

The Fox Valley Aero Club Monthly Newsletter		
 Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club # 252 2008 AMA Gold Leader Club	President – Dominic Saverino Vice President – Dennis McFarlane Secretary – Tom Spriet Treasurer – Paul Jacobs Flypaper Editor – Tom Siwek – tsiwek@sbcglobal.net	P.O. Box 837 St. Charles, IL 60174-0837
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Our trio of top-notch R/C aviators proudly display “the fruits” of a hard fought fun fly.

(It's a recession, we can't afford anything good!)

Editor's Message

Tom Siwek – tsiwek@sbcglobal.net



On the Doorstep of the Festival

Summer is moving quickly. We're on the doorstep of the Festival of Flight. As has been done at least once in the past, this event has no aircraft restrictions. Further, there is no registration fee. If it's controlled with a transmitter and it flies, it's welcome. With that said, I'm hopeful that a large amount of the club is willing to come out and participate in this event.

I know that many are not up to wanting to work parking, gate, flight line, raffle, etc... One job that most everyone's up to – flying. By most accounts, the success of an air show is based on the amount of action in the sky. The goal: to continuously have aircraft flying each day. It doesn't matter if you fly trainers, jets, helicopters or foamies. Come out and fly. Let's put on a show to remember. I personally have been working on getting the planes I plan to fly at this event ready to go.

I heard that the Al's Helicopter Fun Fly was another success. Kudos to Cindy and Dennis for their efforts as event hosts. I wasn't able to make it out to this event, but I will corral pictures from the throngs of shutterbugs and insure they find their way onto the website.

Kudos to the FVAC contingent who made it out to Winamac for Jets Over the Heartland. I anticipate that they talked-up the upcoming FVAC events. In the past, Tim Redelman and his crew have been generous supporters of our events. I'm hopeful this trend continues.

Between the next club meeting and the Festival of Flight, JT's cooked-up a fun-fly favorite. Read all about it in his committee report. Then, come out and join the fun.

Remember, the July meeting is at the field. Be sure to "catch a cold" that afternoon and sneak out of work early to get in some flying before the meeting starts. I've already put in an order with Mother Nature for good weather.

Ciao for now,
Tom

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President's Message

Dominic Saverino – dominic@teamsaverino.com



Dom didn't have a report for this month.

Vice President's Message

Dennis McFarlane – highpd119@aol.com



The Season is in Full Gear

By June the flying season is in full swing. With Cindy's involvement with the various area clubs we are always busy this time of the year. Most of the Saturday's I spend at the events by myself, Cindy will stay local, working her store, but now and then there is an event of enough importance that Cindy will take an entire weekend off so that we can attend the event together.



Rock Valley Radio Control – RVRC – held a “Flying Giants” event on June 19th, 20th, and 21st. We drove to Flying Giants and spent Friday and Saturday at their flying site. Sunday was “Father’s Day” so other, more family oriented, plans had been made. Regardless Flying Giants is more commonly known as a “Huck Fest.” I have no idea where they came up with the name Huck Fest, and nobody seems to be able to offer an explanation. Regardless, the event was well attended with some really over-the-top airframes present. There was a 60% Clipped Wing Cub finished in the color scheme of Hazel Sigafoose’s (SIG) full size version. This thing is actually an ARF! Even with all the

aerobatic flying going on the Cub stole the show whenever the owner made a flight. Slight pitch down to pick up some airspeed and huge round loops with extremely slow rolls were what this airplane is all about. Of course I find the classics, Cubs being one of the most popular of the classic flying designs, to be my most popular.

June 26th and 27th were the dates of Cindy’s helicopter fun-fly. This is always a popular event with the helicopter crowd and this year was no different. The event was very well attended which is pretty remarkable considering all the different clubs that are trying to hold events in June. The weather was extremely warm on both Friday and Saturday. It was hard to stay hydrated in the intense sun but other than a few helicopters that succumbed to the pull of gravity there were no incidents. Cindy even got a few flights in! We debuted the new Raptor Titan SE at Cindy’s event, and I can only describe the response of this machine as extremely aggressive. I had three flights on the machine and had just started to sort it out. Cindy then put a flight on HER helicopter and decided I needed to work on some of the mechanical settings before bringing it out for her to fly again. As mentioned, the new Raptor has some extremely aggressive head geometry for the 3D aerobatic pilot but needs to be tamed for Cindy’s flying style. Cindy did however get several flights in on my T-Rex 600E. The T-Rex has responds to input more along the lines of what Cindy is accustomed to, and she had a lot of fun flying my T-Rex.

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Chris Gini put on a half time show with his 40% TOC Extra that simply wooed the crowd. It was a year ago that Chris had his first helicopter flight on my old version Raptor .50 at Cindy's 2008 helicopter event. Chris performed part of the halftime show at RVRC using his Synergy .90 size helicopter. And then the halftime show at Cindy's event with his Extra. This guy knows how to fly there is simply no other explanation.

The weather gods smiled upon us on Friday, and we flew until midnight. The weather held out until later Saturday, but around 8:30pm a storm front moved into the area

and everyone dove for cover. We left for home. I don't know if anyone flew during or after the storms, but when the rain started AI's Helicopter Fun-Fly was officially declared over, and is in the history books for 2009.

Dennis

Secretary's Report

Tom Spriet – tom@etglass.com



Minutes of the June 11, 2009 General Meeting

Vice President Dennis McFarlane called the meeting to order at 7:27 P.M.

Vice President Dennis McFarlane welcomed Dominic to the outdoor meeting. Dominic is back home and feeling a little bit better. While still not at 100 %, Dominic conducted the Board meeting earlier in the evening.

Committee Reports

Secretary – Thomas Spriet: Dennis requested a motion to accept the minutes as published in the Flypaper. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and the minutes were approved. Mel Ziska served as Secretary in Tom's absence.

Treasurer/Membership Chairman – Paul Jacobs: Presenting the Treasures report, Paul reported a balance of approximately \$23,000 in the club treasury. A motion to accept the report as presented made, seconded and the report was approved. The treasury stands in good shape with most all the bills paid. Discussion of field mowing and upkeep cost followed. Paul has a few final renewals and a new member signed up at the meeting. New badges are on order. Several members still have not renewed their AMA membership. Please do so ASAP so you can fly!!

Field Chairman – Greg Bohler: Greg thanked all that helped to get the field in the great shape that it is! It is a team effort. A reminder was made for all to try to use an auxiliary gas tank to catch the overflow of fuel so as to not spill it on the tables or taxiways. Please continue NOT to drive and/or park directly behind the pavilion and bleaches. The grass is filling in well and needs a little more time to grow.

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Safety Chairman – Karl Griesbaum: Nothing new to report on safety issues. The pattern sign is up. Please observe it for continued safe flying. Shirts are on order and Karl can still take orders.

Government Relations/Fun Fly Chairman – John Turner: The fun fly Saturday begins at 4 P.M. Scheduled is two minute flights in combination with touch 'n' goes. Vintage aircraft flying after the fun fly. Grills will be hot. Bring family and goodies to cook.

Flypaper Editor – Tom Siwek: The Flypaper will be continued to be published monthly as long as articles come into the editor. If content gets too thin, we will have to scale back to every other month. Submittals for the Flypaper would be appreciated. Tom also encouraged members to sign-up to help with the Festival of Flight.

Chief Flight Instructor – Dan Compton: We have a few more pilots coming out. However, overall, instruction has been slow due to windy conditions. Dan is looking forward to new flyers coming out with the as the better weather approaches.

Event Reports

Pattern Contest CD – Rusty Dose: No report.

Windy City Jets Coordinator – Dave Murray: Dave has commitments from 10 more pilots and expects 40 to 45 flyers. An ad in AMA magazine should create additional interest.

Kids Fly Day CD – Armin Weber: Armin reported we had over 100 kids for the Kids Day event. Strong winds did not stop the hardy FVAC pilots from getting the kids stick time. Pictures and a story will be prepared for possible AMA and local promotion. Al Zabel took pictures at the event.

Festival of Flight CD – Paul Jacobs: The question of food/concessions has been resolved. Dominic arranged for a vendor who has the capability to provide food and drink for our event. Final discussions are in progress to finalize the details. The vendor will have an exclusive for the Festival and Windy City jet events. No other food/drink vendors will be allowed at these two events. A cash return based on a percentage of gross sales will come to the club. All pilots are welcome to fly. No aircraft restrictions. And, it's free!! The only requirement is to have a current AMA Certificate and turbine waiver if your flying a turbine-powered aircraft.

Al's Helicopter Fun Fly CD – Cindy McFarlane: We're on track for a great event. Stop out and see some awesome piloting skills including a night fly!

IMAC CD – Mel Ziska: We are on track and expect 30 or more pilots. Dan Knippen will have training sessions for budding and current IMAC pilots.

New Business

Requests were received to have the pop machine repaired and restocked. Dominic indicated that he would arrange for restocking and continued maintenance.

The FAA issued a NOTAM (that covers also R/C flight) for Monday, June 15. Initially, we were believed to be affected; however, the FVAC field is outside the covered area by 3 NM and therefore technically not bound to the NOTAM. Flying sites east of the DuPage Airport are within the boundary for the NOTAM. This will occur whenever the President comes to Chicago.

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Show & Tell

New planes were shown by the following members:

L-39 Turbine Jet	Dave Murrary
Raptor Titan SE Helicopter	Dennis McFarlane

July, and August meetings, weather permitting will be at the flying field.

Vice President Dennis McFarlane adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M. (a new record?).

Treasurer's & Membership Chairman's Report

Paul Jacobs – paul_jacobs@att.net



We have more new members to welcome this month: **Thomas Devin, Jason Fowler and Evan Kling.**

Membership stands at 212 after I have cleaned up the roster by removing those that have not or are not paying their dues. If their dues stay unpaid at December 31 they forfeit their assessment of \$300 as well.

The treasury is still in good shape with \$ 24,308. With the events just around the corner the future looks very bright for the club.

I was able to get our President Dominic down to visit the Heartland Jet event in Winamac and ran into several of the FVAC members there as well. As you can see from the attached photo, Dom is discussing Ralf Braun's Citation with Al Taylor. Greg Wright is assisting Tim Redelman. They really build them big in Indiana.



I also saw Jeff Anderson, Joe Boyd, and even our past treasurer Bill Simmons in the crowd.

By the way, my big Extra has been repaired and is back flying the IMAC basic routine with the help of Rusty Dose and Dan Knippen. It's nice to have such talent available to help trim your plane. Last month John Redman was tweaking on the big bird and didn't like the rudder response so he supplied me with a JR8611a to take the place on two of my Futaba 3305's to correct the problem. I sure hope the radio gods aren't angry with Mr. Futaba man on this one.

Well the Festival is getting closer and I look forward to seeing all of you assisting with the event. Fortunately, we won't have to handle the food part this year as Dominic has made arrangements for another company to pick up the task. He also had the Pepsi machine repaired and it is being serviced and stocked by Park Vending so be sure to put your \$.75 in for a cold one.

That's all for this month,
Paul

Field Chairman's Report

Greg Bohler – gbohler@sbcglobal.net



Summer is finally into full swing. I have gotten more flights in than I have in the last couple years. It's been great being at the field for both the flying and the friends. The best part is that the field is in such good shape that all I've had to do is fly and not worry about working on anything.

Dan and Sal fixed the broken hinge on the flight box. Thanks guys. Someone did try to fly through one of the new tennis poles. We could tell by the aftermath evidence. To whom ever hit the pole: sorry for the damage to your plane and thanks for cleaning everything up so well. I am pleased to say that the poles have now been tested a couple times and have done exactly what we want them to do. It's nice knowing that we are safe at the flight line so we can concentrate on our own planes.

Al's Helicopter Fun Fly was this last weekend. Congratulations to Cindy and Dennis for another successful event and thanks also because you guys always leave the field in better shape than when you found it. The club is lucky to have members such as you that take pride in what they do and do it well. Thank you for all you do.

I did take vacation time again this year for the Festival of Flight so I will be at the field a lot that week. If any one has any ideas or set up requests, I will be around to assist. Please email or call me. I will be glad to help.

See you at the field,
Greg Bohler



Fun-Fly Chairman's Report

(A.K.A. John Turner) – jtgrassroots@yahoo.com



June Fun Fly Results – Two Minute Touch n Go's

During the month of June it seemed every day or weekend had the theme forecast: "rain and wind". Why would it not be different for our June fun fly? Well, the morning started off with rain and I was about to send out an email to cancel the event or make it a float fly event. However, the radar weather was showing signs of progress with sunshine by mid afternoon. By 2:00 pm, the sun came out with a mild west wind to dry off the run way. By 3:30 pm we had several members show up for the event with a total of six FVAC members to test their landing skills with this month's event. Our objective for the drill was to take off and make as many Touch n Go's within 2 minutes with two rounds.

Results of the Fun Fly

Pilots	<u>Round One</u>	<u>Round Two</u>	<u>Total</u>
Joe Vancura	13	13	26
Armin Weber	9	14	23
Gary Koster	9	12	21
Dave Brustle	9	8	17
John Turner	9	7	16
Dana Berry	9	5	14

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1st Place: Joe Vancura

2nd Place: Armin Weber

3rd Place: Gary Koster

Once the fun fly was completed, the field was open to our first summer Vintage Fun Night. Members and their family enjoyed the evening (no rain) with some old fashion flying consisting of Cubs (Paul/Dorie Jacobs and Sal/Rose Perno) and a Gee Bee (Tony Sokol). Thanks for those who stayed for the evening.

Next month, the July Fun Fly will challenge some of our best pilots with the famous event – The Limbo. All models with gas, glow or electric are welcome. The event is currently scheduled for 4:00 pm. I will ask our BOD for a time change since I will be out of town in the afternoon. Watch for an email for the time change where the event would begin at 9:00 a.m.

Fly safe,

John Turner
FVAC Fun Fly Chairman

Chief Flight Instructor's Report

Dan Compton – trainu2fly@comcast.net



Dan didn't have a report for this month.

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June Fun Fly and Vintage Fly Photos



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WHY AIRPLANES ARE BETTER THAN WOMEN

Author, Unknown

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If you respect an airplane it will be good to you.
Airplane skin doesn't wrinkle as badly.
An airplane won't criticize your performance.
An airplane doesn't care where you were last night.
Airplanes don't care about how many other airplanes you have flown before.
Airplanes don't cost as much money.
Airplanes don't take forever to warm up.
Airplanes don't spend hours in front of a mirror.
Airplanes won't keep you waiting.
Airplanes don't cry when you break up with them.
Airplanes don't talk back.
Airplanes don't get headaches.
Airplanes don't take half of everything (well, maybe they do).
Airplanes never stand you up.
Airplanes go down ... women just bring you down.
An airplane is cheaper to maintain.
You can keep an airplane from stalling.
Airplanes can be turned on by a flick of a switch.
An airplane won't slap you for being a "bush pilot".
You can easily leave an airplane before sunrise.
Airplanes lose weight faster.
An airplane does not get mad if you "touch and go".
An airplane will not get mad if you "fly" someone else's airplane.
You can calculate the peak performance of an airplane.
Airplanes can get high without throwing up.
Airplanes last longer.
You don't have to sweet-talk an airplane.
You can always tell when an airplane is going to give out.
An airplane moves when you tell it to.
An airplane goes anywhere you direct it to.
An airplane will kill you quick...a woman takes her time.
An airplane does not object to a preflight inspection.
You can change the looks of an airplane.
Airplanes come with manuals to explain their operation.
Airplanes don't scream.
Women have more drag than lift.
An airplane's payload can be calculated.
Airplanes have strict weight and balance limits.
When you put fuel into an airplane, it does not spit it out.
Sometimes you can ride airplanes for free
It's easier to understand what an airplane needs.
You can fly an airplane any time of the month
Airplanes don't come with in-laws.
Airplanes don't whine unless something is really wrong
Airplanes don't mind if you look at other airplanes, or if you buy airplane magazines
It's always OK to use tie downs on your airplane

However, when airplanes go quiet, just like women, it's a bad thing.

2009 Calendar of Events

July 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
July 11	Fun-Fly Event	4:00 PM FVAC Field
July 18 & 19	Festival of Flight	FVAC Field
August 8 & 9	IMAC Contest	FVAC Field
August 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
August 15	Fun-Fly Event	4:00 PM, FVAC Field
August 21-23	Windy City Jets	FVAC Field
September 5 & 6	Pattern Contest	FVAC Field
September 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
September 12	Fun-Fly Event	4:00 PM, FVAC Field
October 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 10	Fun-Fly Event	4:00 PM, FVAC Field
November 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
November 14	Last Fun-Fly & Turkey Fry	11:00 AM, FVAC Field
December 4	Annual Christmas Party	Hilton Garden Inn

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9:00AM – 5:00 PM



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AMA Club 801

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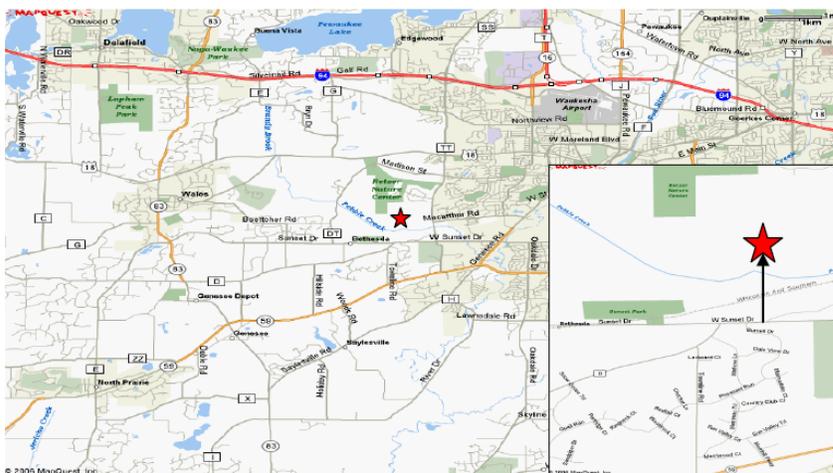
- Proof of IMAA & AMA Membership
- Aircraft 80" Wingspan, 60" Biplanes, True ¼ Scale
- Mufflers – No Straight Through Headers
- Transmitter Impound
- Contact Jeff Voss – 414-416-3713, jeffreyv@microsoft.com

Details:

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(**Proceeds to Special Olympics**)
- Friday Night Camping – no hookup
- Landing Fee - \$10.00
- Spectators Welcome - Parking - \$3.00

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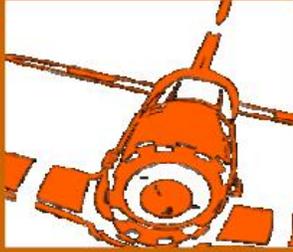


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