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Flypaper

Special Edition: 2019 Election

This Special Edition Flypaper is dedicated to the upcoming election for the Officers and Directors who will lead our club in 2020.

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

We have made it even easier this year. You should be receiving an email shortly from Survey Monkey (check your spam as well) under the subject it will say "FVAC", choose your desired candidates and then hit "send" - quick and easy.



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2020 Board Candidates

President

Dale Gathman

Vice President

Dave Murray

Secretary

Debbie Howe

Treasurer

Joe Pedone

Director At Large (six positions)

Dave Cotton

John Fischer

Steve Haas

Sal Perno

Bill Suhr

Jim Thompson

Armin Weber

2019 Board (for your reference):

Elected Positions

Dale Gathman - President

Dave Murray - Vice President

Debbie Howe - Secretary

Joe Pedone - Treasurer

John Fischer - Director at Large

Orvil Fluharty - Director at Large

Paul Jacobs - Director at Large

Mark Knoppkie - Director at Large

Sal Perno - Director at Large

Armin Weber - Director at Large

President Appointed Positions:

Jeff Peca - Safety Chairman

Tom Spriet - Government Relations Chmn.

Tom Flint - Public Relations Chairman

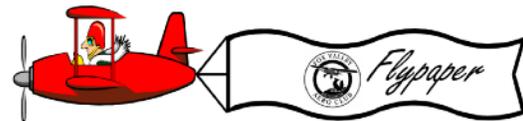
Karl Griesbaum - Field Maintenance Chmn.

Tony Bahowick - Membership Chairman

Susan Galle - Flypaper Editor

Automatically Appointed Positions:

Alvin Cole - Immediate Past President



ELECTION EDITION

Dale Gathman for President 2020



I thank you for nominating me to once again serve as president of our club in 2020. If you are new to the club and would like to know a little about my history before FVAC, see the Meet the Members section of our September 2011 Flypaper, available on our website. Since joining the club in 2011, I have served one year as Director at Large, four years as Secretary, and three years as President.

I really enjoyed our 2019 year at Fox Valley Aero Club. During my third year as club President, we had a great deal of fun flying, building, sharing stories and tips, and spending time with each other at our flying field, at our events, and at our meetings. We as a club pooled out talent and resources to successfully host our Annual Swap Meet, our 2019 Windy City Warbirds & Classics, and our 2019 Wings & Wheels – Festival of Flight. We also had our Cub Fly, two Night Flies, Family Fly Day, Retro Fly, Cookouts, Parades, and the list goes on. What I realize looking back on the year is that none of us by ourselves could pull off such a large group of events. The only reason our club can so successfully accomplish this schedule is through the leadership of all our board members and the help of all of you, our members.

I really appreciate you all for both being members of the club, and for your willingness to always step up when the need arises. You are what makes this club the great club that it is.

This year, we will be having either three or four new directors at large, as Paul Jacobs and Orvil Fluharty are stepping down as Directors and Mark Knoppkie will be taking over for Karl Griesbaum as Field Chairman. Thank You to Paul, Orvil and Mark for your help during your terms on the board. This leaves three open Director at Large spots and we have a total of seven members running for the six Director at Large positions. Four of the candidates have not served on the board previously. I encourage you to read through all of the Candidate's Statements a couple of times and get to know them through their statements if you do not know them already.

As we get closer to January, we will be discussing our calendar for 2020, and there have been a couple of new or modified events suggested. We will most likely be sending out a survey of the members so that we get a better feel for what you as members want for the club. As always, please voice your opinions and concerns to any of the board members, so that we make sure that all your concerns are being discussed.

With your help and support, the 2020 board will continue to work to keep Fox Valley Aero Club one of the premier clubs in the country. In this fast-changing time in the R/C flying hobby, we need to do everything in our power to help to maintain and grow our hobby of flying. We will look at ways that we can promote not only flying, but building airplanes, which seems to be a declining skill. I will do my best to keep abreast of any changing government and AMA regulations that may be coming and will keep you informed. Let's plan to have another fantastic year of Flying, Fun, Safety and Camaraderie. I count it a privilege to have you as FVAC members and look forward to spending some time with you in 2020.

See you at the field,
Dale

Debbie Howe for Secretary in 2020

My name is Debbie Howe. My family John, myself and our daughter Katie have had the pleasure to be members at FVAC for four years now, but we have flown at their invitational events for many years. I have been asked to run again 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 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 can continue as secretary for FVAC due to the fact that I am very well organized detail-oriented, I know the planes and the hobby well not to mention I'm very well acquainted with our members.

I look forward to serving the club again in the next year and would be honored to get your vote.

Thank you.

Dave Cotton for Director at Large

My name is David Cotton, and I am running for a board of director position.

I've been a member of FVAC for quite some time and am passionate about flying model airplanes and this hobby. What can I say – I love to fly – but truly the thing I enjoy most is the friendship and comraderie that this club brings forth.

As most of you know, I assist in the Windy City Warbirds and Classics event and the Festival of Flight and put forth as much energy as I can muster to make these events successful, with both the club and the visiting pilots.

I attend as many meetings as I can and wish to further my involvement in this wonderful club.

Thank you for the nomination and I would feel fortunate and honored to serve as a member on the board.

Dave

John Fischer for Director at Large



Hi,

My name is John Fischer. I am running for at-large board member for 2020. 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 the highly successful Warbirds and Classics event. The 2019 board has approved dates for the Warbird event in 2020 and I will continue to be your event chairman. I am asking for your vote to be retained as board member at large for 2020.

Together, we can make 2020 another fun and exciting year!

Thank you for your consideration.

John

Steve Haas for Director at Large

Hi, My name is Steve Haas and I am running for the Board. I have been involved with RC flying since 1979 and have been on the board of another Club on and off for the past 10 years. I have been a member of the Fox Valley Flying Club for over 5 years and have helped out at the Warbirds and Classics and the Festival of Flight. What I like about the Fox Valley Club is that it is a very well run and organized club with great club members that volunteer when needed and without them the club would not be able to run all the events. I do not see any need to change anything with how the club is run.

Thank you for nominating me.

Sincerely
Steve Haas

Salvatore Perno for Director at Large



My name is Sal Perno. I've been a member of FVAC for 12 years. I live in Winfield. I fly mostly scale as that is where my passion is. I also love to help new members learn about our club and the hobby. I am also one of the forming members of the Windy City War Birds and Classics core team.

I really enjoy this hobby and would love to, and consider it an honor, to continue serving you as a board member.

Sal

Bill Suhr for Board Member

My name is Bill Suhr and I am a candidate for board member at FVAC. I am a full

time pilot for the last 23 years flying private jets, currently a Hawker 4000 (see photo) based at Chicago Executive Airport. For the last 47 years I have been involved with and flying RC airplanes, from my Sig Cadet thru turbine powered jets like my F-15.



I have been a member of FVAC for approximately 7 years and have actively participated in our various events, usually as one of the Flightline crew.

James Thompson for Director at Large

Greetings Fellow FVAC Members! My name is James Thompson.



I am entering my 4th year as a Member of FVAC. Besides the fact that it's one of the premier RC Facilities in the Midwest, the members and the comraderie of this Club is "Second to None". I come from a background in Residential/Industrial maintenance, with an emphasis on Safety Programs. At this time, I have approximately 12 yrs. experience flying assorted RC aircraft. You will usually catch me at the field, flying one of my many Electric Ducted Fan Jets, even though I started in the hobby flying "Glow" aircraft.

I am always willing to help my fellow members in any way possible. It is for this reason I have accepted the nomination for "Director at Large", so that I can continue assisting this Club and my fellow members in yet another capacity.

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 2020.



During the week, I am a senior software developer with a large health care organization based in Naperville. I enjoy my work and am proud to say this year marks my 40th year with the same company. I saw my first RC airplane fly in the early seventies and have been hooked ever since.

My primary interest is large scale models, WW2 aircraft being my favorite. I have been a member of several clubs over the years and have served in various positions. I have spent over 20 years with FVAC, and consider it to be one of the finest clubs in the Midwest. I have been a contest director for many years and have

helped organize past Kids Day and Festival of Flight events. I served as contest director for the 2014 - 2019 Warbirds & Classics event and look forward to working on the 2020 event.

I am a member of the Warbird and Classics Alliance, and attend several of the Warbird and Classic flying events. My goal as at large Director is to:

- Support the board in promoting a safe and welcoming environment for the membership, guests, and spectators.
- Support, and promote activities that engage our neighbors, and the local communities.
- Represent FVAC at flying events
- Balance the considerable need for safety and restrictions, with the goal of this hobby (which is to have fun).

Thank you for your consideration for At Large Director.

Armin Weber



Fox Valley Aero Club
Annual Christmas Party
Saturday, December 7, 2019

HILTON GARDEN INN
4070 East Main Street
St. Charles, IL

Two Cash Bars 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Hor D'Oeuvres 6:30 P.M.
Dinner served at 7:30 P.M.

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
Music provided by past FVAC President Alvin Cole

SINGLE: \$35.00

COUPLES \$60.00

RSVP with ENTRÉE CHOICE(s) BY 11/22/19
rcwife@yahoo.com or call (630) 479-4501

Payment: Cash or check payable to Fox Valley Aero Club
Send payment to: Debbie Howe (address below)

FOUR DINNER CHOICES

1. Slow Roasted Prime Rib
2. Asiago Chicken with a Lite Broth
3. Penne Pasta with Portabella Mushrooms and Vegetables
4. Grilled Salmon w/lemon dill sauce

All Dinners come with:

Salad: Garden salad with tomato and cucumber (Ranch and Italian)

Soup: Cream of Chicken Wild Rice

Vegetable, Potatoes and Rolls and butter

Dessert: Chocolate Cake

Beverages: Soda, Iced Tea, Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Send payments to: Debbie Howe - 6204 Stable Road, Woodridge, IL 60517