

<b>The Fox Valley Aero Club Monthly Newsletter</b>		
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There was an abundance of yuletide and cheer at  
the 2007 FVAC Christmas Party



The crowd mingling in search of the bar.



Hey, it's the fellas from Horizon Hobby!  
 Unfortunately, their smiles were gone when informed they couldn't put the booze on their expense accounts.

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OOOOH! Look at the prize table. A lotta flight simulators were up there. Guess someone's trying to say the club's full of crappy pilots!



See honey, I told ya I'd get ya new dress for Christmas!



Yo Rob! The bathroom's the other way. I told him ordering the chicken would be dicey.



Julian graciously accepts a special recognition award. Then proceeds to smack Jeff upside the head for the way he behaved at the last Board Meeting!



"I did not have sexual relations with that woman!"  
Oh, wait, that quote was from a different President.



Once the business was dispensed with, it was time to crank up the Disco lights and really get the party started!

The full offering of Christmas party photos can be found on the website at [www.foxvalleyaero.com/club\\_gallery/index.htm](http://www.foxvalleyaero.com/club_gallery/index.htm)

**Editor's Message**

Tom Siwek – [tsiwek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsiwek@sbcglobal.net)



**Hi, I'm the New Guy!**

I hope everyone is enjoying the holidays. The Flypaper opens 2008 with a new editor and a new look. Some of what you'll see is familiar and some will be new. My thanks to Paul Jacobs for the outstanding job he's done with the Flypaper and for supporting my desire to take on this role. I have a lofty standard to uphold! We're going to continue focusing on being informative in an entertaining way. Something between *Newsweek* and *MAD Magazine*!

The Christmas party was a great success. Special Recognition Awards were presented to Dan Compton, Julian Pugh and John Redman for their contributions to the club. Cindy McFarlane received the 2007 Top Gun Award. Congratulations to all. Big Dog Raffle winners were: Rob Sampson (Hangar 9 27% Extra 260), Jack Ekstrom (Great Planes 25% YAK 54) and LeRoy Retzlaff (Spektrum DX7).

Congratulations to all of the new club officers, committee chairmen and board members. We've turned the page and are starting a new chapter of club leadership. I think the new group will do a great job in keeping FVAC the "gold standard" of Chicago-area aeromodeling clubs.

With the holidays close to passing, winter building projects will begin heating-up. I'd like to chronicle a build or two in upcoming editions of the newsletter. If anyone has a project they'd like featured, let me know. I want to hear from those who routinely glue their fingers together – or to their models for that matter.

I've been writing this report, little by little, over the course of several weeks. As I wrap it up, I'm sitting on my couch on Christmas day evening surveying what's left of my house. Dinner for 10 and small toy store's worth of stuff has my house looking like it's been hit by a scud missile. It'll all be put back together by mid-day tomorrow. As usual, Santa was good to the kids (dad can't complain either).

With Christmas now in the rear-view mirror, it's time to move on to this winter's modeling projects. With a small fortune in hobby store gift certificates in my pocket, the ideas are swirling! I'll get it sorted out over the next week and start the spending – and building.

At this point, the long range forecast has New Year's Day looking relatively mild (low 30s'). Weather as good as any for a fun fly! Come out and fly. Not up for flying, come out to watch for a little bit, shoot the breeze, and tell everyone what Santa brought you. Either way, don't spend the day on the couch. Besides, what better way to nurse a New Year's Eve induced hangover!

Issue #1 for 2008 is now in the can. I hope you find it at least mildly tolerable!

Chao for now, Tom

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## **President's Message**

Dominic Saverino – [dominics@saverino.org](mailto:dominics@saverino.org)



Hello to all my fellow FVAC members. I hope that you got everything you wanted for Christmas... I know I did even if I had to go buy it myself.

We all should look back for a minute and wonder how we obtained one of the greatest flying fields in the country and if you don't know I will help you. It was 80% due the efforts of past President Jeff Anderson. Yes, he pushed hard; yes, he made a lot of people either step up or get out of the way. One thing I want every one to remember from our past president was that he never asked any one of us to work harder than he did himself. Thank you Jeff you have earned your place into the hall of fame.

At the Christmas party I said that I believe I have surrounded myself with better people than me and I mean this. You are going to find that I am going to have a way of running things that passes ownership around well. I like committees of small groups to handle issues as they come up. One person doesn't need to be responsible for every thing. We will put in black and white the procedures of the chain of command and how we want things done as a board. We are in a new situation of having our tree house already built and need to come up with the business part of running it.

Thank you for electing me and my board into office and I know we will make you all proud this year and may I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

*Dominic*

## All Season Flying

Member LeRoy Retzlaff braving the elements December 19<sup>th</sup> to get in a little air time.

Don't forget the New Year's Day Fun Fly. 10:00 a.m. sharp!



## **Vice President's Message**

Dennis McFarlane – [highpd119@aol.com](mailto:highpd119@aol.com)



I don't know about the rest of you, but I suffer from SAD, diagnosed Seasonal Affective Disorder, or as I prefer to refer to the effects of cold and snow, seasonal acquired depression. After I retired I'd had a few problems adjusting to a more normal "civilian" lifestyle. The doctor I was seeing told me to double up on the medication from December through March, but I chose to flush it down the toilet instead. My sister lives in California, my brother in South Carolina, my eldest daughter in Arizona, and here I am wading through cold and snow. It never has made a lot of sense. You might want to repeat after me; just a little longer and warm weather will be on the way...

Cindy brought home a Hanger-9 B-25 for my birthday. Although this will be my "winter project" I've not really dug into it much as I've got a few maintenance issues to deal with first. On my Staggerwing Beach I've decided to remove the retractable tail wheel and replace it with a fixed unit. Ground handling seems to be a problem with this airplane, and by removing the retract, and installing a larger hard rubber tire and fixed tail wheel unit I should be able to improve ground handling, plus eliminate the problem of the cantankerous retract unit and doors that don't always want to close. The other issue to be dealt with is also a tail wheel. The tail wheel assembly on the P-6e Hawk is way too small for the airplane. This will also be a simple repair, but needs to be done. Basically the covering will need to be cut away, a plywood mounting plate epoxied in place, and then a new, larger, tail wheel unit installed. Winter is the perfect time for all of us to do the required maintenance.

A couple of issues ago Dan (Compton) spoke about replacing any nylon clevises with metal parts. I can't stress the support of Dan's opinion strong enough. If you've got nylon clevises on anything larger than a 1/2-A size airplane spend a couple of dollars and replace these before you're shopping for a new aircraft. The other thing I totally agree with, and can't stress enough is to get a cheap nylon bristle paint brush at your local home improvement center and clean your transmitter. Don't spray half a bottle of cleaner on the transmitter case, and then try to brush it off, but spray the bristles of the paint brush and get down in the corners and crevices of your very expensive transmitters and clean them up. I'll only add one preference to Dan's comment. Once you've got your transmitter cleaned, store it in a 2.5 gallon zip-lock bag. There's a lot of dust and other gremlins lurking in our respective work areas and nothing is worse than a gritty, notchy gimbal.

Speaking of both winter weather, and the Staggerwing, if you're like me, about the only thing you are flying is a simulator. Don't just fly around doing a few loops and rolls. Get into the programming features and add things like unexpected flight failures, crosswind gusts, just about anything you can think of. I've got close to 300 flights on a simulator with the Staggerwing. I've played around with the CG, wind direction, servo and engine failures, just about everything I can think of. If the simulator is even only 50% accurate, I know two things. Don't try a snap roll unless I'm at least two mistakes high, and if my engine fails when I'm low and slow I don't even want to think about extending the landing gear and trying to make the runway. I'll just keep the gear tucked up and grease it in on the grass. I've had to push the red "reset button" a whole lot of times, but I've also garnered a whole lot of information, and the actual model is sitting safe and sound.

Cindy was incredibly honored to receive the club "Top Gun" award from past president Jeff, and she's asked me to pass along a huge – THANK YOU – to Jeff and the rest of the club. The Top Gun award was way over the top. It is a huge honor that she didn't expect. One of our members jokingly suggested that if Cindy was our club top gun she should learn how to fly. There's no question that the vast majority of our club is in the know, but for those of you who aren't, Cindy is actually a fairly accomplished helicopter pilot, having placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the open helicopter class at the 1995 AMA Nats. Since Al's passing she's been occupied with the store, so hasn't got as much stick time as she'd like, but we did attend a few helicopter events this past flying season. Cindy's been flying the first V-1 Raptor that was shipped to Al's years ago. You won't see her flying much at our field. It's hard to concentrate when trying to help

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with the various aspects of club events and activity. Besides, when she socializes with people outside of the business it means a lot. However, when we have a chance to get away, she likes to buzz around a bit.



Winter has only begun but it's time to think spring.

Dennis

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Hmm. Guess the sleigh  
doesn't have Radar.

And I was so looking  
forward to getting that  
iPod for Christmas!



**Secretary's Report**

Tom Spriet – [tom@etglass.com](mailto:tom@etglass.com)



Hello to my fellow members and pilots!

I'm here as your newly elected secretary to inform you that the board of directors for the Fox Valley Aero Club has had an almost total face-lift! I'm not saying that the faces needed to be changed, our predecessors did a fantastic job and I for one hope to do as well if at all possible! A few of the retiring officers are staying on in other capacities to make sure we keep her headed into the wind! I believe that most if not all the appointed members at large have remained in place without change.

The member names and positions that were posted in the November flypaper ran unopposed and are now etched in stone for the 2008 calendar year. See page 8 in the Flypaper for the listing. Welcome to all the new board members and hats off to the retiring board for a job well done!

To my knowledge no formal business happened at the Christmas party. A few awards were handed out and I must apologize that I did not take any notes. I had a fork in one hand and a cocktail in the other. The only one that sticks in my mind was the presentation of the TOP GUN AWARD by our retiring president, Jeff Anderson. This award is given to an individual who has stood out in the crowd of members as a shining star. This person usually has sacrificed their personnel time for the good of others. This year's presentation went to a lady with a big heart, Cindy McFarlane, Congratulations Cindy!

I want to say thank you to all the members that donated to the Toys for Tots! Our gifts were again welcomed at the Salvation Army with open arms and will help to make a difference for about 600 kids at Christmas. It was very heart warming to see the out pouring of gifts collected for the less fortunate. With the flying season behind us, and Santa not here yet, its time to knuckle down and rebuild the damaged fleet who suffered from my hand at the controls! Although my flying skills greatly improved in 2007, there was still a lot of carnage!

My wife Karol and I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

See you in 2008!

Best Regards,  
Tom

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**Reminder to All Interested All Season Flyers!**

Your Editor is working on a contact list for the hardy souls who will brave the elements and fly this winter. Remember, you need a witness to attest your flights for them to count towards All Season. So, when the weather looks favorable, contact a fellow club member (or three) to meet you at the field. Freezing your can off is much more fun in a group! E-mail me with your contact information and availability to fly at [tsiw@sbglobal.net](mailto:tsiw@sbglobal.net) in order to get on the list. The list will be forwarded to the membership in a week or two and will appear in the February Flypaper.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Paul Jacobs – [paul@mertes.com](mailto:paul@mertes.com)



First of all let me start by thanking Tom Siwek for taking over the Flypaper editing job this year. After three years it was definitely time to move on and let some fresh ideas come to the position. As far as the treasurer's position is concerned, I think it should be a lot easier for me to handle. For those of you who don't know my background let me just say I passed the CPA exam many years ago (1971) and have held public accounting, controller, treasurer, and CFO positions since getting out of college in 1969. That's almost forty years of keeping track of other peoples' money and I haven't lost any of it yet.

The transition from Bill Simmons to me is going smoothly and we have met at the Harris Bank to change check signers and order new checks for the club. That went OK right up to the time the checks arrived with the named misspelled. Seems the printer didn't believe Aero was correct and used Arrow instead. I should be getting the reprinted checks by Christmas. I'll report with some real numbers for you after the first board meeting but let me say that we are starting out fresh if not a bit in the hole. There was less than \$1,000 left in the checking account when I got it and I hear there will be some bills to pay handed to me at the board meeting. I intend to give the board detailed financial information every month and summarize it for the membership here in the Flypaper. Of course any member can see the details at any time by just sending me an E-mail ([paul@mertes.com](mailto:paul@mertes.com)) or at the field.

You will be reading elsewhere in this edition about the Toy for Tots donation the club made on December 15, but afterward, Dominic, Dennis and I (The Toms' had previous commitments) met for lunch to discuss how the officers will operate in 2008. At that meeting Dominic stated that Anthony may not have the time available to handle the membership functions and I volunteered to maintain the roster. This should be easy as we now have a P.O. Box for all correspondence to the club. We are in the process of making changes to all club forms, letterhead and notifying all vendors of our new address. For those of you that haven't heard it is Fox Valley Aero Club, P.O. Box 837, St. Charles, IL 60174-0837.

Now that the winter building season is upon us it's great to be back in the shop with my two favorite building companions Jack Daniels and Johnny Walker. For 2008 I'm assembling another Goldberg Ultimate with a YS 1.20. I lost the last one by taking off with another airplane programmed into my 9CAP. I'm also assembling another GP Chipmunk with an OS 1.20 as the last one was lost to dumb thumbs as I pulled out of a descending snap roll at low altitude but didn't wait for the airspeed to build up.

Til next month,  
Paul

## **Membership Chairman's Report**

Paul Jacobs – [paul@mertes.com](mailto:paul@mertes.com)



For those of you that haven't heard, Anthony Gattuso has had other commitments arise in his life and will not be able to take care of the membership chairman functions. Dominic has asked me to take this over as it is closely related to the treasury function and I have agreed to take care of membership with the exception of the "points" system. The points program will be discussed at the January board meeting and Tom Siwek has volunteered to assist in anyway he can so look for Tom to be taking your photo at the meetings for the name badges.

Renewals for 2008 have been coming in at a good clip and as of this date we are at 50% renewed or 108 of 216 on the roster. Remember to print the renewal form out of the Flypaper or off the website and all correspondence and checks should be payable to FVAC and sent to the P.O. Box 837 in St. Charles. The dues are due now and if not paid by March 31, 2008 flying privileges are suspended until dues are paid and a \$25 penalty is assessed. If dues are not paid by December 31, 2008 you will have to reapply for membership and repay the \$300 initiation fee.

Please say a prayer for member Julian Pugh who was hospitalized after the Christmas party and they discovered a spot on his lung which turned out to be cancer. I spoke with him yesterday and he is in good spirits and he can be contacted at [JulianLPugh@gmail.com](mailto:JulianLPugh@gmail.com). For those of you new to the club, Julian has been our secretary for the past three years and continues on today as a director and government relations chairman.

Til next month,  
Paul

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## **City Relations Chairman's Report**

Julian Pugh – [julianpugh@gmail.com](mailto:julianpugh@gmail.com)



As noted by Paul above, Julian has been battling illness and was unable to submit a committee report this month. Speaking for the membership, we all wish Julian a speedy recovery.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, the club officers and your Editor delivered the toys for the Toys for Tots program to the St. Charles Salvation Army facility. St. Charles Mayor Don DeWitte was on hand to help with the unloading. Dominic's SUV was filled to the roof with toys. Reporters from both the *Kane County Chronicle* and the *Daily Herald* were on hand. Links to the articles are in the "FVAC in the News" section of the newsletter. Everyone involved was very grateful for the contributions from the club.

A huge thanks to all of the members who contributed toys and donations. There were many fox valley area children who had a brighter Christmas due to your generosity.

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### **Safety Chairman's Report**

Carl Griesbaum – [kzar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kzar@sbcglobal.net)



The field has been quiet, except for the occasional flyer and some of the All Season Flyers.

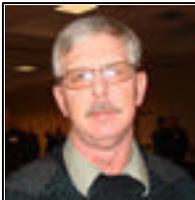
With winter upon us, now is the time to build. However don't forget to go over your planes for next year. Check and or replace fuel tubing, go over all your servos and make sure those batteries get cycled and charged or just charged Remember

**SAFETY** is no accident.

I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!! Hope to see all of you at the field on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008!!!!

### **Field Chairman's Report**

Greg Bohler – [gbohler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gbohler@sbcglobal.net)



Merry Christmas and the hopes of a very happy New Year to all Fox Valley Club members. There is not much to report from the field right now. It's pretty cold and bleak out there. I would like to remind everyone that should the urge to plow snow at the field strike, we really appreciate the effort. Keep in mind that the parking lot and road are the only things that need to be plowed. We don't plow the runway because much like trees, wind rows and the pile of snow at the end of the runway become

airplane magnets.

As for myself, I leave the flying this time of year to heartier soles than myself. I have been digging through my archives and right after Christmas I am going to start building a VK Piper Cherokee. That should keep me amused for quite a while. I am also working on engine repairs for my OS 91 Surpass. If all goes according to plan, I should be ready for a great spring.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and you all get everything you ask for.

Greg



Congratulations to  
Cindy McFarlane

Recipient of the  
FVAC Top Gun Award  
2007

**Chief Flight Instructor's Report**  
Dan Compton – [trainu2fly@comcast.net](mailto:trainu2fly@comcast.net)



Brrrr...!!! Winter has definitely arrived and the flying season for most ended in October. And so it is with training, it is just too cold, windy and weather is too unpredictable to even schedule training. That doesn't keep people from getting prepared for the next flying season though. I got a call from a person who was visiting San Francisco, and she was calling to ask for recommendations for which plane to buy for her husband for Christmas. Some lucky fella is going to have a good Christmas. I gave her several choices and we lined up some future training

for him. Other than that, I don't have much to offer.

I do know that some of us are keeping the sticks warm and have ventured out to get that all-season-flyer award. I haven't heard of many, but Cliff Fullhart, JT (John Turner) and I have been to the field flying from the snow with planes equipped with skis or pontoons. I saw Karl Griesbaum at Al's Hobbies a few days ago and he said that he has been out flying from snow also. It is great fun. You fly 'til you get too cold, you've had your 'fix' and you go home until you work up enough courage to try it again later. It really is fun and I suggest it whole-heartedly. Until it gets warmer and training starts again, I wish you all a happy holiday season.

Dan

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Blue Angles #5  
putting on a show for  
the boaters in  
San Francisco Bay.



**Fun-Fly Chairman's Report**

(A.K.A. John Turner) – [john.turner@bayercropscience.com](mailto:john.turner@bayercropscience.com)



For 2008, the fun fly activity will be a lot of fun for all FVAC members! I am planning 7-8 fun fly's during the upcoming season with various challenges for all the members from novice to expert modelers. All events will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. rain or shine! Maybe Cliff can bring out his J-3 on floats if we get too much rain! During the next few months, I will be developing the fun fly format for each of the events with the listing under each month. Secondly, I will post this on the club's frequency box where everyone can see upcoming fun fly activities. Finally, I will post the winners after the event for recognizing under each category.

During one of the summer meets, we will once again have a "friendly" fun fly with the Chicago land group to defend our 2007 Winners Cup. For 2008, the FVAC will host this event with the date to be determined by the BOD and your fun fly chairman.

On some occasions, I will call upon Dan Compton for assistance at the fun fly as well as the recognitions at the club monthly meetings. Since I travel, I may not be able to attend all the meetings and our good friend Mr. Dan will present the ribbons for each of the fun fly winners. (Thanks Dan for your help!)

A lot of thanks go to Allan Galle who did a great job over the past few years as your fun fly chairman. I know he put a lot of effort into this event and enjoyed participating with his fellow member. Al, just keep bringing out your Ultra Stick and we will have you fly your plane in a combat fun fly with Carl using his shotgun as a target "with or without wheels"!

In closing, several members are continuing to maintain their flying skills during the cold and snowy weather in preparation for the January 1<sup>st</sup> fly-in. Just make sure you bring some lighter fluid to start your cold engine and keep your battery's fully charged. If you experience a "bad landing" and not sure of your situation, use the lighter fluid to create a nice warm fire from the parts of your "bad landing". Then ask Santa for a new plane AND NEW RADIO.

See you at the field on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

JT

<b>FVAC in the Press</b>
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**Merlyn Graves** has gotten a lot of mileage from his participation in Warbirds Over the Rockies. Merlyn's airplanes have received press in the January 2008 issues of *Model Airplane News* and *Fly RC* as well as the December 2007 issue of *Model Aviation*.

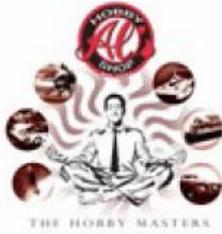
**Tom Densmore** has received some press for his Ozark Airlines DC-3 in the December 2007 issue of *Model Aviation*. Check out the "Focal Point" section.

Check out the latest **Robart** advertisement in the February 2008 issue of *Fly RC*. Does the flying site look familiar?

**Dave Murray** got his MB339 in the November 2007 issue of *Model Aviation* as part of the Kentucky Jet Rally coverage.

Articles about **FVAC** appeared in both the *Daily Herald* and in the *Kane County Chronicle* for our contributions to the Toys for Tots program through the Salvation Army. Click on the following links to view the stories. <http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=96528&src=175>, <http://www.kcchronicle.com/articles/2007/12/17/news/local/doc4764bef5e1523650952076.txt>.

<b>Event Calendar - 2008</b>		
<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
<p><b>1/1</b> – Fun Fly, First in the Air, FVAC Field, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>1/3</b> – FVAC Board Meeting, Geno's East 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>1/10</b> – FVAC General Meeting, St. Charles Township Office. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>1/11-1/13</b> – AMA Convention, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA <a href="http://www.modelaircraft.org">www.modelaircraft.org</a></p>	<p><b>2/2</b> – Tri Village RC'ers Swap Shop, DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL</p> <p><b>2/7</b> – FVAC Board Meeting, St. Charles Township Office.</p> <p><b>2/9-2/10</b> – E-fest, U of I Armory, Champaign, IL. <a href="http://www.gpe-fest.com">www.gpe-fest.com</a></p> <p><b>2/14</b> – FVAC General Meeting, St. Charles Township Office. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>2/23</b> – FVAC Swap Shop, Excel Gymnastics, St. Charles, IL.</p>	<p><b>3/6</b> – FVAC Board Meeting, St. Charles Township Office.</p> <p><b>3/6-3/9</b> – Florida Jets, Lakeland Regional Airport, Lakeland, FL <a href="http://www.franktiano.com">www.franktiano.com</a></p> <p><b>3/13</b> – FVAC General Meeting, St. Charles Township Office. 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>If there's something not on the Calendar that should be, E-mail your Editor at <a href="mailto:tsiwek@sbcglobal.net">tsiwek@sbcglobal.net</a></p>		



## Al's Hobby Shop

Release your inner hobby

### Club Holiday Sale

Want to shop from your house this holiday season? Just point, click, and call Cindy. Al's can help you with all of your needs. We will match or beat most prices. Call before noon and your products should ship the same day. Also, for the next few months, we are having a special on kits, motors, radios, and servos for club members. Just call and ask for the club member price. Let us know which club you are with, and we will make sure that the club gets credit for the purchase.



**Happy Holidays,**

*Cindy McFarlane*



***THE FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB***

# **Radio Control Swap Shop**

*Saturday, February 23, 2008*

*Building: EXCEL GYMNASTICS, 3N800 Peck Road,  
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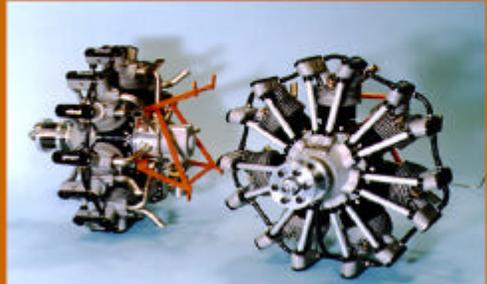
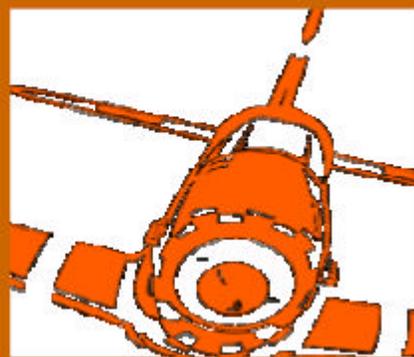


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