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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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What a great way to start off the year. We had another successful Frozen Fingers First-in-Flight event on January 1st. What a fun event, and what a privilege it was getting to spend some time with many of you at the event. The attendance was high due to the great weather and that we have some new members. If this is any indicator, we should have a fantastic year with a lot of member participation.

The board will be planning our calendar, and will hopefully present a semi-final version of it to you at the member meeting on January 12th. There are always a few things that cannot be nailed down yet, like the Batavia parade date, but we will work with what we have to get most of the dates nailed down.

Welcome new members! Looking back on the last two years, it is good to see that we had a lot of new members join our club. This says a lot for our members' camaraderie, mentorship and openness to welcoming new members into the club. The neat thing I see is that a lot of these new members were very active in other clubs, and are now very active in our club. Some of them have even been elected to the board. What a great way to get fresh ideas and a lot of help with the running of the club. It takes a lot of volunteers to run a club like ours, and you, our members, always come through. Thank You.

We are looking forward to a very busy year, with a lot of our usual events, along with some added projects (many pertain to the shed). We will be having a few extra workdays this year in order to get all of

the projects accomplished. We will keep you advised as dates are set. Please plan to help when you can. And now we have the long winter building season, as we look forward to spring.

If you are a foamy flyer only, I encourage you to give an ARF a try. They are great fun to build, and give us something R/C Aviation related to work on during the cold season. There are so many facets to our great hobby. Also, don't forget our upcoming swap meet. Details on this and all of our events can be found on our website. Check back for details as they develop. Dale



MESSAGE FROM JOHN TURNER



A BIG THANK YOU to our members and families who donated towards this year's Toys for Tots Campaign. Again we achieved our goal and presented both toys and monetary gift cards to Lt. Betsy Clark at the Salvation Army in St. Charles. This year, dollars and gift cards finished at \$2,370 which exceeded last year's donations. During the holiday season, both President Dale Gathman

and myself (as SA organizer) attended the annual Tri City Corp SA donor appreciation and presented the gift cards on behalf of the FVAC. I added a comment that, "Our club recognizes many activities within the Tri Cities area and supports the community for model RC aircraft enthusiasts. We are happy to be a partner of a great organization like the Salvation Army!"

During this holiday season, there are two key events that provide our members the opportunity to make donations - both our annual Christmas and pizza party have continued to be one of the year-end highlights and I have enjoyed organizing these activities where we talk about the past seasons flying activities and meet new members. My favorite is the pizza party at Rookies! We had a record attendance at the restaurant and found more great memories to share including the annual "pass the hat" for capturing additional donations for gift cards. (Thanks Tom Spriet)

The Tri City Corps SA always relies on the FVAC for their contributions helping both needy families and teenagers. –
John



FROM THE TREASURER

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The financial report and checking account details for 2016 have been sent to all officers and directors for discussion at the January board meeting. Assuming they are approved, I will complete the club's 990 Federal tax return and 2016 will officially be history. The club's treasury is in good shape and we are planning to spend a great deal of it on improvements this year as well as maintenance. Adding a new roof to the shed and putting doors on

will be costly but the STS campaign of Tom Flint was successful in keeping all our members on the ground watching instead of roof shingling. Thanks to all that contributed.

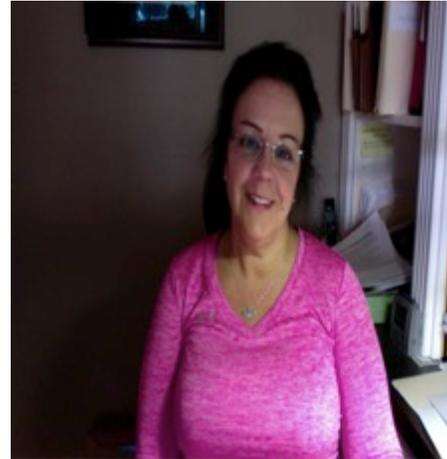
Dues for 2017 remain at \$125 for senior (full) members and \$25 for junior and/or other family members with an AMA card. The dues structure was discussed in 2016 and it has been clarified that when a junior member living in the same household as the senior member turns 18, he is expected to pay the senior rate of \$125 but does not have to pay an additional assessment as that is only one per household.

Although I spend most of my time on the 1/3 scale Cub, I did take a break to finish an ARF of the ¼ scale Cub by Hangar 9. It is ready to fly with an OS 160 FS twin on the front.. I believe there are now 10 members with this airplane flying and I can't wait to see them all in the air at once. Until next month,
Paul

FROM THE EDITOR

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Hi Everybody! First and foremost, hope all had a joyous and peaceful New Year and if travel was involved, you were safe.

This will be my very first flypaper editorial (drumroll please. . .) and I am excited about doing this as I do love to write. I actually submitted some articles to the Tribune several years ago but nothing was ever printed (thanks Mr. Royko : <) so I guess in a

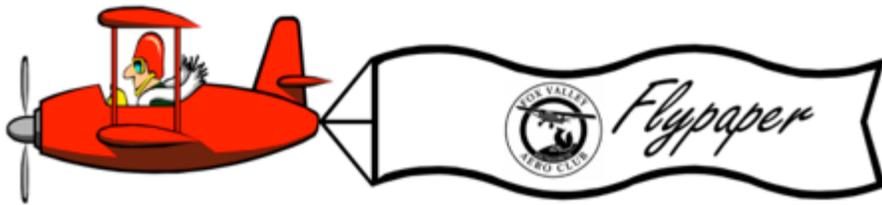
way I am finally getting to fulfill my dream. My favorite things to write about are usually observations – which are intriguing as I've shared some of them and people have enjoyed them. I also enjoy writing about the animals we have had and wrote something very heartfelt about a special needs kitty we adopted and had for quite a while – we named him “PDQ” as he only had 3 feet (but on we found out he had a heart murmur and kidney disease). We adopted him at 6 months old and had him for 18.5 years. I guess I'm just a special mom (as hubby is too) to take care of him for so long. Sadly, we had to put him down but I did write a poem about him as well – it's a tearjerker and everytime I read it, it still brings a tear to my eye – but that's what happens when you love something and lose it – esp. when it's furry and leaves pawprints on your heart. But he is no longer in pain but forever in our hearts – but enough of that.

I do have a lot of ideas of what I'd like to include in here and if there's anything that you would like to see or feel I've missed, please let me know.

Now that all the crazy busy holidays are over with, it's quiet (thank goodness!) and as it warms up in the coming months, there will be

more going on and I will have more to add as well getting out to the field to fly more as this hobby has certainly grown on me (after 30+ years) although I will admit it was not immediate and took some time but now that I have flown a few times, it is definitely addictive and fun. Just a little unknown fact that you might not know about me is that I love cars and I especially love to race cars – I grew up with them, go to car shows in the summer, and played with toy cars as a young child (I was such a “tomboy”) so with that said, I hope to do that as well now that I am recovering from my shoulder surgery (not much fun – esp. with the sling but definitely necessary).

I would like to wish all of you the very best for 2017 – peace, joy, good health and most important light breezes and soft landings of course. Be well my fellow flyers – **SG**



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