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Dale Gathman captured Dave Murray's T-33 in climb out during the maiden flight. Check back next month for an Aircraft Spot Light on this amazing plane.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Tom Spriet—president@foxvalleyaero.com

So can you believe it? July is here. The days are getting shorter but definitely not cooler. As I write this it's 100 degrees in the shade and I'm thinking how lucky I am that my power is on and the air conditioner is fighting to keep me cool. Due to the recent storms there are many folks that are without, so be thankful for what you have, it can be taken away in a blink.

Last week, as most of you well know, Dan Knippen lost his fight with cancer. In the short time I knew Dan, I realized his gift for this hobby was in helping others. He was a true friend of Fox Valley Aero Club and beyond in the RC community. Dan will be truly missed by the lives he touched.

In a few short weeks we will be having our annual Festival of Flight which culminates our event season. Plan to come out and participate in one way or another—either by flying your aircraft or by helping direct and manage the crowds of people we hope to attract.

We have installed the wireless internet hotspot at our field and hope to soon acquire and install a few cameras for your viewing convenience. Whether it be to see who has the day off of work or to see firsthand the field conditions and decide whether or not to make the trip to our beautiful field.

2012 has been a pretty darn good year so far in that all of our events have happened as planned. We have participated in two parades at which we heightened the curiosity of many regarding our hobby. It was fun to hear the kids, young and old, talking about our airplanes as we drove by. One of the funniest however was the Habu that was being taxied by Dale Gathman. Dale almost

had his plane eaten by a dog that was startled by the drive by. Very funny stuff for sure!!

Lastly, I want to take a moment and thank all the members that have made our events this year a total success.

See you at the field, Tom Spriet



**Fox Valley Aero Club**  
*presents...*

**Radio Control**

# **FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT**

**Giants**  
**Jets**  
**Aerobatics**

**July 21 & 22**  
**9 a.m. 'till dusk**

✈ AIRFIELD LOCATION ✈  
Route 38, 1/2 mile West of Peck  
Road on the south side of the  
road. Look for the FVAC sign!

**FREE Parking**  
**Admission: \$5 per Adult**  
**Kids under 12 - FREE**



**Raffles!**

**Food! Fun!**

Special appearance by  
**"The General"**  
**Lewis Patton**



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## FROM THE EDITOR

Doug Swanson-newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com

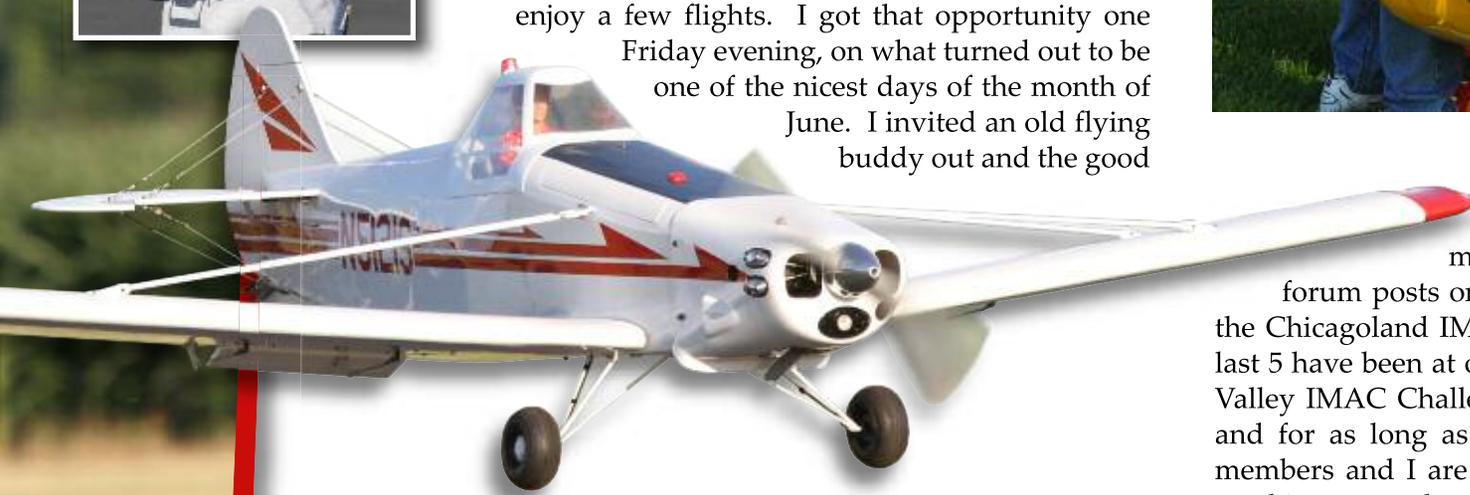
Here we are: July *Flypaper*. I'm writing this on the first day after the long heat wave. That was miserable—and I had A/C and power last week! As the picture shows, I had a maximum temperature of 105.3F at my house one day—yikes!



Last month I wrote about my need to get out and enjoy a few flights. I got that opportunity one Friday evening, on what turned out to be one of the nicest days of the month of June. I invited an old flying buddy out and the good



Kevin Kessler photo



times ensued. Several other club members were there and we all had a great time flying and enjoying each other's company. Dale Gathman had his telescope-with-a-shutter strapped around his neck for some great shots of the action. The Pawnee picture above is a result. Thanks, Dale!

On the other end of the emotional spectrum for June was the loss of my friend, Dan Knippen. He was an outstanding individual—someone I looked up to. He lived a life that I can

take lessons from, and will. Evidenced by the hundreds of people at his memorial service and the outpouring of forum posts on line, he will be missed by many. He ran the Chicagoland IMAC event for 18 or so years, of which the last 5 have been at our field. The 6th annual Chicagoland Fox Valley IMAC Challenge for this year will go on as scheduled and for as long as the club supports these events. Several members and I are working together to do the job that Dan did mostly by himself.

**Chicagoland Fox Valley  
IMAC CHALLENGE 6**  
August 4-5, 2012

Over the past month I've been doing a lot of thinking about how I spend my personal time—namely, producing this newsletter. I had it in my mind, before attending the pig roast that I would step down as editor at the end of this year. I thought two years was a good run. I talked with many people

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at the pig roast. Many of the conversations started with them saying how much they enjoy the newsletter and appreciate the work I do on it. I told them "thank you", but felt compelled to tell them that I will be stepping down at the end of the year. I did a lot more thinking afterwards, talked with my wife, Laurie, and have come to a decision. I would like to keep going for another year-and-a-half—assuming you still want me to. At the end of 2013, I'll "pass the torch" to the next person, whoever you may be.

Another thing I want to talk about is this newsletter's content. Being the digital age that we're in, I assume many of you read this right on your computer screen. I do know of a few who like to print it out for reading. I've heard comments that it wastes ink. I would agree—there are a lot of pictures and graphic features that use up ink quickly. Maybe you would prefer a "printer friendly" version? I also wonder if some people find the size of the issues to be too much, and feel it's difficult to find important information. I'm going to try something next month—a printer friendly/down to business version. It will have virtually no graphics and will basically be a text-only version. Let me know what you think after it comes out...

Last, but not least, I want to thank the contributors this month. Dennis McFarlane has provided a report on the 27th Annual Al's Helicopter Fun-Fly—check it out on page 7. Bill Sponsler and Greg Wright have provided some great aircraft photos and details. They can be found on pages 9 and 17, respectively. Dale Gathman has provided some great photos of members and their planes. They can be found in "Shots from the Field" on page 11. Thanks, guys.

Doug



Top Flite Giant Scale Corsair ARF (TOPA0704)

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Turner  
vicepresident@foxvalleyaero.com



Some pretty cool events for the FVAC have recently taken place over the past weeks! Community activities such as the St. Charles and Geneva parades and Kids Day "Teach a Kid to Fly" continue to be a key success for our members and association. Thanks to all who participated in the events and donated time for the club. Just recently, I received a call from Ms. Mande Mikulski (Development and Communications Coordinator) with the AMA about our recent parade during the Geneva Swedish Days. She inquired about our club activities, membership roster, and what our club involvement is doing for the community. I mentioned many events outside the recent parades such as: Kids Day, Toys for Tots Campaign/Salvation Army Donation, and our upcoming Festival of Flight. Ms. Mikulski was very impressed about our club's support and mentioned that if we list the AMA in various news media, then our club would be able to receive a cash contribution for supporting model aviation.

Below is the AMA's 3-tiered cash support for club recognition and rewards program:

- a. \$100.00 for newspaper
- b. \$200.00 with Radio Advertisement
- c. \$300.00 under TV spotlights

Additional information about the rewards program can be found with the application form under: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/716.pdf>.

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She also mentioned that AMA has set up a new blog to feature club's activities and she posted the recent picture of the FVAC at the Geneva Swedish Days parade. Check out the new link about the club's activities. AMA Club Blog (<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amaclubs/?p=253&preview=true>). Any future activities can be sent to the AMA for posting. Be sure to forward information to our Government Relations Director, Mr. Alvin Cole. We will make efforts to post pictures and mention the AMA in our local Tri-Village papers. Any other suggestions would be appreciated!

Flag update: I have acquired new flags to replace the American Flags that have been flying since Memorial Day weekend. Flags that will be replaced will be Armed Forces (Navy, Marine, Air Force, and Army) and our state flag. I am also working to get a St.

Charles Community Flag. The flags representing various manufactures such as Futaba, JR and E-Flight appear to be OK for the remaining season. Thanks to Tom Spriet for providing a flag company in Batavia for picking up new flags. If any member is interested in purchasing additional flags or flag poles, this company has it all. Their website is: [www.flagsource.com](http://www.flagsource.com).

Finally, my sympathy goes out to Dan Knippen's family. Dan was very instrumental for the IMAC events at our club and was a great individual who enjoyed model aviation. We will miss his company and watching his flying skills with that huge 40% twin-cylinder Extra.

See you at field and fly safe!  
JT

## 2012 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

July 12 July 21 & 22	FVAC Member Meeting <b>Festival of Flight</b>	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field FVAC Field
August 4 & 5 August 9	<b>Chicagoland IMAC Challenge</b> FVAC Member Meeting	FVAC Field 6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
September 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 11 October 21	FVAC Member Meeting <b>Fun-Fly &amp; Turkey Fry</b>	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall 10:00 AM FVAC Field
November 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 7	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	Hilton Garden Inn



*Remember—the next two meetings are held out at the field—unless there is inclement weather, when it will revert back to the township hall.*

### Past Events of 2012

- January 1  
**First to Fly Fun Fly**
- February 25  
**FVAC Annual SWAP**
- April 21  
**Member Work Day**
- May 26 & 27  
**Classic Pattern Contest**
- June 2 & 3  
**FVAC Pattern Contest**
- June 9  
**Kids Day**
- June 10  
**Fun-Fly & Pig Roast**
- June 15 & 16  
**Al's Helicopter Fun-Fly**

# 27th Annual AI's Helicopter



## Fun-Fly

By Dennis McFarlane

Photos by Dennis McFarlane  
and Dale Gathman

***Attendance was down, but that didn't curb anyone's fun***

Cindy and I would like to extend our thanks to the officers and members of Fox Valley Aero Club for allowing us to hold the 27th Annual Helicopter Fun-Fly at our facility. It's well known FVAC is one of the finest facilities in the area and this in itself is always a draw to pilots and spectators alike.

Unfortunately, this year's event conflicted with the XFC (Extreme Flight Championships) held in Muncie. This prevented all of the factory reps and "hot thumbs" from participating in the fun-fly, but this didn't stop any of the registered participants from having fun—quite the contrary. Several times during the event we heard comments where the factory pilots will "hog" the sky and can be a little intimidating to the locals. *continued...*



Nobody was intimidated this year. Everyone from the beginner just learning to hover to the more experience aerobatic pilots had plenty of transmitter time and were constantly in the air flying. We did have an afternoon lull on Saturday, but this was to be expected. A thunderstorm had passed through and most everyone was simply taking a few deep breaths as they assessed any damage.

Attendance was down from previous years, right at fifty pilots by final count, due to the previously mentioned XFC drawing many pilots and their associated "groupies" to Muncie. About the only real negative affect this had was to reduce the amount of money generated for charity. This year the money has been earmarked for breast cancer research. My sister was diagnosed and recently underwent a double Mastectomy. When I realized this terrible disease hasn't just affected our family, but several wives and girlfriends of the membership of Fox Valley Aero Club it really didn't take a lot of discussion before we decided where to write the check.

All and all the 27th Annual Helicopter Fun-Fly was a great success and we hope to continue the tradition for as long as the club will allow. ✈️ DM





# SPOT light

By Bill Sponsler

## KMP Cirrus SR-22 ARF

I bought this plane from Al's Hobby Shop for my father 5 years ago in what I thought would be a simple ARF project. Well, it's finally done after one child born, one house sold, one house built, and a move.

The kit itself is very good quality, but there were a few things I wanted to change and incorporate. The most obvious was the wire front landing gear. It did not do the plane justice, so I used the wheel pant they provided and made a more scale-like front landing gear. I also did not want to cut big holes in the cowl. The ASP 1.60 twin was recommended by others building in Europe, and it fit very nicely without holes. However, most just ran the exhaust out of the bottom of the front of the cowl. I did not care for this as it left two gaping big holes in that beautiful cowl, so I tried several different methods, and settled on 3/8 O.D. copper to route it out of the same two exhaust ducts that the real Cirrus uses. To get the exhaust bends just right, my friend Bob Cain at Cain Tubular steel put them on his machine and brazed the muffler fittings. I



also mounted the switches and glow plug attachment point inside of the cockpit, and used some hinges and magnets to keep the window closed during flight.

I believe that I am very lucky to be able to get graphics that match my father's plane. I called the company that produces graphics for full scale Cirrus aircraft and told them my plans. They were able to replicate the scheme as it was already in their system, including the "N" number. They really make



the plane look nice, and were such nice people to work with.

Along with the graphics, I also installed LED position, wingtip strobe, and landing lights. They look neat, and it will keep me from leaving the battery switch on when I am finished flying.

I have not flown the plane yet, but am looking forward to it in the next few weeks.

-Bill Sponsler



## TREASURER'S REPORT

July 21-22, 2012

Paul Jacobs  
treasurer@foxvalleyaero.com

It was a sad ending to this month as we said goodbye to our friend Dan Knippen who passed away on June 26, 2012. I last spoke with Dan and his wife Glenda at our Pig Roast and they seemed in good spirits and he was looking forward to getting his treatment done and talking about his IMAC event coming up in August. May he rest in peace and I know he will be missed by all his friends.

Nothing new on the treasury side but we are spending money getting ready for the Festival of Flight. The parade in Geneva was a great success and it does a lot to promote the club and the Festival in particular. Many thanks to Eric Karl, Tom Spriet, and a host of FVAC members that helped make the event happen. As you read this the Festival is only a few weeks away and I am hoping for clear skies, wind down the runway and temperatures in the 80's. If you need yellow FVAC shirts or a hat, Karl Griesbaum will have them at the next meeting. We have over 200 members so I would hope to see at least 300 aircraft at the Festival. One more thing...let's keep Obama out of town that weekend.

With the additional publicity, membership continues to grow. We have added five new members to the roster in the last month alone and several more intending to send in their checks. When you see new members at the field, be sure to make them feel welcome and help them get orientated to our procedures. I saw several guests flying north of the white centerline which is a serious safety violation. Don't hesitate to correct anything you see wrong but be tactful.

Until next month, Paul



Habu 2 EDF BNF Basic by  
ParkZone (PKZ7150)

## Shop TIP

by Doug  
Swanson

This one is simple, but handy. Do you ever buy those pre-packaged lunch meat packages—you know the processed stuff that's bad for you? I do it all the time. If you buy the right

one, you'll get a handy parts tray along with the 'meat'. This one happens to be from Hillshire Farm. I like it because it's low-profile. There are other brands with deeper versions—it's all what you like. When you open the bags of hardware on your next build you can keep the parts from rolling off the workbench and into the carpet! I can never find them, but the vacuum always seems to be successful...



# SHOTS FROM THE FIELD

shots by Dale Gathman



John Fischer,  
Hangar 9 Beast



Bill Suhr, Reaction 54  
w/Kingtec 80 turbine



Paul Makowski,  
Great Planes  
Little Toni



Greg Wright, BVM F100  
w/Aluminum covering, hand  
sanded and buffed, Jetcat P120sx



Eric Karl and son,  
Parkzone Radian  
RTF



John Turner (JT),  
Hangar 9 Pawnee w/Saito .70  
Hangar 9 J3 Cub w/O.S. .46  
Great Planes Cosmic Wind w/Power 25



Dale Gathman,  
Hangar 9 F4U-1D  
Corsair 50 ARF



Doug Swanson,  
Hangar 9 Piper  
Pawnee 40



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Tony Sokol—secretary@foxvalleyaero.com

Fox Valley Aero Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2012 @ FVAC Field

**President Tom Spriet** called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.



photos by  
Dale Gathman  
Thanks, Dale!

**Secretary Tony Sokol** asked for additions or corrections to the May minutes as published. A motion to approve was made by **Greg Bohler** and seconded by **Bill Suhr**. The minutes were approved.

**Membership Chairman Sal Perno** introduced several new members. They are **Bob Boen**, **Marino Rosales**, **Dave Kozara**, and **Dave Forsell**. Welcome aboard, gang.

**Vice President John Turner** has



Bob Boen



John Turner 'JT'

plans in the works to update the Swap Meet flier soon in order to get the word out to the AMA and vendors well in advance of the February 2013 event. John and Tom have met with the people that run the fairgrounds and have a tentative date arranged.

Several vendors are being researched for flags to replace the faded aging ones we now have at the field.

John reminded everyone that we have had in place a gentleman's agreement that Gas and Nitro planes will not be flown before 9:00am however electrics, park fliers, and helicopters can start earlier.

**Safety Chairman Karl Griesbaum** reminded everyone that if there is more than one plane in the air pilots need spotters to maintain field safety. Also T-Shirts have come in and are available to those that need them.



Karl Griesbaum

**Treasurer Paul Jacobs** reported that the treasury is going down which is normal for this time of year due to field activities and maintenance.

Festival plans are well under way. We still are awaiting confirmation from the Civil Air Patrol and Boy Scouts regarding security duty. Again, Pilots will not be charged, however, spectators will be charged a nominal fee. Paul is still working on potential sponsors for the Saturday night pilots dinner. We do have a new food vendor who has served at the Rockford Club's events.

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Eric Karl

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**Eric Karl** is coordinating the Swedish Days float construction. Saturday will be a work day to finish decorating the float. He is looking for a few more civilian aircraft to put on the float. Walkers are still needed to accompany the float wearing our yellow FVAC shirts to help advertise the club. Participants need to be there by 12 noon. We are looking for a pickup truck to tow the float so that some youngsters can ride along the parade route.

Tom noted that we did receive a very nice thank you note from the organizer of the Memorial Day parade and invited us to be there again next year.

**Paul Jacobs** informed us that a list of current members has been posted as well as a list of those still needing to renew their AMA membership. If your name is not on the roster check with Paul since that would indicate you are not a member. In the event you see someone flying that is on the non-AMA member list or has not posted an AMA card, be sure to ask him not to fly until he has one. The same applies to someone that is not on the main roster. This is in all fairness to those that have complied with the basic requirements for membership.

**Walt Thyng** brought to our attention just how far a simple "Thank You" can go to foster member camaraderie and good will in the club. This was in appreciation of having received a call from **Dave Murray** thanking Walt for his participation in the Memorial Day parade.

With this thought in mind, Walt thanked Tom for coordinating the Pig Roast which was a great success again this year. Tom will NOT wait till he is last in line next year. The food ran out!!!

**President Tom Spriet** brought up the topic of internet access at the field. Checking with his provider Fox Valley Internet, it was determined that internet service would cost \$25 to \$30 per month. After much badgering and noticing the Flood Brothers sign we have posted, Tom snapped a picture of the sign and offered Fox Valley Internet



Tom Spriet

the same courtesy. We now will have FREE internet service at the field!

**Show and Tell:**

**John Turner** displayed his just completed Great Planes "Dirty Birdy" classic pattern plane. The plane sports an O.S. .65AX and has fixed gear for the moment. A Futaba 2.4 radio guides the 8-9 pound craft which took about 2 weeks to complete. John also has the Hangar 9 Phoenix 7, which also is a great classic.



John Turner

**Walt Thyng** brought his Morane Saulnier (French built Storch) which he displayed at the April meeting in the bones. It is now covered in a nice scale French Aviation Blue scheme. Unfortunately while attempting to maiden the craft this evening he was a little slow on the rudder, hooked a wheel, and nosed the 6lb craft over. The prop is now somewhat shorter than it was when he arrived, however that's an easy fix.



Walt Thyng

**Dennis McFarlane** ran over some of the specifics of the upcoming AI's Helicopter Fly. Of major importance is the adherence to the flight restrictions while Air Force One is in the area. Also, Dennis would like to make sure that participants welcome newcomers

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Dennis McFarlane

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to the event. This will go a long way in relieving the fear and intimidation that causes possible attendees to have reservations about participating. Out-of-town participants are even more susceptible to this form of intimidation. This should apply to ALL events.

**John Turner** mentioned that his wife is thinking about organizing a "Pig Roast" dish-to-pass recipe book. Great idea, Pam!

A motion to adjourn was made by **Cindy McFarlane** and seconded by **Greg Bohler**. The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Tony Sokol – Secretary FVAC



Todd Culbertson (Rocketman) gets ready to do some runway cleanup after his well-used Phase 3 EF-16 foamy jet decided it had enough. Todd suffered FM signal loss on takeoff. FM? Huh—what's that?

# FVAC in the news

Elizabeth Stoeber, St. Charles Republican reporter, has written a story on the FVAC and our recently received AMA Education Outreach Appreciation Award. Thanks to President Tom Spriet and Mel Ziska for their Club representation in the article.

The full story can be found here: *(clickable link below)*

[http://www.mysuburbanlife.com/stcharles/topstories/x448231517/Academy-recognizes-model-airplane-group-for-youth-outreach-efforts?zc\\_p=0](http://www.mysuburbanlife.com/stcharles/topstories/x448231517/Academy-recognizes-model-airplane-group-for-youth-outreach-efforts?zc_p=0)



2012 IRCHA Jamboree, Aug. 15-19, 2012

The jamboree is held at:  
Academy of Model Aeronautics  
5161 E. Memorial Dr.  
Muncie, In. 47302



Blade 130 X BNF by  
BLADE (BLH3780)

# FVAC on **PARADE** 2012

By Doug Swanson

**THE FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB** has been 'On Display' in 2012. We have participated in two parades this year: the St. Charles Memorial Day parade, held on May 28th, and Geneva's Swedish Days parade, held on June 24th. Last year was our first entry into parades. We bought a trailer, built it out and exhibited it in Geneva's Swedish Days parade. This year we built on that—in more ways than one. The float received new "dog house" framing and decking and we displayed it at two parades. President Tom Spriet and Board Member Eric Karl led the design and build-out of the improved float and coordinated with event planners and members to make each outing a success.

## The Build-out

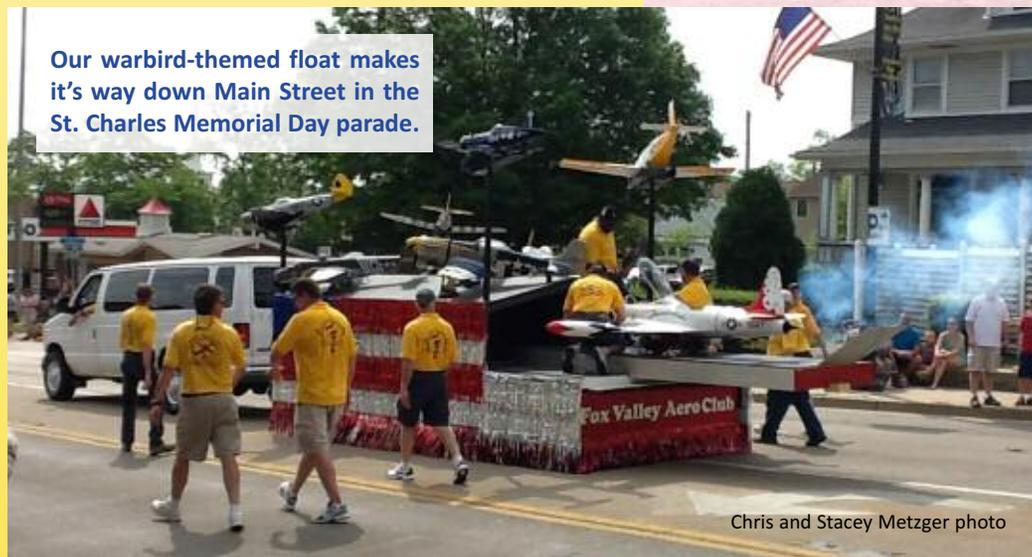
Several members came out to frame and finish the new float design. First was the installation of a new angled-deck out at FVAC field. The club bought materials and members came with power tools to frame out this improvement to the float. The gable "roof" puts mounted airplanes at the perfect viewing angle for spectators along the parade route. Second, four support poles were mounted at the corners to get even more planes on display—and up high. The float was then moved to E&T Glass for final painting, dressing and aircraft placement. For the Memorial Day parade, the float received American Flag-inspired paint and decorations. We also had a warbird theme with the displayed aircraft. The float received minor changes for the Swedish Days parade, in the form of Festival of Flight banners and new mounts to accommodate the cross-section of

Here we come, Geneva! The FVAC float heads down Anderson Boulevard on the first leg of the Geneva Swedish Days parade.



Laurie Swanson photo

Our warbird-themed float makes it's way down Main Street in the St. Charles Memorial Day parade.



Chris and Stacey Metzger photo



aircraft types. Displayed were fixed-wing, rotary-wing, scale, aerobatic, and sport designs. We even had Chuck Noyes' flying lawnmower and Walt Thyng's "Hilda", an electric-powered witch on a broom. Through all of these improvements, one thing has remained unchanged: A Dave Murray turbine jet on the back of the float. Dave's turbines have brought oos and ahhs in every parade with the engine running and filling the parade route with authentic turbine sounds and large clouds of smoke.

### On Display

On parade day, the float and members met at pre-determined staging areas to get things ready. Member aircraft were unpacked, assembled and mounted in position. Dave's turbine was fueled and support and safety equipment were loaded up. Many members, wearing their yellow FVAC shirts, walked alongside the float, waving and interacting with parade attendees. Something new during the Swedish Days parade was aircraft being carried and taxied. Todd Culbertson and Dale Gathman both taxied their electric jets—one down each side of the street—to the joy of many kids (of all ages). There was one dog, however, that wanted to get a piece of Dale's Habu. Parade attendees were greeted with sights, sounds and smiles. Those members on parade will agree they received the same in return.

These parades go a long way to promote our Club and aeromodeling. Hopefully kids and parents who saw our float will come out to the field for one of our events. Maybe they will become interested enough to join the club, buy an aircraft and experience first-hand the joy that comes from our hobby. Maybe they'll move on to careers in aviation.

The possibilities are on parade. ✈

Our efforts have received national recognition in an AMA Blog entry found here:  
<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amaclubs/?p=253&preview=true>.



Laurie Swanson photos





# SPOT light

By Greg Wright

I just thought I would share these pictures of an airplane that I had the chance to fly this past weekend [June 9,-10] for a good friend of mine down in St. Louis MO. It was a thrill. The plane is made by a guy in California, his name is Shailesh Patel. It is a 1/4 scale F-86F Sabre jet that is powered by a JetCat P-200. Weight is 74 lbs. with fuel, wing span and length are 98", guidance is with a JR12X radio and a 1222 power safe receiver, Fromeco batteries, Glennis wheels and brakes, and I think the gear is made by Sierra Precision. It flies like a dream.





## FIELD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Greg Bohler—gbohler@sbcglobal.net

None of us could wait for winter to get over so we could fly. Well, I think winter is over. With the temperatures soaring into the upper ninety's we seem to have the same situation as in the winter. Only the heartiest of souls are venturing out to the field. Even in these extreme conditions the field appears to be holding up well.

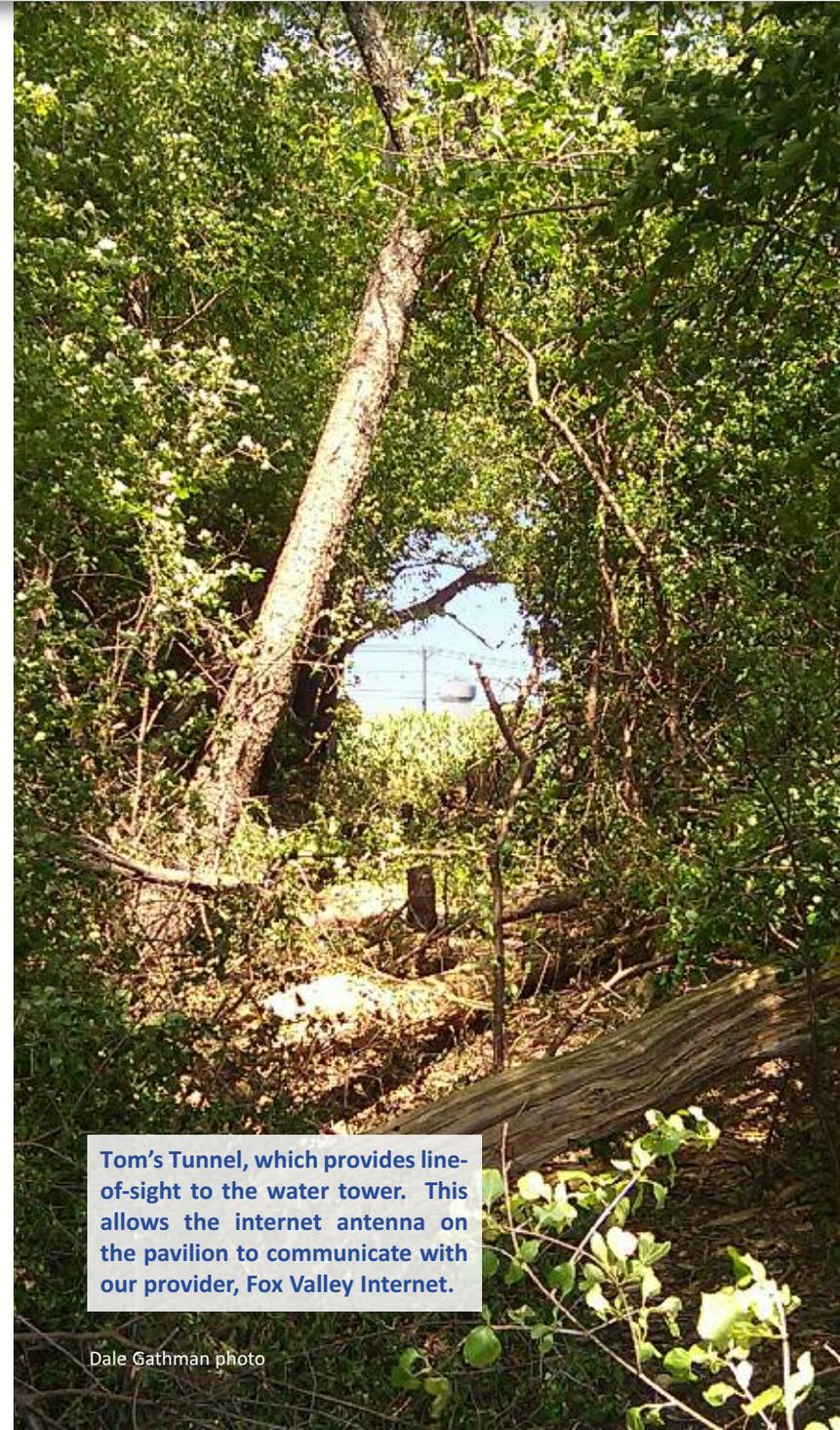
Tom has been putting a lot of effort into getting the internet up and running. He has been doing everything from mounting an antenna on the roof to playing lumberjack and creating the Tom Spriet Memorial tunnel. I know many of you thought he was starting on construction of a North-South runway but in reality it is a line of sight path for the internet signal. Thanks Tom for all that hard work in this extreme heat.

The Festival of Flight will be upon us shortly. We will be adding two additional Porta Potties. We will also have a little work to do for set up. I will be out at the field at 8AM on the morning of July 18th to set up the rope barriers and pull the electric and sound cables. If anyone wants to come out and give me a hand I would greatly appreciate it. These tasks never take too long. We will take everything down during the afternoon of Sunday the 22nd. By the following Monday the field will be completely back to normal.

A final note would be a reminder to all members. We recently had a minor issue with the Juice Bar. It has been repaired. I have been very busy and not spending as much time at the field as I would like. When a problem occurs with anything at the field, please email or call me to report it. I will make my best effort to resolve the problem in a timely manner or get someone out there that can. Hanging a sign on something does not solve the problem if I am not out there to see the sign. Thanks for your understanding.

See you at the field,

Greg Bohler



**Tom's Tunnel, which provides line-of-sight to the water tower. This allows the internet antenna on the pavilion to communicate with our provider, Fox Valley Internet.**

Dale Gathman photo

# FVAC Pig Roast

Report by Doug Swanson

Photos by Dale Gathman and Doug Swanson



**THE SECOND-ANNUAL** FVAC Pig Roast is in the books. This gathering of friends and family took place out at the field on June 10th.

This year the weather was less than perfect, with high temperatures and high winds. This didn't stop many pilots from taking to the skies, though. Several larger aircraft took flight along with a few smaller ones. Rich Gabrys actually flew a foamy with great success!



Our friends, Bill Roush and Steve Beck prepared the main course for us again this year. And, like last year, the sides and desserts were brought by the members and families. In a word: Delicious. The pavilion housed the tables of food



and portable canopies provided dining rooms and shelter from the sun's heat.

Thank you, President Tom, for organizing another great family event at FVAC! ✈

*If you happened to miss this outing, you have another chance for a similar event on October 21st. Bring your aircraft, family and food to our annual Turkey Fry! These get-togethers are perfect for talking with old friends and meeting new ones. It's a great time to get your family and friends involved with the club. Bring them out to see what we're all about.*



# Chicagoland Fox Valley IMAC CHALLENGE 6



August 4th & 5th, 2012

Fox Valley Aero Club Field

3821 Karl Madsen Dr., St. Charles, IL

[www.foxvalleyaero.com](http://www.foxvalleyaero.com)

**All classes flown—Basic through Unlimited  
1st through 3rd place awards in each class  
Freestyle will be flown Saturday after competition**

You must be an AMA member to compete

\$30 - IMAC members

\$35 - Non-IMAC members

Pre-register at the IMAC website - [www.mini-iac.com](http://www.mini-iac.com)

50' x 800' Asphalt Runway (East-West)

On-Site Camping (no hookups)

Food available on-site\*

\*lunch included for pilots plus one other on both days

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## Schedule

Saturday: Registration begins: 7:30  
Pilot's meeting: 8:45  
Wheels up: 9:00  
Freestyle following competition

Sunday: No flying before: 8:30  
Pilot's meeting: 8:45  
Wheels up: 9:00  
Awards following competition