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Special Edition: Election 2015 Fox Valley Aero Club

This Special Edition *Flypaper* is dedicated to the upcoming election for the Officers and Directors who will lead our club in 2016.

In this issue are statements (biographies) from the candidates. They are published alphabetically by position and name.

You will receive a ballot in the mail from our Secretary, Dale Gathman. Inside his mailing you will find an official ballot and also a post-paid return envelope. Simply make your selections and drop it back in the mail to Dale.

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Director At Large (six positions)

John Fischer for Director at Large (incumbent)
Tom Flint for Director at Large
Jason Flowers for Director at Large
Rich Gabrys for Director at Large (incumbent)
John Howe for Director at Large
Kevin Kessler for Director at Large
Sal Perno for Director at Large (incumbent)
Rob Sampson for Director at Large (incumbent)
Gary Stephens for Director at Large
Bill Suhr for Director at Large
Armin Weber for Director at Large (incumbent)

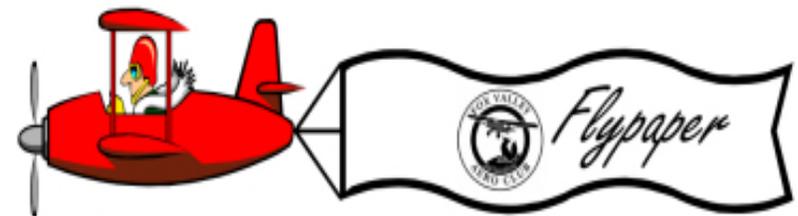
Dale Gathman for Secretary (unopposed)

Thank you for allowing me to serve as club secretary for 2015. Serving on the board for the last four years (three as secretary) has been very fulfilling for me. It takes some time away from flying and building, but the duties are enjoyable and I feel like I have done my part in keeping the club fun and exciting for the members. I would encourage any member to get more involved, if for no other reason than to learn more about the club. The great thing about this club is that every member can get what they want out of it. If a member just wants to come out once in a while and fly, great. We have one of the best fields in the country. If however, a member wants to get involved in the events or as a board member, the opportunities are there. Every event needs many volunteers to help it run smoothly.

This year I was able to attend all of our FAVC events, as well as Warbirds & Classics over the Midwest (Fon Du Lac) and Air Supremacy over Elkhart, both members of the Warbird & Classics Alliance. The year started out with our Frozen Fingers – First in Flight contest on January 1st. We then had another successful swap thanks to Joe Pedone and John Turner. The club participated this year in the Batavia Loyalty Day Parade, and we were awarded second place in the adult category. Thanks Brian Wituk and all of the volunteers for helping out. We again had a successful Rocket Fest and Kids Fly day thanks to Todd Culbertson and our volunteer pilots and spotters. We also had the member favorites - Pig Roast and Turkey Fry (everyone likes to eat). We also had three Fun Flies, one every couple months. My favorite event was our Windy City Warbirds & Classics event, which drew about 70 pilots from our club as well as six other states. This was a chance for us to see some of the coolest planes and best pilots flying today (at least in the United States). We also had a night fly on Saturday night following the Warbird event, and opened the field for any AMA pilot from the event to stay and fly all day Sunday. What a fun four days. Our final big flying event was the Festival of Flight, and that was also a great success. Thanks to John Fischer and Tom Flint for all of the work they put in to these two events, as well as all of the many club volunteers who made these events possible. We really have a great club of giving, talented members.

On the business end of things, the board had another full year. I really appreciate all of the board members and the time that they commit to governing our club. Besides all of the events listed on the calendar, the board deals with some issues that need to be kept at the board level for one reason or another. Alvin Cole has done a great job of leading us through handling some of the more difficult problems that came up. That being said, I have always held to the belief that the club may be guided by the board, but it is the member's club. If you want to see something different, or you have new ideas that we haven't thought of, please let us know. We are here to represent you. The year ahead promises to hold some controversial issues in that the FAA and AMA are discussing Unmanned Aircraft registration. The availability of inexpensive drones and drones that can basically fly themselves have sparked a lot of controversy. The board will stay informed on this issue as information is made available, and we will make sure that the members are informed of any changes that affect our club and its members.

I look forward to 2016 being another great year at the Fox Valley Aero Club. We have a large and diverse membership, who have a lot of wisdom and talent in many areas, especially RC. We have been lucky to have 28 new members join the club this year, many of them from nearby clubs. If you are one of the new members and want to know my history with aviation and RC flying, please see the Meet the Members section of the September 2011 Flypaper which is available on the website. I obviously have acquired a few more planes since then, and also have gained a lot more experience. I will continue to work to assure that our club is run by the members, and to make your opinions heard at the board meetings. Do not hesitate to bring any ideas or concerns to my attention. I appreciate your nomination to serve as secretary of the club again in 2016, and will work hard to help our club remain one of the best flying clubs in the Midwest if you honor me with your vote.



ELECTION EDITION



John Fischer for Director at Large

Hello to all members of the Fox Valley Aero Club:

My name is John Fischer and I am running for one of the open Board of Director's positions. I think this past year has been a blast, and I hope you agree! I successfully organized and ran two events in 2015, the Windy City Warbirds and Classics and the Festival of Flight. What do I mean by successful; we ran this event while upholding the tenets set upon us by our president, Alvin Cole, namely we were safe, had fun and were courteous. Did I mention profitable? Yes, for the first time in years we have had two

back to back events that significantly added to the bottom line. I was happy to do it.

Of course I cannot take all of the credit. I have successfully surrounded myself with some of the most talented people in the club. Each person has great strengths that I have been able to use to make these events successful. If elected to the board again for 2016 I will look forward to running these two events with as much enthusiasm as possible and make them as, if not more successful than in 2015. If you have a special interest or skill and would like to become part of my event team next year, please let me know.

So I ask for your vote!

Happy, fun, safe and courteous flying.

John Fischer



Tom Flint for Director at Large

"Touch and Go, Alvin," I yelled at the sky with a huge smile on my face. I was having fun. "Tom, you are getting to close to your prop," says Dave Cotton. I was learning to be safe. "You might want to turn that gasket around. Then your engine will start," says Vic Miller. I was learning about carburetors and being courteous. "I love this flying shi... stuff," says Dan Compton. I was learning how to fly. "Sure I will trim out your plane for you," says Cliff Fulhart. "Get in the car, Smoky." I will never learn to trim a plane.

Ok, so this statement is supposed to be about me, but it is really about all the people who are at the club. It is about all the people who I have learned from and shown me what the club is about, and who have quietly demonstrated how to enjoy our hobby by volunteering and being involved. And now to give back, I am volunteering to run for the open *Officer at Large* position.

John Fischer and Dale Gathman are incredible leaders for our major events, and I have enjoyed helping them by doing the brochures, t-shirts, event logos and press releases, We as a team and club, have increased the community attendance, club involvement, AMA awareness and even made a little extra money.

Dave Murray, our Vice President, always greets everyone with the biggest smile. I have seen him fly in from Europe and then still in uniform come fill our pop machine. I was so glad when he agreed to be the focus of this year's Media Day that I initiated and talk about his RC Jet skills and how it relates to our club and his career.

Tom Sprit helped me start SGMOP, our Short Grass MOWing Program, so we have one less excuse for crashing. Jerry Witka along with the SGMOP volunteers, for the last two years has done a wonderful job of making the program work.

The list of people who lead our club is huge: Paul Jacobs and his budget magic and midnight messages, John Turner and Joe Perdone, the SWAP Meet and Christmas Party, Jason Boettcher who produces our exciting newsletter, Armin Weber, our Club CA sponsor and a person who is always willing to help us Warbird enthusiast, and a long list of others. I hope I have

demonstrated my willingness to also help lead this club and am excited about the opportunity to be on the board.

"Let's Go Fly!"..... "Smoky, get in the car."

Sincerely,

R Thomas Flint

RTF. Ready to Fly, any time, any plane.



John Howe for Director at Large

My name is John Howe. I have been flying R/C airplanes from the age of 14 and I am now 43. I will fly anything with a wing/wings but my preference is giant scale war birds and classics. I have had the pleasure to fly at many of the FVAC events in the past and now due to the move in the field of the Suburban R/C Barnstormers, we (myself, my wife “Debbie and our daughter “Katie”) have joined the FVAC family. I would like to take this quick opportunity to say “Thank You” to everyone at FVAC who have made us feel welcomed and a part of a great club. At our other club I have held many board positions, I have been president, vice president, fun fly director and I been the head flight instructor for the past 11 years, on their board of directors for the past 10 years, and my wife and I “ok mainly my wife and I just did what she told me to do” but we have run their “Swap til you drop” swap shop for the past 18 years. As you can see I believe in order to be a good club member, you need to give back as much as you get and more. I recently just signed up to be a flight instructor at FVAC, that is why I believe one way to grow a club is to work with the community and new comers to the hobby, to make every day out at the field a good one and safe one for everyone. I would be honored to be on the board of the FVAC and to continue to be a FVAC member for many years to come.



Kevin Kessler for Director at Large

Thank you for considering me for a position on the FVAC Board as "Director-at-Large". I am proud to be a member of Fox Valley Aero Club and it would be an honor to serve on the Board.

You can find me at the flight line with Cliff, Sal and Tom doing touch and goes. I am usually flying a Cub, Super Cub or my Caterpillar Air Tractor. If I'm not flying one of my big yellow planes nice and slow and you see me flying a sport plane, trying to do something different, you might want to take cover.

A lot goes into making Fox Valley Aero Club one of the finest Remote Controlled Model Aircraft fields in the area. Some of my friends that belong to other clubs refer to us as the "Country Club". I guess that would make us FVACC. When I am not traveling and working I am grateful that I have such a nice place to fly. I look forward to helping us maintain our "Country Club" status.



Salvatore Perno for Director at Large

My name is Sal Perno. I would love to continue to serve you as a Director at Large board member. I've been a member of FVAC for 7 years and enjoy meeting and helping people in our club. I am proud to be part of the team that put together Windy City War birds and Classics and serve as Flight line coordinator for this and our Festival of flight. So I'm asking for your support so that I can help move this great club of ours forward to have even more success and fun in 2016.



Rob Sampson for Director at Large

My name is Rob Sampson. I attended the University of Illinois Institute of Aviation where I earned most of my pilot certificates and an Airframe and Power-plant mechanics license. I graduated with a degree in Marketing.

During my 40 years in aviation I've been a mechanic on WWII aircraft and worked in a simulator factory. I did flight instruction, charter flying, corporate jets and I flew 34 years with the airlines, retiring 4 years ago.

Like many of you, I started building and flying u-control models in the 60's. I like all types of aircraft, large, small, gas, electric, sailplanes, float planes, helicopters and quads. I enjoy building both kits and from scratch, but I also have many ARFs in the hanger.

I've been a member of FVAC for 13 years and I have served on the Board this past year. I'm constantly impressed by the talent and professionalism of our club and its membership, and how the club handles and presents itself to the community. We have been blessed with insightful, hardworking, talented, dedicated and skilled leadership. As a result of this, our club gets better each year.

I strive to be an active member, helping on work days, festivals, kid's fly events, enjoying the social events and attending the monthly meetings.

It would be an honor to once again serve on the Board of such a great organization.

Thank you,

Rob Sampson



Gary Stephens for Director at Large

I have been interested in all types of aircraft, full scale and models, all my life. I started out with control-line models when I was a teenager. I flew 1/2A to 40 glow models, like a Little Jumping Bean, Ringmaster profile, Voodoo combat wing, and many others. In 1984 I got into RC airplanes when I stopped into Venture Hobbies and found that I could buy an RC airplane kit and use monocoat covering, CA glue, and electric starters for glow motors. This was amazing to me as I never had these things when I flew control line models. Then I joined an RC club and have been flying RC airplanes ever since.

I have gone to the Toledo RC show every year since 1986. In 1995, when I moved to St. Charles, I joined the Fox Valley Aero Club and have been a member ever since. RC flyers are very interesting people, and I like meeting people who share my interests.

Professionally I have worked on and with large computer systems ever since I got out of Purdue University with a Bachelors in Computer Technology. I am currently employed as a Unix Consultant, in the datacenter of a large international investment bank headquartered in Chicago, IL.

I have served as a board member in another R/C club on and off for many years, and an AMA contest director for 25 years. I fly electric, glow, and gas airplanes from 25 inch to 105 inch wingspan. RC airplanes are my main interest and love. If elected to the FVAC board I will do my best to add my 30+ years of RC experience to assist the club.



Bill Suhr for Director at Large

I have been a member of FVAC for 3 years and have made many new friends and have enjoyed the comradery the club projects. I live in up North in Palatine and fly as a senior captain for Priester Aviation based at Chicago Executive Airport. As a modeler, I fly electric, gas, and turbine models (looks like the F-15 I showed at the meeting will have to maiden in the spring). Having been in the hobby for almost 40yrs, and a member of the Blue Max club up north, I feel I can bring new blood, perspective, and experience to FVAC. Looking forward to another great season.

Armin Weber for Director at Large

Hello FVAC Members,

My name is Armin Weber. I am currently an At Large Director, and am running for the same position in 2016.

During the week, I am a senior software developer with a large health care organization based in Aurora. I saw my first RC airplane fly in the early seventies, and have been hooked ever since. So on the weekends, I always make time for flying. My primary interest is large scale models, WW2 being my favorite.

I have been a member of several clubs over the years and have served in various positions. I have spent nearly 20 years with FVAC, and consider it to be one of the finest clubs in the Midwest. I have been a contest director for several years and have helped organize past Kids Day and Festival of Flight events. I served as contest director for the 2014 & 2015 Warbirds & Classics event, and look forward to working on the 2016 event.

Thank you for your consideration for At Large Director.

Armin Weber





Fox Valley Aero Club
Annual Christmas Party
Friday, December 4, 2015

HILTON GARDEN INN
4070 EAST MAIN STREET
ST. CHARLES, IL

Cash Bar 6:00 P.M - ??

Hor D'Oeuvres 6:30 P.M.

Dinner served at 7:30 P.M.

Music provided FVAC President: Alvin Cole

Raffle Prizes including spouse gifts and "Big Dog Drawing"

Bring an unwrapped toy for the St. Charles "Toys for Tots" sponsored by the Salvation Army

SINGLE: \$30.00 COUPLES \$50.00

R.S.V.P. WITH ENTRÉE CHOICE(s) BY 11/20/15
john.turner@bayer.com or call (630) 443-7807 or (630) 215-6110

*Payment: Cash or check payable to **Fox Valley Aero Club***
Send payment to: John Turner's address in Elburn, IL

DINNER CHOICES including Tomato Soup and Appetizers

-Pecan Crusted Breast of Chicken with honey Dijon sauce topped w caramelized pecans

Or

-Roast Beef with Cabernet Red Wine Sauce

Or

-Penne Pasta with Portabella Mushrooms

Or

- Grilled Salmon grilled in Champaign Dill Sauce (New)

Twice Baked Potato

Salad: Mix Greens w Cranberries, Mandarin Oranges, Feta Cheese & Candied Walnuts

Broccoli Vegetable

Rolls & Butter

Carmel Apple Pie

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

John Turner

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