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Special Edition: Election 2016 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 2017.

In this issue are the statements (biographies) for 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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2017 Candidates

President

Dale Gathman

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Secretary

Debbie Howe

Treasurer

Paul Jacobs

Director At Large
(six positions)

John Fischer
Thomas Flint
Orvil Fluharty
John Howe
Mike Maciejewski
Sal Perno
Rob Sampson
Tom Spriet
Bill Suhr
Armin Weber

2016

(For your reference)

Elected Positions:

Alvin Cole – President
Dave Murray – Vice President
Dale Gathman – Secretary
Paul Jacobs – Treasurer

John Fischer – Director at Large
Tom Flint – Director at Large
Kevin Kessler – Director at Large
Sal Perno – Director at Large
Rob Sampson – Director at Large
Armin Weber – Director at Large

Non-Elected Positions:

Tom Spriet – Immediate Past President

President Appointed Positions:

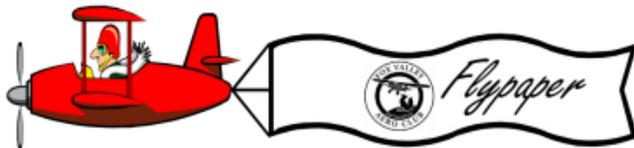
Mark Knoppkie – Field Chairman
Jeff Peca – Safety Chairman
Tony Bahowick – Membership Chairman
Todd Culbertson – Government Relations Chairman
Jason Boettcher – Flypaper Editor

Dale Gathman for President

WOW, What a year. Thank you for allowing me to serve as club secretary for 2016. Serving on the board for the last five years (four as secretary) has been a great experience. I am so proud to be able to be a part of this great club. Thank you Alvin for the confidence you've shown in me through your nomination of me for President for 2017. Both Tom Spriet and Alvin Cole have been fantastic Presidents and mentors to me as I served with them. Through their mentorship, I feel confident that I can both lead and support the board and the club as we look towards even bigger and better things in the year ahead. Not that we need bigger and better, our club has gone through some very exciting changes and improvements during the leadership terms of Tom and Alvin. The board is a very cohesive group now, and has been very successfully working together to keep improving our club. It seems that the club just keeps getting better every year.

A lot of people are necessary in order to maintain a club of our caliber. Every so often, something happens that reminds me of just how awesome our club is. Today, as I was getting ready to write this campaign statement, Susan Galle called to volunteer her services as our new Flypaper Editor (that is why you won't see her name on the board of director's ballot, even though she was nominated for Director at Large - the Flypaper Editor is automatically a member of the board). This is just another example of what I see so many times in our club - we have a need, and our members step up and fill that need.

This year I was again able to attend all of our FAVC events, as well as Warbirds & Classics over the Midwest (Fon Du Lac), another member 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 (we were



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awarded First Place in the adult category) and the St. Charles Memorial Day Parade. 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 had three Fun Flies, one every couple months. Once again, my favorite event was our Windy City Warbirds & Classics, which gets better every year thanks to John Fischer, the WCWC core team, and all of our volunteers. We had a record number of pilots this year as well as a record number of volunteers to keep everything running smoothly. This year, we added more Night Flies, which proved successful. There are more and more lighted planes available, and pilot attendance increases every time we hold one. Our final BIG flying event was the Festival of Flight, and that was also a great success. We really have a great club of giving, talented members.

I look forward to 2017 being another great year at FVAC. So, you ask "What changes do you plan to make as President"? I answered this very question the other day by saying that "If it isn't broke, don't fix it". As a board, we will stay abreast of all the hot topics and keep our members informed, as we always do. We will always be looking for better ways to do things, but will not make change just for the sake of change. We have a large and diverse membership, who have a lot of wisdom and talent in many areas, especially RC. We again this year have been lucky to have many new members join the club, many of them from nearby clubs. This influx of members has brought us a lot of talent and expertise in our hobby, as well as many ideas about how other clubs are run (both good and bad). 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 members have a voice in how the club is run, and will make your opinions heard at the board meetings. Do not hesitate to bring any ideas or concerns to my attention. As a board, we must make decisions

based on what is the best for the club as a whole, and by making your opinions known to us, we are better able to make those decisions. I appreciate your nomination to serve as President of the club for 2017, 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.



Debbie Howe for Secretary

My name is Debbie Howe. My family John, me and our daughter Katie have had the pleasure to be members at FVAC for a little over a year now, but we have flown at their invitational events for many years. I have been asked to run for secretary position for the club.

I have been around R/C planes since 1990, as John took me to the flying field on our first date. I have built kits, rebuilt crashed planes, and painted most of our planes. I do fly but only certain giant scale planes, as I tend to lose orientation on some smaller planes. So my planes of choice are cubs, space walkers and senior telemasters. I am very comfortable spotting and being out on the flight line and I enjoy it very much. In the past I have run the "Swap Til You Drop Swap Shop", for the Suburban R/C Barnstormers for 18 years and the Christmas Party and Christmas Wish Tree Raffle for over 20 years.

I feel I would make a good secretary for FVAC due to the fact that I am very well organized and detail orientated, I know the planes and the hobby well. I am excited for this role as it gives me a chance to become better acquainted with all the club members that I have been previously unable to be in contact with.

The only problem I would have is knowing all of our members names, so if given the opportunity to be secretary for the FVAC I will make it a priority to learn everyone's names as soon as possible.



Armin Weber for Director at Large

My name is Armin Weber. I am currently an At Large Director, and am running for the same position in 2017.

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 - 2016 Warbirds & Classics event, and look forward to working on the 2017 event.

Thank you for your consideration for At Large Director.

Armin Weber



Bill Suhr for Director at Large

Hello fellow FVAC members,

I have been a member of FVAC for the past 5 years and have made many new friends and have enjoyed the comradery the club projects. I live up north in Palatine and fly as a senior captain for Priester Aviation based at Chicago Executive Airport. As a modeler, I primarily fly Turbine powered models with Dave Murray. You have probably seen my F-15 and my Reaction 54 jets flying at the Warbird event this past year. Having been in the hobby for over 40 years, I understand many of the problems a club may encounter and feel I have the experience and perspective to be beneficial to FVAC in the year to come. Thanks for reading and looking forward to another great season.

FVAC Membership Renewal 2016

Dues are now due

Annual Dues are \$125.

Family Members are \$25 each, must be an AMA member and live in the same household.

Children must be under 18.

Make all checks payable to FVAC and send to:

Fox Valley Aero Club		Paul Jacobs
P.O. Box 837	or	1010 Bankfield Ct.
St. Charles, IL 60174-0837		Naperville, IL 60540



Salvatore Perno for Director at Large

For those who don't know me my name is Sal. I've been a member of FVAC for 9yrs. I am a member of the Windy City War Birds and Classics core team and have a real passion for this club and its members. I live in Winfield with my Beautiful Wife Rose, who comes to the field with me most of the time. I fly mostly scale that is where my passion is. I would love to, and consider it an honor, to continue serving you as a board member.



Tom Flint for Director at Large

The Fox Valley Aero Club has had another great year. We have seen membership grow, flying events expand, media day be successful, runways kept mowed, and wonderful club events enhance our club enjoyment. As a Board Member at Large I have enjoyed helping get the word out about our FVAC through our expanded Public Relations communications, heading up our short grass mowing program -SGMOP, and providing the art design for brochures, a new club flyer, and new limited edition T shirts and hats. It has been fun to do because of what the club represents.

Without the top events that John Fischer envisions and organizes, without a careful control of our expenses and ongoing communications that Paul Jacobs consistently provides, without all our club volunteers, without Dale who keeps the board and the rest of us organized, or without the enthusiastic leadership from our President Alvin Cole, we would not have had a message to communicate to the AMA about our club. So when the November issue of Model Aviation came out with our expansive club coverage, it is because of all our great members that made such an article possible. I look forward to again helping with our Media and Public Relations focus for next year.

Let's also expand Cub Day to be a sanctioned event so we all can enjoy our Cubs and "Fly like Cliff."

R Thomas Flint,
RTF - Ready to Fly-- anytime anywhere.



Orvil Fluharty for Director at Large

I am a 73 year old Retired Aircraft Mechanic.

I have been around airplanes all my life, with four years in the Air Force as an Aircraft mechanic then thirty-eight years at United Airlines also as a Mechanic, so building and flying or trying to fly models was a given. From control line to rockets to RC I've enjoyed it all.

I became a member of FVAC in May of last year and I have enjoyed the experience, from the fantastic field to all the friendly and helpful members. The resourcefulness of the members in this club is great, when something needs to be done there is always someone there willing to do the job.

I have served as an officer and board member in my former club and know the importance of the officers and board in keeping the club headed in the right direction, I appreciate being considered for a board position and would do my best to help continue what has already been established.

Thanks, Orvil



John Howe for Director at Large

My name is John Howe and I started flying around the age of 14. I enjoy staying active in club activities along with helping to aid in the growth and prosperity of this awesome hobby. With so many different aspects and phases of the hobby I feel there is always something new to sample and ultimately conquer. It is truly a pleasure meet someone who has "invented" a new or creative way of completing a model and is willing to share. I hope to be able to continue my journey of evolution and plan on aiding others in their journey as well. I am very fortunate that my wife Debbie and daughter Katie are also active in the hobby. They have been attending various events with me throughout the IN, WI, OH, MI area. This has helped me meet some very talented and passionate people. I believe we feed off others enthusiasm along with contributing ours to others. In my previous club, I helped various positions including board member, vice president, president, fun fly director, swap chairman, and flight instructor.



John Fischer for Director at Large

Hi,

My name is John Fischer. I am running for at large board member for 2017. I have been a member of FVAC since 2004. During this time I have been very involved with the FVAC over the years to include VP as well as several years as board member at large. As you know I am currently the event chairman for both the Warbirds and Classics event and the Festival of Flight. We will continue to support these events in 2017 and I will continue to be your event chairman. I am asking for your vote to be retained as board member at large for 2017 as it is easier to accomplish the goals of chairman of these events if I retain this board position.

Thank you for your consideration.



Rob Sampson for Board of Directors

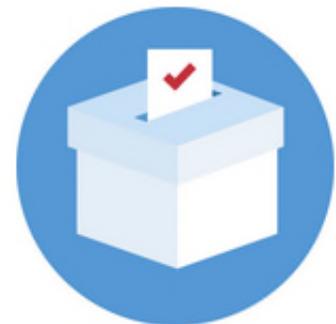
My name is Rob Sampson. I attended the University of Illinois Institute of Aviation where I earned most of my pilot certificates and an Airframe and Power-plant mechanics license. I graduated with a degree in Marketing.

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 5 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 14 years and I have served on the Board for several years. 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





Fox Valley Aero Club
Annual Christmas Party
Friday, December 2, 2016

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

Two Cash Bars 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 from Hobby Town and Hilton Garden including "best girl" 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 11/21/16
itgrassroots@yahoo.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 (Below)

FOUR DINNER CHOICES

-Slow Roasted Prime Rib (New)

Or

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

Or

-Penne Pasta with Portabella Mushrooms

Or

- Grilled Salmon grilled in Champaign Dill Sauce

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

Soup: Tomato Bisque

Broccoli Vegetable w twice baked potatoe

Rolls & Butter

Desert: Carmel Apple Pie

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemon Aid

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