



# Fox Valley Aero Club

## Flypaper

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**Christmas Parties.** The Christmas Party saw another fun time had by all those who attended. It was great seeing all of you in the 'different'

setting of the Hilton Garden, enjoying each other's company and having a nice dinner. Many of our members look forward to the party as a great ending to the year, and a nice way to see a lot of our members all in one place. Thanks go to Debbie Howe for all of the planning involved as well as John and Katie for all of the help getting everything ready. Thanks also to those who checked everyone in and helped in other ways, including the music provided by Alvin Cole and Photos taken by Doug Swanson.

**The Rookies Pizza Christmas Party** was also a great success, and JT reported that we collected a total of \$2165.00 in gift cards from our club members as well as a good amount of toys which all went to the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program to provide Christmas gifts to families less fortunate than ours. It is always a thrill to see how our members step up and contribute for this very worthy cause.

**Looking forward to 2019 being another fun year of flying at FVAC.** We have already set the dates for the Windy City Warbirds & Classics and the Festival of Flight for 2019. We will be finalizing the remainder of our club calendar at the January board meeting, and we will do our best to prevent conflicting events, but keep

in mind that it is very hard to avoid all conflicts. Look for the calendar to be posted on our website shortly after the January meeting, as well as in the Flypaper starting with our January/February edition. As a side note - Please bring your winter projects to show off at one of our winter member meetings. It is a great way for all of us to learn about different planes and construction techniques during the long winter months.

**Electronic Election.** This was the second year of our election being electronic, and it went pretty much without a hitch. After tabulating the results, we will have the same board members for 2019 as we had for 2018. Thanks go to our Secretary Debbie Howe and her husband John for creating the election ballot via Survey Monkey and for handling the vote tabulation. Congratulations to the 2019 board members. I look forward to working with you again in 2019.

**I wish you all a Happy New Year.** Don't forget the 'Frozen Fingers' First-in-Flight event on January 1st. Details are available on our website. Even if you do not compete, it can be a blast to watch. What better way to start off the new year than spending some time at the flying field with our fellow members.

Hope to see you there,  
Dale

## FROM OUR TREASURER

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Dues remain \$125 and are due on January 1st. You may pay them by check payable to FVAC and send it to the P.O. Box 837, St. Charles, IL 60174 or to my home at 1010 Bankfield Ct., Naperville, IL 60540.

Remember to keep your AMA dues current as you cannot fly at our field unless they are paid. Most expire on December 31st so check your AMA card. Members not paying their FVAC dues by March 31st are considered late and are forbidden from flying at our field until they are paid.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I will see you at the Frozen Fingers event on January 1st

## FROM OUR EDITOR

Susan Galle  
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Hoping you all had a wonderful and Merry Christmas and wishing you all a happy, safe, healthy and prosperous New Year. Can't believe 2018 is behind us too. See you next year!

Your faithful editor,  
Susan

Q: Can bees fly in the rain? A: Not without their little yellow jackets

## FROM OUR SECRETARY

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2018 @ St Charles Township Hall



**President Dale Gathman** welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.

**Secretary, Debbie Howe** asked for a motion to approve the member meeting minutes for the October meeting minutes. A motion was made by **Orvil Fluharty** and seconded by **Sal Perno**, all approved.

**Treasurer, Paul Jacobs** let the membership know that the bank account was doing well and is about where it was last year, and that we had paid the last bill for the lawn mowing for the year and that the next big bills coming up were the Christmas parties and the Christmas raffle. A motion to approve the treasures report was made by **Bill Suhr** and seconded by **Dave Cotton**, All approved.

**Safety Chairperson, Jeff Peca** let the membership know that the board had made a change to the bi-laws in section 3, it will now say "*the FVAC member MUST spot for their guest*". This change came after a discussion about a mid-air that happened recently between a member and a guest. So the rule is, if you (a member) invite a guest out to the field to fly, YOU Must spot for them. Jeff also reminded everyone that it is good for everyone to have a spotter. Dale said we have one new member **Rich Rigoni**.

**Tom Flint** said that we had stopped mowing the field. Dale reminded everyone, Don't Shovel or plow anywhere past the nets. This upsets the people who fly in the winter off floats and the uneven ground will rip floats right off.

**Dale Gathman** commended **Susan Galle** for a great job on the Fly Paper.

**Tom Spriet** said he had nothing Government Relations wise but he wanted to thank everyone for coming out and making the Turkey Fry a huge success. A round of applause was had for everyone that worked the event and all the help. Everyone also agreed to keep it on the Saturday instead of Sunday, as it seemed to work out better.

**Tom Flint** is suggesting doing a D-Day theme for the Windy City Warbirds and Classics 2019 theme, as it will be the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Tom also said we will be sending in the reminder for the touring trailer from the AMA. **Dale Gathman** suggested that we should give AMA the dates of the Festival of Flight as well. Just in case the trailer is reserved already for the dates of the Warbird event.

**Dave Cotton** was up next to show his new Motion R/C P15. Dave said the plane cost \$100 and there is free shipping with \$99 or more order. Dave has the new 6 channel AR 620, so it has a built-in antenna which supposedly has better reception. This was designed by Texas Instrument. Dave said that he ordered the landing gear with it for \$10 and it even comes with a steerable servo. Dave said this is the P15, the plane never went into service but it would have been the follow up for the 163. **Dale Gathman** said he was out there when Dave was flying the other day and it flies great. **Dave Cotton** said the only difficult thing about it is if you are flying Spectrum, due to the elevons, you need to reverse both right and left channels. Dave has a 2200 mAH battery but it will fly on a 1300mAH. Great Flyer!

**Tom Spriet** was up next with his FMS P40. Tom said the plane was not new, but it was new to him. He said we had had another mid-air awhile back with another visitor of the feathered family, and Tom is sure he saw this goose texting, and

this goose and this P40 mid-aired. The plane suffered a lot of damage, but so did the bird. They were able to find all the pieces and with the help of some glue and some time and Dan was able to do the re- maiden, going the proper direction and this P40 lives again. Tom has lovingly named the airplane the Goose Slyer. Tom reminded us to put our FAA number on the planes and showed us his favorite spot under the tail.

**Dale Gathman** went through a survey that he found in RCM from England. The first question was age groups, other questions were things like what radio systems we use, Gas/Glow/Electric, have you had a mid-air, how many models do you have, It was very interesting to compare the percentages between our club and the magazine.

**Dale Gathman** said our last fun fly had about 10 guys, and it was very windy, Dale said that by the 3rd round only about 6 planes were flyable. John Fischer won the event with about 253 rolls total in the 3 rounds of about 1 minute each.

A big shout out went to **Armin Weber** for participating with his PT19.

**Dave Brussle** came in 2nd place and only lost to John by 1 roll.

Christmas Party Chairperson, **Debbie Howe** said for those of you who have not registered yet for the Christmas party please feel free to call, text or email me your reservation. Debbie went over the meal choices and times of the party. Debbie said we were going to be helping support the Salvation Army again this year. Debbie said we are really asking for cash or gift cards, that way we can take the cash and go around the St Charles area and purchase gift cards that the Salvation Army can use to provide gifts for the older kids that might be too old for the little kid toys. The gift certificates allow the older kids to be taken care of at Christmas as well.

Debbie also reminded everyone about the times and dates for the Rookies Christmas party. Debbie also said if anyone has suggestions that they would like to see in the Christmas raffle, please let me know. She will be going to HobbyTown this week.

Nominations opened for the Board. At this point we have nomination on the ballot of  
**Dale Gathman for President**  
**Dave Murray for Vice President**  
**Debbie Howe for Secretary**  
**Paul Jacobs for Treasurer**  
And the following members have been nominated for Directors at large

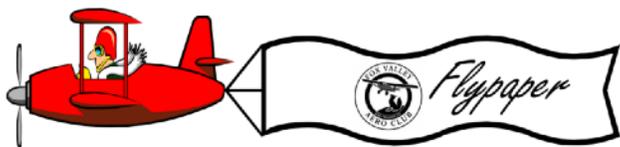
**Joe Pedone, Sal Perno, John Fischer, Mark Knoppkie, Armin Weber, Jim Thompson, Hillary Bean, Orvil Fluharty.**

**Dale Gathman** told those people who are nominated that they can write an article about yourself and get it to Susan by Sunday afternoon to put in the Fly Paper Election edition.

A motion was made by **Jeff Peca** to close the nominations and seconded by **Dave Cotton**, all approved.

**Swap Chairman, Joe Pedone** said that reservation for the swap shop are open and we have our first reservation. Joe did let everyone know that there will be no tri-village club swap this year, due to a calendar conflict, so it may increase sales and attendance at our event. Table prices will be \$23 for one, \$21 for 2 or more and \$25 at the door.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Alvin Cole** and seconded by **Sal Perno**. All approved.



**DELTA:** Doesn't Ever Leave The Airport  
**DELTA:** Don't Expect Luggage To Arrive.

**Confucious Says,**"Man who runs through air port turnstile, backwards, going Bangkok".

To wrongs don't make a right but to wrights make an airplane.

**JFK New York (CNN):** At John F. Kennedy International Airport today, a Caucasian male (later discovered to be a high school

mathematics teacher) was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a compass, a protractor, and a graphical calculator. According law enforcement officials, he is believed to have ties to the Al-Gebra network. He will be charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

**Air Force One** Dick Cheney and George W Bush are flying on Air Force One. George looks at Dick, chuckles and says, "You know, I could throw a \$100.00 bill out the window right now and make one person very happy." Dick shrugs his stiff shoulders and says, "Well, I could throw ten \$10.00 bills out the window and make 10 people very happy." Laura tosses her perfectly sprayed hair and says, "I could throw one hundred \$1.00 bills out the window and make a hundred people very happy." Condoleezza Rice rolls her eyes, looks at all of them and says, "I could throw all three of you out the window and make the whole country happy."

**Blonde Stewardess** An airline captain was breaking in a new blonde stewardess. The route they were flying had a layover in another city. Upon their arrival, the captain showed the stewardess the best place for airline personnel to eat, shop and stay overnight. The next morning, as the pilot was preparing the crew for the day's route, he noticed the new stewardess was missing. He knew which room she was in at the hotel and called her up wondering what happened. She answered the phone, crying, and said she couldn't get out of her room. "You can't get out of your room?" The captain asked, "Why not?" The stewardess replied: "There are only three doors in here," she sobbed, "one is the bathroom, one is the closet, and one has a sign on it that says 'Do Not Disturb!'"























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