizes this year (25 or 30), in favor of better quality prizes. Alvin Cole's band will again provide the music. The bar opens at 6:00 pm. Please bring an un-wrapped toy(s) or gift card(s) for the Toys-for-Tots campaign to the Christmas Party and JT will collect them. Plastic clothes hangers are also needed. JT and **Sal Perno** will deliver them to the Salvation Army after our Rookies event. There will be no annual meeting in December, but we are going to meet at



John Turner

Rookies in St. Charles for pizza and beer the night of December 12th starting about 6:30 p.m. All members and their significant others are invited. JT will also be accepting cash and gift card donations for Toys-for-Tots at this gathering.

**Alvin Cole** requested that people dance this year at the Christmas Party, as they do have a dance floor. Everyone should practice up. JT mentioned that he has arranged for us to have two bars at the Christmas Party this year, as the single bar got pretty stacked up last year.

**Swap Meet Organizers JT and Joe Pedone** then distributed flyers for the 2014 Swap Meet. Tables are \$18.00 for one or \$15.00 each for 2 or more. All tables will be \$20.00 each after February 1st. We will once again have a foamy fly in the afternoon. The food vendor has been arranged. Table registration is open now. Info is available on our web site, and the flyer will be in the December *Flypaper*. A media blast is sent out to all AMA clubs within 150 miles of our club. **Tom Flint** and **Walt Thyng** suggested announcements be put into the local papers, as there are a lot of kids with small helicopters and foamies who may be interested in flying at the swap. Walt believes that we could place the announcement in the 'Coming Events' section of the local paper for free. Joe Pedone stated that they would look into it. JT said that he will probably have to get some new signs for the swap made up this year, as they took a beating last year. **Tom Spriet** expressed concern about having too many non-members show



Joe Pedone

up to fly at the swap, as there could be a liability problem. Joe stated that anyone who wants to fly must have a current AMA membership.

**Tom Spriet** announced that as in the past, all members who attend the Rookies meeting should plan on paying what they would normally **continued on next page**



Tom Spriet

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pay for their meal. This money will be collected and donated to the Toys-for-Tots program.

**Safety Chairman Karl Griesbaum** had nothing new to discuss. He stated that he has shirts and hats, and will also be putting in another order soon. The group gave Karl and his helpers a round of applause for the great job they did frying the turkeys at the Turkey Fry.

**Show and Tell – Dale Gathman** showed his FMS T-28, which he recently acquired for \$250.00 at the iHobby Expo. It came with everything except the receiver and battery. Included are 3 electric retracts, 9 servos, and 5 lights, all installed. The assembly consisted of bolting the tail surfaces on, and epoxy gluing the wing halves together. The ESC has to be secured, and the maze of wires plugged in. Most of the channels have a 3 or 4 way splitter on them to power all of the servos and lights. He is powering the plane with a 3200-4S Lipo. The instructions recommended a 2500-4S, but the 3200 works fine. One thing Dale noticed about the ESC that came with the plane (an FMS brand ESC), is that if you have the throttle off and loose contact with the transmitter, the prop starts turning at low speed. This can be a hazardous condition that people need to be aware of, and it is a good idea to test all electrics while they are safe and secured to see what they will do when they lose radio signal. Dale then demonstrated the talking feature of his new DX9 transmitter. The programming is very similar to the DX18, with sequencing and checklists.



Dale Gathman

14 **Dennis Smalley** displayed his first attempt at a large scale plane, the 20cc



Dennis Smalley

Hangar 9 Dehavilland Tiger Moth. This is the plane that all British pilots learned on before graduating to the Spitfire during WWII. Dennis installed an OS GT22 rear carburetor motor. The plane is assembled completely with small M3 bolts, no glue at all. Discussion was had on what scale the plane is, and **Dennis McFarlane** believes that it is 1/5 scale. Dennis Smalley upgraded the control horns to larger DuBro horns. He said that the wing transport brackets didn't fit the wings very well. He hopes to get **Cliff Fullhart** to help him get it flying soon.

**Kevin Kessler** showed off his new hobby horse airplane stand. Kevin put a 50cc plane on it and that is about the maximum size he would recommend. With wheels installed it can be rolled around with the plane sitting on it. The cost was

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Kevin Kessler

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\$200.00 with wheels, and it is available from RCAirplaneStands.com.



Dennis McFarlane

Dennis McFarlane showed his new Great Planes Rifle 1M. He said that it is incredibly fun. It flies about 130 mph with no noise. Dennis brought the plane to the Turkey Fry, along with 5 batteries and 5 propellers. After 6 flights, he took no propellers home with him. The good thing is the props list at only \$1.80. The plane is constructed of molded fiberglass. Servos have to be added, along with

ESC, motor and receiver. The wings use 3156 micro servos that get glued in. Dennis installed a 617 Futaba receiver. The motor turns at 34,000 rpm.

Dennis then showed us his new Estes Proto quadcopter, which costs under \$40.00. The battery is built in. The motors are soldered to the PC board, which serves as the boom. The transmitter is very small. It runs on 2.4 GHz.

Next, Dennis displayed a new quadcopter from Traxxas. It is designed extremely durable, which Dennis demonstrated by throwing it against the wall. He



said that you just can't break it. It has 6 gyros in it, and is incredibly stable. The price will be about \$145.00. Lights can be turned on and off. They will have a camera available for it in the spring. Dennis stated that Helimax, Flyzone, and the Chinese guys at the mall kiosks all have quadcopters with cameras for under \$150.00. Helimax has a quadcopter that will return home from any direction with the push of a button, available for \$150.00. Dennis stated that the best GPS-enabled homing quadcopter on the market right now is the DJI Phantom.

Field Chairman Mark Knoppkie announced that his first year as Field Chairman has been interesting. He thanked everyone who helped set-up and tear-down, as well as Greg Bohler for his help learning the job. Mark then stated that he would be willing to serve as Field Chairman again next year.

Tom Spriet next announced that it was time to open the floor one last time for Officer and Director nominations for 2014. Dale Gathman announced that the following nominations have been made and accepted at this point:



Mark Knoppkie

- Alvin Cole for President
- Tom Siwek for President
- John Fischer for Vice President
- Dave Murray for Vice President
- Dale Gathman for Secretary (incumbent)
- Paul Jacobs for Treasurer (incumbent)
- Bob Boen for Director at Large
- Todd Culbertson for Director at Large
- Cindy McFarlane for Director at Large (incumbent)
- Joe Pedone for Director at Large (incumbent)
- Sal Perno for Director at Large
- Doug Swanson for Director at Large

Tom Spriet will automatically take over the Past President position.

Tom Spriet opened the floor for nominations.

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**Tom Siwek** asked to be removed from nomination for President due to time constraints.

**John Fischer** asked to be removed from nomination for Vice President due to time constraints.

**Tony Sokol** asked Dale prior to the meeting to be removed from nomination for Director at Large to make room for someone new.

The following new nominations were made and accepted:

**Tom Siwek** for Vice President

**John Fischer** for Director at Large

**Susan Galle** for Director at Large

Tom then closed nominations for the 2014 Board positions.

Hearing no further business, President Tom Spriet asked for a motion to adjourn. **Tony Sokol** moved, and **Dennis McFarlane** seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dale Gathman – Secretary FVAC

## MEMBERS in the spotlight

FVAC's own, Captain Dave Murray, along with his T-33, appear in the January issue of *Model Aviation*! You can find the image, shown at right, on page 113 in the "RC Jets" column. Congratulations, Dave, for making it into the magazine.



Spitfire Mk IXc 30cc ARF  
by Hangar 9 (HAN4495)

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Dave Murray and Ken Olsen enjoyed flying their FeiBao T-33 jet at Jets Over Kentucky. These models are featured on the "Jets Over Kentucky" DVD by RCKen Publications.

# ★ AIR SUPREMACY OVER ELKHART ★

by Dave Cotton

**AIR SUPREMACY OVER ELKHART**, Indiana is a three day event which promotes warbirds and classic giants (pre 1974). This first-year event was held at the Elkhart Airport and brought out a large crowd of about one thousand people to watch and enjoy the flying. Of course, a mid-day show both Friday and Saturday was flown. Friday's weather was gusty winds, but Saturday was beautiful with light winds down the runway.

Food was offered and there is a pancake breakfast on Saturday, prepared by the local EAA chapter 132. The event coordinator and the FBO had donated a very nice hangar for a sit-down dinner on Friday night where you could be surrounded amongst some very nice airplanes along with a beautiful Stearman biplane.

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John Fischer's Top Flite  
Cessna 310 on flyby.



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Paul LeTourneau's 13.5-foot  
span B-25, Panchito



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Dave Cotton calls  
for John Fischer



A Stearman ride was raffled to those pilots who signed up early for the event. It was great fun and great planes.

The evening diner was great with both the FBO and the Airport manager in attendance.

The City of Elkhart, Indiana has really embraced this event and has even gone to the great cost to remove taxi lights from the taxiway to avoid model airplane take off and landing interference. This is a great group effort to make a first event get off the ground and flying, so to speak. The motel rooms were offered at a reduced price and the accommodations were fine.

A full hangar was made available for overnight storage of the airplanes and saved reassembly time.

I would recommend this event for some great fun. It's only a two-hour drive from Chicago and easy access. The event holders were inviting, fun and of course the planes were fabulous. ✈



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John Fischer was awarded "Best ARF"

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Eric Karl calls for one of Dave Murray's flights

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Dave Murray was awarded "Best Jet"



# SHOTS FROM THE FIELD

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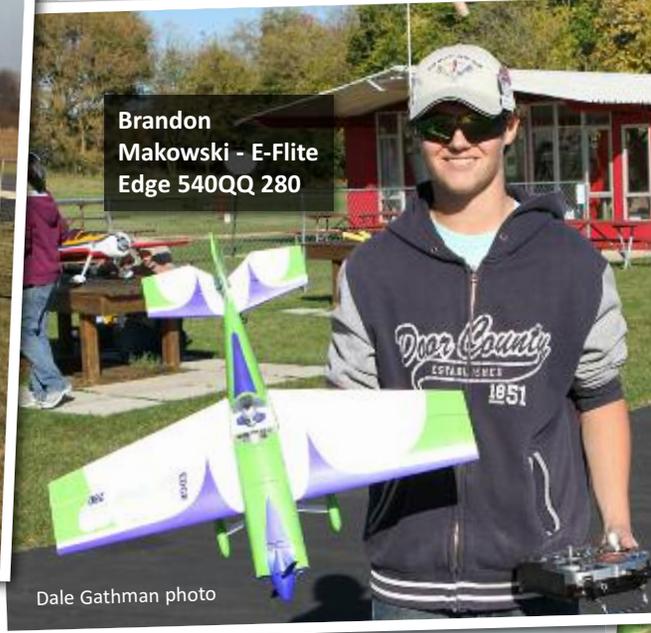
Mark Beezhold –  
Aeroworks Yak54  
w/O.S. 1.20 AX

Dale Gathman photo



Joe Pedone -  
SebArt Angels 50E

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Makowski - E-Flite  
Edge 540QQ 280

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Dale Gathman –  
ParkZone Focke-  
Wulf FW-190A-8

Paul Makowski photo



Cliff Fullhart – ¼ scale  
Balsa USA Sopwith Pup

Paul Makowski photo



Dale Gathman photo



Jason Boettcher – Aeroworks  
Yak54 w/DA100 and E-Flite  
UMX Micro Yak 54

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Mark Beezhold -  
Hitec Weekender  
Extra 300S

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Dale Gathman – ParkZone T-28

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# SHOT *of the* **month**



The Editor's ParkZone Stinson Reliant  
SR-10 against an October sky.

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