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Member Dave Murray grabs some expensive tail as he prepares his AirPac MB-339's for the 2007 flying season. See additional photos at the FVAC website in the members gallery.



President's Message

By Jeff Anderson



FVAC AIR SHOW JULY 13-14-15

Night Flying & Professional Fireworks Saturday!!

Wow! It's almost July already. The field is looking awesome. We have a television, soda machine and grills. (oh my) This summer has been a great summer for flying, and there is much more to come. Our **BIG AIR SHOW** is just around the corner! Yes that's correct....we will be having professional Fireworks Saturday night. For once I will not be the only firecracker there that weekend. There is never a dull moment at FVAC. I would like to ask the FVAC members to throw in a few bucks to the Air Show fund to help pay for all the fun. I already have \$800 in donations....Thanks!! Remember this is *our* show this year. This show is to thank the members for all of the hard work and dedication throughout the years and to welcome our new members. The Saverino family will be adding a plethora of items to the FVAC Cafe menu for the Saturday night air show and fireworks. Any help would be appreciated at the FVAC Café.

We need everyone out with any kind of planes Friday, Saturday and all day Sunday!! Bring your friends and family.

See Ya'll there!

Vice –President’s Report

By John Fischer



Wow it’s already July. I hope all of you have been having fun at our field this summer. I am very excited about our upcoming Fox Valley Aero Club Air Show July 14- 15. I have been successful in contacting some of my old buddies with the Propmasters in Naperville and they have agreed to put on a combat show on Saturday. If you have not seen this it’s great. Hopefully we will get a total of 6- 7 pilots in the air at the same time with 30 feet of streamer behind each Spad aircraft. The person with the longest streamer at the end is the winner. It is a great time to watch and I hope you are as amazed as I when you see them. I was also contacted by an old friend that has moved from the Naperville club to a club that is near Kankakee. He tells me that they have a number of members that are giant scale enthusiasts and will be bringing them to the air show as well. As for me I have been working on my Top Flight Cessna 310 and am nearing completion. My goal is to get it in the air in the next week so it will be ready for the show as well. As for my P- 40, as many of you know the landing gear blew out the top of the wing last year and I have not gotten around to fixing it. Little hope to get it repaired by the show.

That’s it from here. Hope to see you all at the field in the coming weeks.

John



Left: John’s P-40 on the take-off roll in 2006 on the flight that left the gear damaging the wing. Below: A note from Cindy on the rain interrupted Al’s helicopter event held at our field on June 22 and 23rd.

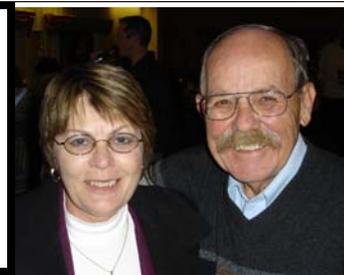
Myself, Dennis and the entire staff at Al’s would like to express our heart-felt thanks for once again having FVAC host this, our 21st annual helicopter Fun-Fly.

Larry Bowen, our announcer, summed the situation best. It is was it is, and there ain’t nothing we can do about it.

Secretary's Report

By Julian Pugh

Minutes of the June 14, 2007 Meeting



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

Jeff thanked Dominic for installing the soda and water machine at the field. It is very refreshing to be able to get a cold drink when flying on a hot day.

Field Chairman Greg Bohler announced a Field Clean Up day on July 7, 2007. He asked that members be at the field at 9:00 AM.

Jeff reviewed the Kid's Fun Fly. Everybody agrees that this was the best Kid's event we have ever held. Approximately 105 kids participated in the event. Jeff announced that everybody helping at the event would receive 20 extra points for helping to make this such a successful event. He also extended special thanks to John Fischer and Tom Siwek for their outstanding contributions.

Four new members were introduced at the meeting:

Bob Tucker	Huntley, IL
Eric Reiner	St Charles, IL
Joe Wagner and Pat Yau	Algonquin, IL.

The May minutes were approved, as published in the Flypaper by the members.

Secretary Julian Pugh presented the new constitution to the members for final approval. A motion was received to approve the new constitution. A vote was taken and the members voted unanimously to approve the constitution. Julian thanked the members for their help and inputs in putting together the new constitution. The constitution was signed by President Jeff Anderson and Secretary Julian Pugh, making it the official constitution of the FVAC.

Fun Fly Chairman Alan Galle handed out awards to the winners of the Constant Speed Fun Fly.

Alan Galle announced the next contest would be a Climb and Glide to be held Saturday June 16, 2007.

Karl Griesbaum presented the new Frequency Control Board for 2.4 GHZ flyers.

Dan Knippen reported that there will be an IMAC Clinic August 4th. Contact Dan for details.

Dennis Macfarlane announced the Al's Hobby Shop Helicopter Event would be held June 23-24.

Show and Tell Items were presented by the following members:

Joe Bassett	RV-7	Dave Bustle	F-22 Raptor
Alan Galle	Boeing 777	Ed Gombash	unknown
Bill/Phil Shearer	Helicopter	John Turner	J2 Cub Electric

President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Julian L. Pugh

Secretary

Fox Valley Aero Club

Kid's Fly 2007

By Ken Kaiser, Chairman



By all accounts this Kid's Fly was one of the best ever. The weather cooperated magnificently and over 100 young student pilots had an opportunity to take the sticks over the morning and afternoon sessions. Another benefit of the good weather was that we had very few casualties this year which kept more aircraft in the air – there was a kid's fly not too long ago that we lost all but one trainer craft (the corn was taller and hungrier).

Dan Compton did a great job at Ground School with an introduction to how an airplane flies and what the controls do – a number of the kids actually remembered enough to answer John Redman's questions later in the day! Thanks to all

of our training pilots and spotters who were patient and helpful with the students, most of which wanted to get right back in the air when they finished their turn. Both Dave Brustle and Todd Culbertson talked up the event in their scout groups which contributed significantly to the turnout.

As always Dominic and his volunteer staff did a super job over the coals and made sure no one went hungry or thirsty. Both the kids and their parents appreciated the complementary lunch! After hot dogs, no one left over the noon hour as all were wowed by Dave Murray's awesome jet, an unbelievable 3-D 'dance' in the air by Chris Gini, and John Redman's pushing the performance envelope with Jeff's new Bandit – does he do that with his own equipment? Jeff tried to keep his cool during the show by hamming it up on the PA – to the enjoyment of all.

Chuck Cork and Sue, (wing in a sling) Galle managed registration and kept track of the students which made the whole day run smoothly.

Other than actually flying, the highlight of the day for the kids was the drawings for a Fighter-bird donated by Al's Hobbies, and the electric Super Cub and two fully equipped (including flight simulators) gas powered Alpha trainers donated by Horizon Hobby and presented by John Redman - who also brought Horizon goodie bags for each participant. See FVAC website for additional photos.



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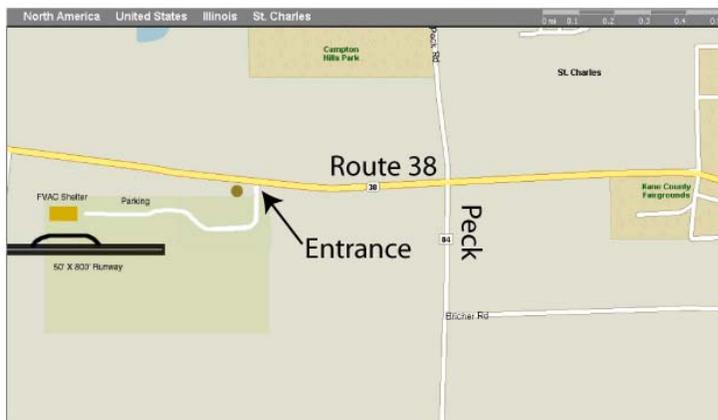
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Treasurers Report

By Bill Simmons



A big thank you to Hobby Town is in order. Congratulation on the best Kids fly in the history of Fox Valley Aero Club. Hopefully we get a lot of new members and our supporting hobby shops get a lot of new business from this event. Everyone was there and pitching in. I even saw Dominic's son selling hot dogs.

I haven't flown much this month but I did manage to crack in half one of my foamies during a not so soft landing. I went to Winamac for the Jets over the heartland event Saturday. It rained all day but it was still nice to hang out with the Jet guys and tell dirty stories. My understanding was that the weather was fantastic Thursday, Friday and Sunday so I believe it was a pretty successful event. The highlight of Saturday was when one of Fox Valley's very own, Nick, made every one lunch. He made beef kabobs and spicy rice. It was great. Thanks again Nick. Here are some pictures from that event:



Other significant events that same weekend included Al's Helicopter fun fly and the fun fly in Sandwich Illinois. I went to Cindy's event Friday night. There were several people there. More than I expected for a Friday. Everyone was having a lot of fun. One of the best pilots there was a guy nine years old. He had a tail rotor give out on him and he was able to bring his machine home unscathed. Later he was not so lucky having the same problem during his next time up. When I was nine I could skate board almost twenty feet without hitting anything. Here are a few pictures from Al's event. As you can see there was one guy that didn't quite understand the theme of the event. It is too bad that they were all on the same weekend and it rained as well. But aren't we lucky to have so many choices so close to home all season long.



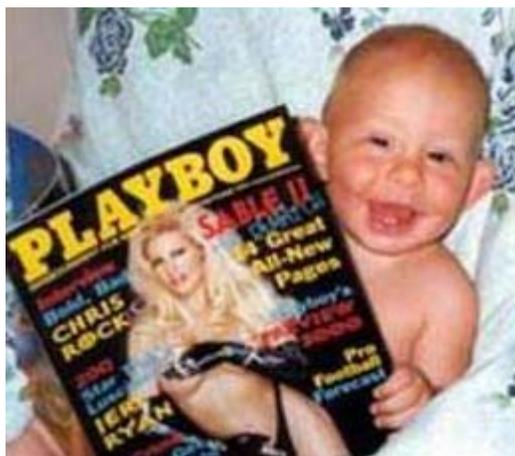
Treasurers Report

By Bill Simmons



The board has been talking about building a building at our field for storage and a place to hang out or sell food. Here is the building that exists at Winamac. It has everything a person could ask for including a control tower. I drove by a prefab building on the way to work today and I thought we could have one similar to it for about \$10K , something to think about.

Hopefully during this next month the flying will get better and the building opportunities will increase and I will have something positive to write about. Until next month get out and build something.



Left: Bill sent this picture along in his report but there was no caption for it...must be of him as a child before he grew hair?



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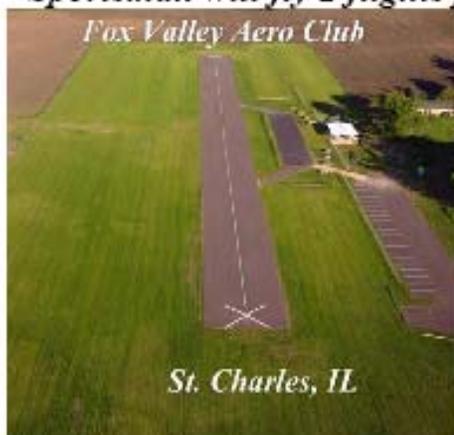
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Club web site: www.foxvalleyaero.com

Field Maintenance Report

By Greg Bohler, Chairman



Field report

We announced at the last club meeting that there has been a lot of interest in having a club work day. We had decided that this would be an easy summer of play and flying. I hope all the people that have expressed an interest in a work day show up. We really don't have that much to do in the way of big projects this year. We have planned a work day for JULY 7th, at 9am. The list of jobs is:

1. Seal the west bleachers.
2. Change one tennis net and tighten another.
3. Sand and paint the jet blast shields.
4. Add 1 more outlet to the pavilion.
5. Drill relief holes in some of the fence posts.
6. Straighten the bent chain link.
7. Bolt down the grills.
8. Place 3 round stones for the garbage cans.
9. Spray round up on the perimeter weeds.
10. If we ever get any rain again, roll the field.

For all who are interested please bring the appropriate tools for the work you would like to help with.

Even with the dry weather, the field is looking good. Thank you to everyone that steps up and helps with all the day to day tasks that so often get overlooked.

I almost forgot. We are trying to figure out a way to get a tank of water out to the field so we can run a power washer. I have had success doing a gravity feed out of a tank in the past. If anyone has any ideas, please contact me. Thanks

Greg

The Fox Valley Aero Club

IMAC Clinic

Saturday, August 4, 2007

11:00 A.M. until we are done 

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or e-mail me at dknippen@sbcglobal.net



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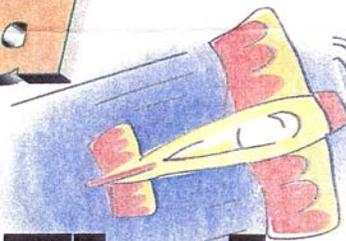
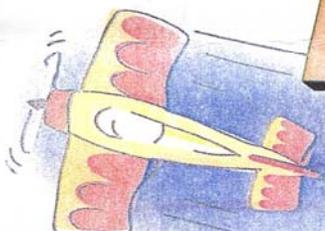
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By Dominic Saverino, Chairman



It's that time of the year that the excuses are running low of why you can't fly. It is not too hot or too cold. It not too windy or oh yea there is not enough daylight. So pack up your stuff and come out and hobby with us!

This month is no different than the last 100 there are a lot of club members in the FVAC and there are even more personalities. With that said, we all need to understand that there is a time and a place for a constructive politically correct conversation. You might be in the mood, but the person you want to approach might be mentally in a different place at that time than you are. In that case then neither one of you gets what you set out for and maybe even the club looses because it was a good idea that falls on deaf ears. It is always a good idea to make sure the brain is engaged before putting the mouth in motion.

I have some meetings coming up with our field neighbors and the city to talk about land, road money, and a building. So if you see people at the field looking around be sure and be nice. I will get information back and we will all be able to decide what is best for the club.

In closing:

“Being a book critic when never writing a book.”

“Being a movie critic when never writing a screen play.”

Metaphors' are powerful and they can be very effective in making people understand what you are trying to get across. They also can hurt people when you didn't mean to do so.

Dominic

Fun Fly Report

by Allan Galle, Chairman



Fun Fly Report for June 2007

The fun fly event on June 16th was the climb and glide which is one of my favorites. There were 14 contestants, 11 of them were in the Expert class, one in Advanced, 1 in Novice and 1 in Beginner. The weather for the contest was in the 90's and humid with light to no wind out of the west. The contest rules were: you were given 20 seconds climb as high as you can, then kill the engine and glide down, 5 extra seconds were added to your score if you landed anywhere on the runway and 10 seconds if you landed between the two flight line posts. The pilot with the most seconds wins. Our president added two bonus rounds worth 50 pts and 25 pts in which every one took off at the same time and the last one down wins. Below are the pilot places:

<u>Expert:</u>		<u>Advanced:</u>	Julian Pugh	1 st 50pts
Alan Galle	1 st 50pts			
Cliff Fullhart	2 nd 40pts	<u>Novice :</u>	Tom Siwek	1 st 50pts
Merlyn Graves	3 rd 30pts			
Jeff Anderson	4 th 20pts	<u>Beginner:</u>	Tom Spriet	1 st 50pts
John Turner	5 th 20pts			
Rob Sampson	6 th 20pts	<u>Bonus round/s:</u>		
Paul Jacobs	7 th 20pts	Jeff Anderson	50pts	
John Fischer	8 th 20pts	Rob Sampson	25pts	
Dominic S.	9 th 20pts			
Armand Weber	10 th 20pts			
Mel Ziska	11 th 20pts			

The next fun fly will be July 7th and the event will be “Bomb drop and Spot landing”

You will need to make a “L” shaped hook for this event. You can make this hook from 2-56 wire X 2-1/2” long and threaded on one end, bend the wire so that the short end is 1 inch long and has the threads on it, next drill a 1/16 hole in the back of the rudder about 2 inches from the bottom and push the threaded end of the hook into the hole leaving ½ of an inch of the short end of the hook sticking out, then add a drop of CA so that the hook will not move. Your plane is now ready.

If you want to practice for the bomb drop use a 1/8 thick washer and tie a piece of bright colored yarn or ribbon about 5 inches long.

To release the bomb from your plane you will do a sudden or quick down and up elevator which shouldn't take more than a 2 seconds.

If you have any problems or questions please call me.

Alan Galle Fun Fly Chairman 630-697-8464

Membership News

By Jason Walsh



Membership report July 2007

Just a quick membership report for July.

We have a couple of new members this month. Please keep an eye out for and welcome the following people to the club:

Eric Reiner

Bob Tucker

Joe Wagner

Pat Yauch

Eric Lataldiec

Tom Siwek Sr.

Currently we have 208 members on the roster, including the above folks. Total turnaround for the year was 24 people. That's about average for our club.

Until next time, fly safe.

Jason Walsh

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Safety Corner

By Karl Griesbaum



Dennis writes:

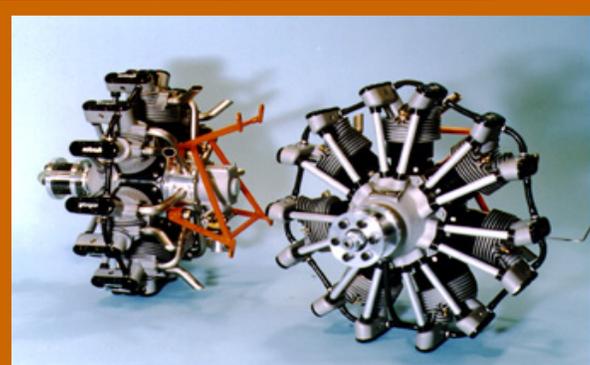
Always, always, tune your running motor from behind the propeller. This is a perfect example of do as I say, not as I do...

My fingers were shaking so badly I couldn't get a clear shot, which is probably good. Honestly I can't figure out why they weren't completely lopped off....



Be sure to visit the website www.foxvalleyaero.com and look at the new galleries with the photos of our members and events held at our field. We will continually update this section of our website so if you have photos you would like to share, forward them to the paul@mertes.com and they will be posted.

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Instructors Corner

By Dan Compton



The “Kid’s Fly” day was a great success with over 100 participants. The youngsters had a great time and two lucky winners walked away with a brand new airplane each. Congratulations to the lucky ones.

Training has started to pick up with more students getting involved. Bill Malleris has been out twice this last month and has brought his nephew, Nico to try out his new Sig Kadet LT-40. The Sig LT-40 is a great trainer and Nico did well for his first two times in the air. Tom Siwek brought his Hangar-9 P51 mustang out and got 3 good flights in before it got too dark to see the plane. Tom has plans to fly again soon.

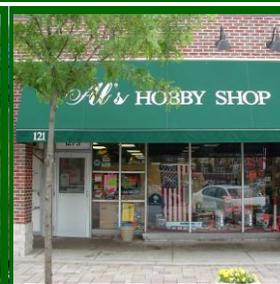
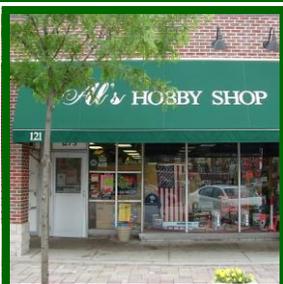
Pat Yauch and Joe Wagner are new members who joined the club at the last meeting. Joe has built several planes and next weekend we will send one up for its ‘maiden’ flight and give Pat and Joe some stick time. Neither Joe nor Pat has flown before and I’m sure they are looking forward to their first experience with model aviation.

Please keep in mind that a list of instructors and their phone numbers is available on the FVAC web site.

FVAC 2007 Instructors

If you are interested in the Fox Valley Aero Club Flight Assistance program, please contact one of the following Club Instructors.

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John Fischer	Cell: 312-518-0075
Alan Galle	Cell: 630-697-8464
Jason Walsh	Cell: 630-291-1872
Dennis McFarlane	highpd119@aol.com not available Friday or Sunday
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Cliff Fullhart (Mr. Touch-n-Go)	Preferred 24hrs notice during business hours; home: 630-397-5033; work 630-668-1111 cfullhart@farmersagent.com
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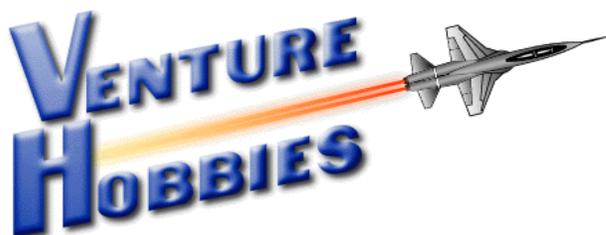
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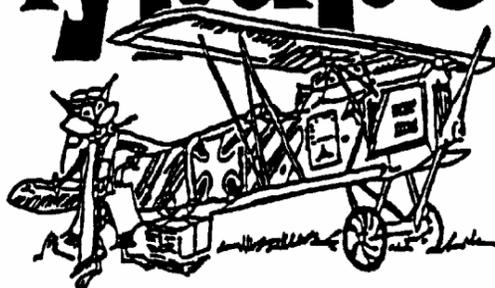
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