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**HAPPY NEW YEAR,  
FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB!**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Spriet—[president@foxvalleyaero.com](mailto:president@foxvalleyaero.com)

Hello to all my fellow FVAC members.

Here we are in 2011, wow those Christmas holidays went fast! Sure hope all of you had a very special time with your families as we did here at the Spriet household.

At the Christmas party, you the members voted your choices for the people to lead the club in 2011. In addition to placing your confidence in me and my fellow board members to lead the club, there was a presentation made by Greg Bohler to myself of the Top Gun Award. I must say, these two events were very humbling to me.

Unfortunately, due to the award given and the trust placed in me as president, I was caught up in the moment and I failed to give proper thanks to the outgoing board and it's president for 2010, Jeff Anderson. Thank you all!

2010 was not Jeff's first rodeo. As a matter of fact, this past year Jeff completed his 4th term as president of this club in his short 7 years as a member. It is thru the devotion of people like Jeff that has made Fox Valley Aero Club the fantastic club it has become. With Jeff's help as past president, I hope to continue his vision to make Fox Valley Aero Club the best Club in the land!

As we move into 2011, I would like to suggest that we all look back and consider how fortunate we are. To remember the men and women that are fighting and

giving the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. To also think about the less fortunate individuals that live in our land and local communities. We have given to the Toys for Tots. These contributions have given a few less fortunate children a time of joy and a moment to forget their problems. In keeping with the giving idea that we have shown, I would like to suggest that we continue to give throughout these troubled times we are living in and contribute monthly to a local food bank. Please consider opening up your hearts and your pantries by bringing donations of canned foods or monetary donations to our monthly club meetings.

Trust me when I say, Giving to others is truly rewarding.

Tom Spriet



President Tom Spriet flying his GWS Slow Stick in Ontario, Canada

Tom Spriet photo

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Turner–vicepresident@foxvalleyaero.com

Last month, I campaigned for the Toys for Tots with our membership to exceed our 2009 donations. Our members are to be proud of the club recognition as many toys and gift cards were donated to the Salvation Army during our annual Christmas Party. Sal Perno and I made the presentation to Major Steve Kohler with the St. Charles SA. Major Kohler and his staff were extremely excited about our continuing efforts within the community and commented "the donation was over and beyond, and would like to personally say thank you to the members of the FVAC" The toys are a big plus with many families, however the gift cards are an added bonus that will go out to their rescue missions. I estimated the total gift



John Turner photo

Sal Perno with a member-donated toy

contributions reached \$2,000.00. As the month ended, both Paul Douds, Tom Spriet, and myself met with Mayor Don DeWitte and former Mayor Fred Norris about some of the 2010 successes and our continuing stewardship within the community and the Toys for Tots campaign.

As 2011 begins, I would like to say thank you to the members for the nomination of being selected as VP to the club. I plan to support our new leadership and interact between the committees that will be involved in our 2011 flying season. There are some great people within the FVAC who have the compassion to fly as well as continuing relationships with our city and its surrounding neighbors. Please continue to provide feedback to our BOD and officers as we have one of the best flying fields in the country. I have seen a sneak preview of the 2011 calendar of events and it will be exciting for our members and future RC enthusiasts.

As the daylight hours are getting longer, I am counting down the days when we go back to daylight saving time and can fly longer after work as well as look forward to those weekend evenings and watch the sunset.

Mark the date for the FVAC SWAP MEET on Saturday, February 26th at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Jim Toth has set up this event and will need some volunteers for set up and take down. Bring cash for getting some great deals with your fellow aero modelers or vendors.

Thanks to all who made 2010 a success! Fly Safe.

JT





## SECRETARY'S REPORT [Tony Sokol-secretary@foxvalleyaero.com](mailto:Tony Sokol-secretary@foxvalleyaero.com)

Fox Valley Aero Club  
 Christmas Banquet/Meeting Minutes  
 December 3, 2010 @ Hilton Gardens

Prior to the start of the meeting, we were treated to the keyboard artistry Darwin Nouguaera, a friend of Alvin Cole who later provided the dance music. Attendance this year topped the 115 mark making for another successful event, thanks to the efforts of Paul and Dorie Jacobs, Cindy McFarlane, and Sal Perno, our 2010 banquet committee. Pastor Walt Thyng (ret.) gave devotions remembering those we have lost during the year. Following devotions we enjoyed our meals and conversation with dinner music provided by Darwin.

President Jeff Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:25 pm. Jeff spoke of his recent conversation with Frank Saverino concerning his desire to have Dominic's young son "Little Dom" learn how to fly when the time comes. Following his comments he turned the meeting over to yours truly so that I could announce those candidates chosen to serve as your 2011 officers and Board of Directors. The following members will fill those positions:

Officers:

President..... Tom Spriet  
 Vice President..... John Turner  
 Treasurer..... Paul Jacobs  
 Secretary..... Tony Sokol

Directors at large:

Alvin Cole	Dennis McFarlane
Mark Knopke	Dave Murray
Cindy McFarlane	Joe Pedone

Following the announcement of the new Board of Directors, outgoing President Jeff Anderson handed the meeting over to incoming President Tom Spriet. Jeff thanked everyone for their efforts to make the Fox Valley Aero Club the great club that it is today.

President Tom Spriet accepted the position and related his thoughts on the direction the club will hopefully take in the coming year. That is to present an image of openness encouraging any and everyone to voice their concerns to help make the club a fun activity which is the reason for its very existence. At this point, Tom was interrupted by Greg Bohler who presented him with this year's FVAC Top Gun award. Following the presentation of the award, Tom thanked everyone especially his lovely wife Karol who has supported his interest in flying and the club over the years.

The official meeting ended with Tom turning to the event that everyone was waiting for, the raffle of many really nice prizes. This year the philosophy was to provide less prizes but of more significant size and quality. The "Big Dog" prize was a gift certificate for over \$1,000 at Al's Hobby Shop. Following the raffle, those that stayed enjoyed dancing and conversation for the rest of the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Sokol  
 Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Jacobs—[treasurer@foxvalleyaero.com](mailto:treasurer@foxvalleyaero.com)

The club's finances are in great shape as we start the New Year as the checkbook finished about \$4,000 ahead of January 2010. Maintenance expenses were well within budget (thanks Greg) and we didn't have any major expenditures come up. The increase in funds was due to an increase of new members paying the assessment and I show 29 new names on the roster last year. Over half the members have already paid their dues for 2011 and they were deposited in January in case you were wondering why the checks hadn't cleared. For those that haven't paid, please sit down and write those checks to FVAC and the AMA as the flying season will be here before you know it.

Our FVAC swap is just around the corner (February 26) and I will be bringing a lot of R/C items from Dominic's inventory to sell with all the proceeds going to his kid's fund for future use. For those that are interested, I have a list of ARF's and ready-to-fly planes from jets to foamies and I would be happy to send it to you. It's hard to believe he's gone, but it's also hard to believe how much he had accumulated in the short time he was involved with the hobby.

Welcome to the new officers and board members and I look forward to working with them this year.

More later,  
Paul



E-flite Habu 32 DF ARF  
EFL8075





## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Doug Swanson—newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com

Our friend Rich Erikson has decided to step down as editor and I have volunteered to give it a try. Please thank Rich when you see him for all of his hard work over the past year as the *Flypaper* editor. As any designer would, I had to put my own mark on the project—I hope everyone enjoys the new format. With your help, we can work together to make the *Flypaper* even better than it is already. If anyone has any suggestions or content, please let me know.

Most people consider it building season right now. I have several aircraft lying around in the same unfinished state they were in last winter. While trying to decide which one to finish for the 2011 season, I came across a new offering from Great Planes: *Waco YMF-5D Biplane ARF .91-1.20*. This could be a new addition to my pile—uh, hangar! Have you been working on anything lately? See the sidebar at right—the club would like to see it!

As was previously mentioned by Paul, our annual swap meet is coming up on February 26th. A flyer can be found on page 12.

Even though it is still winter time, and many of you won't begin flight operations at the field for a few months, we need to be reminded of—and keep in mind—our accepted flight path area and overflight restrictions. Please review the map on page 10 and see Alvin's Government Relations Report on page 8. Please, do not fly over the gun range to the East!

Is it April yet?

Doug

### Show us your stuff

What have you been working on? We want to see it! Bring in your latest masterpiece—kit or ARF—to one of the upcoming meetings. Tell us about the equipment installed, any modifications made, obstacles overcome. No matter how big or how small, simple or complex—lets see it!



Great Planes Waco YMF-5D  
Biplane ARF .91-1.20  
GPMA1295

Paul Jacobs photo



President Tom Spriet presenting Alan Galle with the trophy



Paul Jacobs photo

Smiles = Warmth!

# FROZEN FINGERS 2011

Paul Douds photo



Several "warriors" braved the elements out at the field on January 1st for the annual Frozen Fingers get-together. The "First to Fly" this year was Alan Galle.

Paul Douds photo



Paul Douds photo



## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT

Alvin Cole—Albass6man@aol.com

A New Year brings new and exciting challenges. We are all working on our winter projects and planning for the upcoming flying season. We should all anticipate having a great time at one of the best flying fields in the Midwest. Our club, FVAC, has great amenities and a great group of people that all share the same passion for our hobby. It is very important that we maintain our good standing in the community and keep relationships with our neighbors strong. Please keep in mind that there is a flight pattern that we all are to adhere to when flying at the field.



Please be attentive to upcoming communication regarding this issue as the information is critical to help us maintain good relationships with the community. As we all go through this next year let's remember all that was put into making this field a great place to fly. I look forward to flying at this field for years to come. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns that you may have.

See you at the field!  
Alvin Cole

## FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB INSTRUCTORS

### *Support Your Local Hobby Store*

Your local hobby store will help you save a ton of money in the long run by guiding you, and helping you avoid purchasing products that are not right for your skill level. Hobby stores are available to help lend their expertise with pre-sale questions, after sale support and personal customer service. They will make sure that you are not getting yourself into something that you will regret after you get home, and help you avoid spending more money than you need to. The ultimate goal of the hobby stores staff and owner is to keep you involved in the hobby for life and keep you informed with everything you need to know to get the most out of whatever direction you choose.

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# Fox Valley Aero Club Flight Path Agreement



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REV. 01/2010



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# 2011 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	<b>First to Fly Fun Fly</b>	10:00 AM FVAC Field
January 11	FVAC Board Meeting	7:30 Board Meeting E & T Glass, Geneva
January 13	FVAC Regular Meeting	7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 26	<b>FVAC Annual SWAP</b>	Kane County Fair Grounds
March 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 16	<b>Member Work Day</b>	FVAC Field
May 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 27 & 28	<b>Classic Pattern Contest</b>	FVAC Field
June 4 & 5	<b>Chicago Pattern Contest</b>	FVAC Field
June 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
June 11	<b>Kids Day</b>	9:00 AM start, 1 PM second round
June 17 & 18	<b>Al's Helicopter</b>	FVAC Field
July 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
July 23 & 24	<b>Festival of Flight</b>	FVAC Field
August 6 & 7	<b>Chicago IMAC Contest</b>	FVAC Field
August 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
September 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 23	<b>Fun-Fly &amp; Turkey Fry</b>	10:00 AM FVAC Field
November 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 2	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	Hilton Garden Inn

**FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB**

# **R C SWAP MEET**

**Saturday, February 26, 2011**

**Location: KANE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS  
USE 525 Randall Rd., St. Charles, Il. 60175 ENTRANCE**

**Biggest SWAP in IL. 15,000 sq. ft. of heated facility, 175+ tables.**

**PREPAID TABLE RENTAL \$15.00 INCLUDES ONE FREE  
ADMISSION PER TABLE, TABLES \$18.00 AT DOOR AND  
ONE FREE ADMISSION.**

**DEALER TABLE SET UP AT 8:00AM**

**OPEN ADMISSION AT 9:00AM TO 3:00PM**

**COST \$5.00 ADULTS (CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE)**

**FOR TABLE RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION**

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