



The Fox Valley Aero Club



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July 2005

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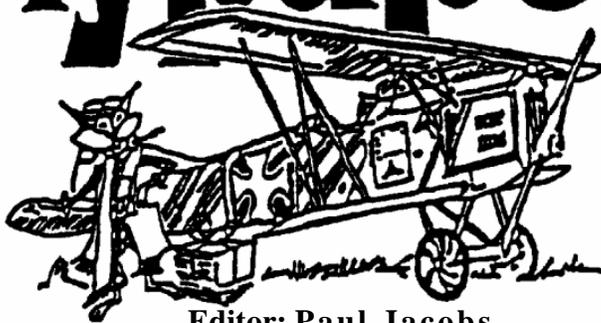
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**Windy City Jets coming to FVAC July 15 to July 17, 2005**  
**Festival of Giants at our new field July 22 to July 24, 2005**

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# President's Message

By Jeff Anderson



I asked Jeff if he had anything important to say to the members this month and he said there were only two words he wanted me to pass on to all those who helped in the grand opening celebration and they are:

# Thank You!

It was a great celebration and a wonderful public relations opportunity for our members. Bob Walker summed it up by saying “Our club has never had a better day, fantastic”.



*Jeff's new 182 with onboard camera*

# Secretary's Report

By Julian Pugh

## Minutes of the June 9, 2005 Meeting



President Jeff Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Bob Walker made a presentation of the memorial he is designing to honor Lee Patterson.

One ball was drawn for the FVAC Field Lottery Reduction Fund. The ball belonged to Bill Scherer and the Treasurer repaid him \$1,000.00.

Treasurer Bill Simmons presented the Treasurers report to the club. It was approved by vote of the members. He announced a \$5,000.00 check received from the AMA to assist in paying for our new flying field.

Secretary Julian Pugh requested the minutes as published in the newsletter be approved. A motion was presented and members approved the minutes.

Jeff Anderson and Karl Griesbaum gave the club a field report, covering the following items:

1. The walkway to the run-up area has been paved.
2. Asked that the last person leaving the field each day to put the gate chains up.
3. Dominic has installed two cold drink vending machines at the field.
4. Pilots are cautioned to be extremely careful when flying alone.

A new field rules sign has been installed.

Fun Fly Chairman Alan Galle reported on the two latest events. The Climb and Glide Contest and the Touch and Go Contest. Both event has great participation and were enjoyed by all. Great job Alan. The next scheduled Fun Fly is a Mini-Pattern Contest.

Merlin Graves was awarded Al's Hobby Shop Crash of the Month gift.

Mike Lodash showed his new 84" wingspan Stinger with a G-62 Engine, featuring an electric shut off switch.

Allan Galle showed his Flight Master 60 Flying Wind Combat plane.

Dominic Saverino showed his Yellow Aircraft P-43 with a G-45 Engine with bomb drop, tank drops and lights. Very impressive Dominic.

Gary Stephens showed his Godfrey 1/3 Scale Extra with a twin BME-100 Engine, 26" X 10" Carbon Fiber prop and Lithium Ion Batteries.

President Anderson adjourned the meeting 9:08 P.M.



# Fun Fly Report by Allan Galle, Chairman

## Results of the June 4, 2005 Touch & Go Event

### Advanced:

### Beginner:

Kurt Unser 1st

### Intermediate:

Rob Sampson 1st

Joe Vancura 1st

Bob Oliva 2nd

Dave Taylor 3rd

Cliff Fullhart 4th

Gary Koester 5th

Jeff Anderson 6th

Dan Compton 7th

Allen Galle 8th

Bill Sponsler 9th

Merlin Graves 10th



## FUTURE FUN FLY EVENTS

- July 9, 2005 Mini Pattern
- Aug 13, 2005 Vegas
- Sep 10, 2005 Spot Landing & Bomb Drop
- Oct 15, 2005 Mail Pick-Up of Carrier Landing
- Nov 12, 2005 Turkey Shoot



If you like hamburgers like this gal on the left does, you should attend our Friday night cookouts at the field, they are BYOE (bring your own everything). Come out and cook some marshmallows on the campfire.



# Grand Opening Celebration June 11, 2005

## Grand Opening Thanks!!

Recently my wife Cheryl and I had the honor of co-chairing the grand opening of the new field. In true club spirit, many of our members lent a hand, and because of this the event was a resounding success.

On many occasions, when it comes time to thank the people that worked, we often hear "there were too many to thank personally" is used. This is truly the case with us. We had 14 members show up on field work day the Friday before. We set up barriers, mowed grass, cut weeds, trimmed trees, and repaired and installed signs. It was incredible. On Saturday, we had a sea of yellow shirts. As near as I can figure we had over 70 members help in one way or another to make the Grand Opening a major success.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to Mel Ziska, Al's Hobby Shop and Midwest Models, HobbyTown USA, Great Planes, and Airplanes Plus for their generous donations. Because of their generosity we were able to raffle 4 ready to fly trainers and a 37% Extra.

We flew about 60 kids and had in the neighborhood of 600 spectators. We also had visits from the Mayor, an ex mayor, and Charlie Bauer, our district VP with the AMA.

Everyone was impressed with our new field. They were also amazed at the amount of participation by our members.

I would like to thank everyone (too many to thank personally without inadvertently forgetting to mention someone by name) once again for the opportunity to work with all of you on this event. If we continue to work together like this all of our shows this summer will be successful ventures.

Thank you all,  
Greg Bohler



# Grand Opening Celebration June 11, 2005

The event was an outstanding success...thanks to Greg and Cheryl Bohler for running the event. A special thanks to Dominic Saverino for providing the food concession. Also thanks to Jack Treadman on registration, Bob Walker as emcee, Mel Ziska on sound, and Karl Griesbaum on field and parking. Thanks to all the club members for wearing the yellow shirts and assisting in the event. There were in excess of 100 airplanes and 500 spectators. We had about 60 kids fly and we raffled off 5 airplanes. Our own Kurt Unser won a 37% ARF donated by Carla Kanak from Planes Plus. Partly cloudy day and no rain...thanks Lee...you still have some pull!



# Grand Opening Celebration June 11, 2005

The field was in great shape thanks to the mowing crew (see lower right photo). Rafled two trainers donated by HobbyTown (Ken & Sharon Kaiser & Mike KostECKi), one from Al's Hobby (Cindy McFarlane), and one from Mel Ziska (Past President FVAC).



# June 19 Pylon Races

Mike Kostecki and Jim Hagner co-chaired the event for the first time at the new field. The winners were as follows:

1st place—Mick Warning from Wisconsin

2nd place—Jim Nicodem from Illinois

3rd place— Tom DeGroot from Iowa



# Al Fuchsen Memorial Helicopter Fun Fly Held June 25 & 26 2005



# Have a safe and happy 4th of July.



It happens to the best of us as well. Here Bob Walker tries to think of something clever to say to Jack Treadman about the demise of his Fun-tana. Jack was on the buddy-box with his grandson at the time with Bob instructing. It makes Jack eligible for the crash of the month award.



# Windy City Jets!!!



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- Tents available. 20 x 20 \$300 for the duration of event, we will put up and take down

# Windy City Jets!!!

*Coming July 15 , 16 , 17, 2005*

**Jeff Anderson, Contest Director**



# 12th Annual Festival Of Giants



IMAA District VI Mini-Fest  
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday  
July 22nd, 23rd, & 24th 2005

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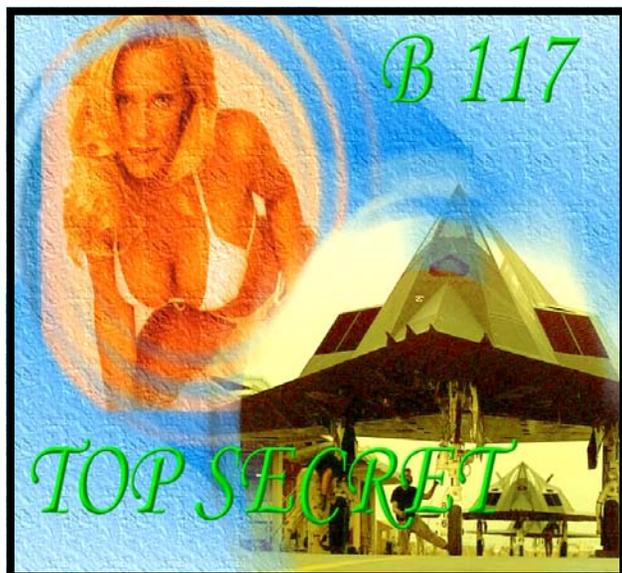
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Jack Treadman, Contest Director





## Airplanes and Women

Airplanes can kill you quickly; a woman takes her time.  
 Airplanes can be turned on by a flick of a switch.  
 Airplanes don't get mad if you 'touch and go.'  
 Airplanes don't object to a preflight inspection.  
 Airplanes come with manuals to explain their operation.  
 Airplanes have strict weight and balance limits.  
 Airplanes can be flown any time of the month.  
 Airplanes don't come with in-laws.  
 Airplanes don't care about how many other airplanes you have flown.  
 Airplanes and pilots both arrive at the same time.  
 Airplanes don't mind if you look at other airplanes.  
 Airplanes don't mind if you buy airplane magazines.  
 Airplanes expect to be tied down.  
 Airplanes don't comment on your piloting skills.  
 Airplanes don't try and make you crash and burn.  
 Airplanes don't whine unless something is really wrong.  
 And when airplanes go quiet, just like women, it's usually 'not' a good sign.



You know Jeff and Dominic have TwinStars and I for one would like to see more twins at the field, they look and sound great.

# PATTERN 101

By Club Member, Chris Moon

The Pattern contest is rapidly approaching on Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We would like to see as many club members participate as possible. Also, there will be some of the very best pattern flyers in the Midwest, and a winner in last year's Nationals in attendance.

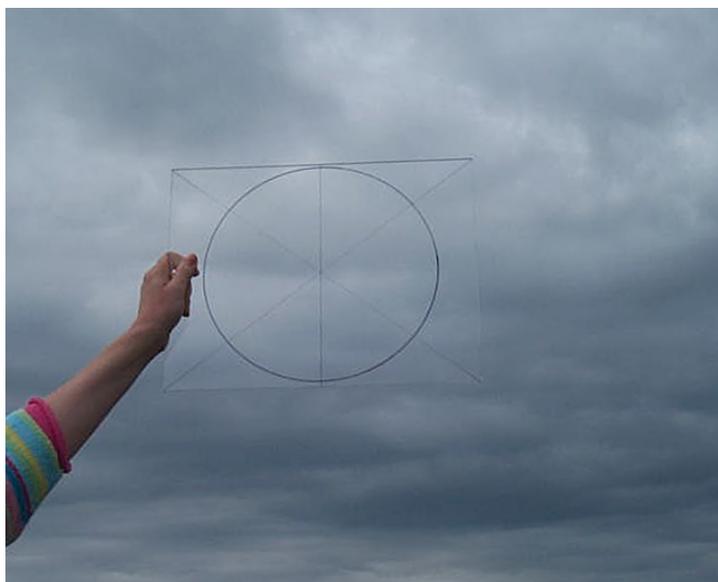
That leads to this month's topic.....Practice. Not a very exciting subject, but it is the way we improve our flying and learn new maneuvers. If you take a pattern sequence, Sportsman for example, and try to fly the entire sequence your first time out. You will probably have a very interesting flight after which you might feel like this is definitely not the thing for you. The best way to practice is to break down the sequence into separate maneuvers, and further break down each maneuver into its parts. Believe it or not, every maneuver is basically made up of the same elements, and if you can do each element correctly, you can do any maneuver. Maneuvers are made up of

Lines - either straight and level, climbing or descending at either a 45 or 90 degree angle.

Circles – either whole loops or loop segments like the corner of a horizontal and vertical line segments.

Rolls – either whole rolls, or roll segments like a 4 point roll

If we can perform these elements individually and then tie them together, we can do the whole maneuver. Look at the ½ Cuban eight maneuver. Fly a straight line, now perform a 5/8 inside loop, next do a 45 degree down line with a ½ roll in the center. Finally end this line with a 1/8 inside loop to another horizontal straight line. If you can do the parts, you can do the maneuver. So practice is really just practicing the



parts until you have it down, and then putting the parts together. The best way to practice your lines and angles and loops is with helper to provide a 2<sup>nd</sup> pair of eyes who can give you feedback about your shapes and lines. Unless you are practicing it correctly, you will just perfect your mistakes. To help, I made an angle and loop guide for the helper to use when observing a flight. The grid is just an 11 X 14 piece of clear plastic with lines and a circle drawn in with a Sharpie permanent marker. The helper can now stand behind you and hold up the grid to give you immediate feedback if your loop is not round etc. Picture 1 is my plastic grid (held by my very understanding and lovely wife Holly). The total cost for this practice tool was about \$2.25 from Home Depot and about 10 minutes of time.

Now, when you go out to practice, make at least a mental note of exactly what you want to accomplish. Do you want to spend a flight just making horizontal passes back and forth to practice your

horizontal lines, or practice loops or vertical and 45 degree lines? As you advance, add a roll to your lines, and practice your loops both inside and outside. After a few practice flights, try your ½ Cuban eight again, and notice the improvement that you have achieved! The first pattern contest of the season is arriving on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee. Please let one of the local pattern flyers know if you are interested in attending with our local group. It really is a lot of fun and a great learning experience. Don't worry about not being ready or not having the latest big \$\$ setup. Just participating is a really great time. I remember my first contest in 1983, I had almost no idea what to expect since there was nobody at my local field that was flying pattern seriously enough to attend contests. I had lots of questions, but nobody to ask. Everyone at the contest was a huge help, and had answers to all of my questions and spent a lot of time helping me. Thanks to their help, I won the first contest that I attended. That was all it took to keep me hooked for on pattern for a long time. Plus, I got to see some of the best flying that I had ever seen, as well as one flyer who became a regular competitor at the old Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas. So, don't worry just come out and have a good time. Plus, you will have that much more experience at contests so by the time our contest in August arrives, you will be able to wow your flying buddies with your performance!!

# Membership News

By Jason Walsh



Membership is continuing to increase, thanks to the fantastic grand opening earlier this month. We signed up four new members on the spot including 2 new junior members. We also gave away a dozen membership applications, which should result in a few new members. Our total at this point is 170. Special thanks goes out to Mike Wlodek and Bill Brown for their help in the info booth, and I would like to give credit to Bill Simmons who signed one person up at the show, and to Cheryl Bohler who in addition to working hard in the raffle booth and the show in general, helped point people in the right direction to the membership booth on a number of occasions. Thanks, folks.

I would like to introduce the new members for this month: Tyler Bonta, Eric Dieter, Ray Sidwell, and Randy Fazio. If you see these folks out at the field, extend them a warm welcome.

I know people have been clamoring for membership stickers and badges. I'm waiting on the badge order to ship to me, the only thing I've heard is the order is in and is being worked on. As soon as I get them I will distribute them. I am as anxious as you are to get them; I myself need a new badge thanks to my dog. As for stickers, they are being handed out on an informal basis either at the field or in the meetings. I look in the frequency board and if your AMA card doesn't have a sticker, I'm putting one under the clip where your AMA card is for you. If you need a sticker see either Karl Griesbaum or myself and we will get one to you.

That's all for now. In the meantime, get out to the field and burn some fuel....or batteries if you are into that sort of thing! If you have any questions at all about membership, don't hesitate to contact me and Ill be more than happy to help out as best I can.

Of course this is politically incorrect, but does anyone disagree with it?



# Safety Corner

By Karl Griesbaum



You think that's Cliff hung up in those wires? Did you know the board added a few new rules for the flightline? First, no one should fly alone at the field. This is a rather obvious safety measure in light of today's engines. Second, each pilot should use a spotter on the flightline. This item became necessary as the great turn-out we had on Memorial Day allowed all eight flight stations to be occupied at one time. This was rather chaotic and so you are now asked to fly with someone who can call out other traffic for you. Also a friendly reminder the you should never turn on a transmitter without having the frequency pin in your possession...no exceptions.



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# Instructors Corner

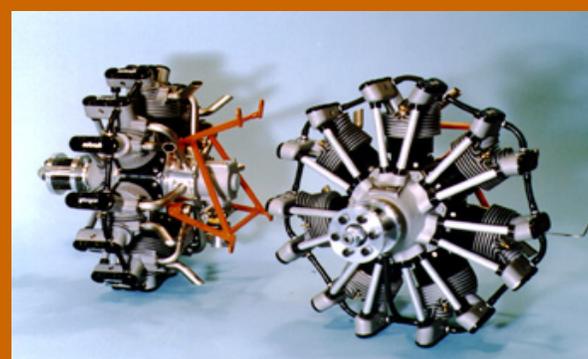
By Dan Compton



Dan delayed his vacation to participate in the Kid's fly and do what he does best...teach people how to fly. Thanks Dan.

Now that the flying season is in full swing there will be increased instructional activity at the field...be courteous and give way to the trainers.

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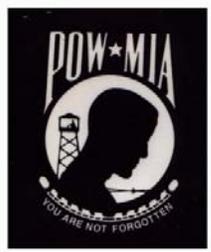
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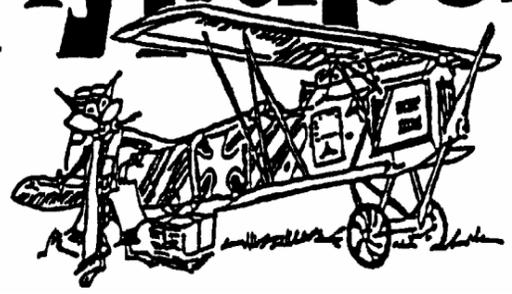
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