



# Flypaper

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Piotr Niedoba's 50% Christen Eagle I takes to the skies in preparation for the Festival of Flight.

Dale Gathman photo

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Spriet—  
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The Festival of Flight is coming!!  
The Festival of Flight is coming!!!!!!

July is here and with it are two things: finally the warmth of summer and yep, you guessed it, the Fox Valley Aero Club Festival of flight.

It is my understanding that in years past the one and only Mac Hodges flew his 20-foot wingspan B-29 here.

# FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

July 20-21, 2013



Carl Bachhuber's C-119c at the 2011 Festival of Flight

I personally witnessed Bob Violet from BVM models fly his Jets here prior to my becoming a member. When you come to Fox Valley you just never know what or whom you will see.

I have seen Carl Bachhuber fly his 180" C-121 Super Constellation, his C-124a Globemaster and the 177" C-119 Flying Boxcar. I watched and was amazed by the flying skills of Frank and Jason Knoll among many, many others. So now is the time to get ready to dazzle and

amaze the crowds that come out to see what we do for fun at this fantastic RC field we call home.



Dale Gathman photo

The crowd gets up close and personal with the pilots and planes during the noon break at the 2012 Festival of Flight

Cliff Fullhart will be bringing out the club's Sopwith Pup. In addition, I will ask him to bring a buddy box. The thought is to sell raffle tickets and pull one ticket every hour for some lucky person in the crowd to give her a go!

It sounds as though Armin Weber, who is running the show this year, has things well in hand. No matter how well he has planned the event, he will always need help with the event and pilots to keep planes in the air.

Here's to a great flying season! Wishing you all blue skies and gentle breezes.

See you at the field,  
Tom Spriet

P-47D-1 Thunderbolt  
60 ARF by Hangar 9  
(HAN2790)





## FROM THE EDITOR

Doug Swanson-newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com

Where's Waldo? You may have noticed that I haven't been out at the field much this year. In fact, I've been out twice—January 1st for Frozen Fingers and June 13th for the meeting. Unfortunately, neither of those "field trips" were to fly. I've had a house remodeling project going on, and it's finally coming together. My time should free up enough to at least allow some stick time. There's still plenty of flying time this year, right? No worries.

There are only two weeks 'till our **Chicagoland Fox Valley IMAC Challenge**—yikes! I'll be ready with my CD duties, but my flying skills will be non-existent. I hope to see some new faces in the basic class this year. If you're on the fence about competing, feel free to contact me with your concerns.

The time I've had to spend on this publication lately has been short as well—for that I apologize. You will find more content this month—a trend that will continue through the rest of the year. One feature that you will see return to these pages in upcoming issues is Meet the Members. I look forward to these upcoming issues, and I hope you enjoy reading them.

This month we have several contributors who I would like to thank for their input:

Mel Ziska and Dave Murray visited students at Bell Graham Elementary School as representatives of FVAC. Mel's write-up on the visit can be found on page 6.

Dennis McFarlane has written an article about the Club's "opening weekend", June 8-9. That weekend included Kid's Day and the Club's annual pig roast. See Dennis' article and pictures on page 13.

As always, Dale Gathman and Paul Makowski have provided great photos of members and their aircraft. Check pages 16-18 to see if you or your bird were captured by them!

I'll see you this weekend at the Festival of Flight!

Doug

## Aviation movie alert!

From the makers of *Cars* comes **Disney Planes**. In theaters August 9!



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# **FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT**

**Giants**

**Jets**

**Aerobatics**

**July 20 & 21**  
**9 a.m. 'till dusk**



**FREE Parking**

**Admission: \$5 per Adult**

**Kids under 12 - FREE**

**Raffles! Food! Fun!**

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



### TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Jacobs  
treasurer@foxvalleyaero.com

Well the first six months of the year are over and I have forwarded the results of the checkbook activity to the board. We are still in great shape and on budget for the year. The biggest gamble of the year is the festival costs and we always hope for great weather and a good gate to offset these expenses.

Armin's doing a great job of planning and has put President Tom (GHP) in charge of the weather.

I have managed to get some flying in this past month and only had one minor problem. The exhaust valve came unclipped on the YS 120 and had to be replaced. I had a prop on for a OS 120 instead of a YS 120 and it over-spiced a bit. I found a used one in Nevada (YS no longer makes that part) and am happy to report the Klotz Stik is back patrolling the field.



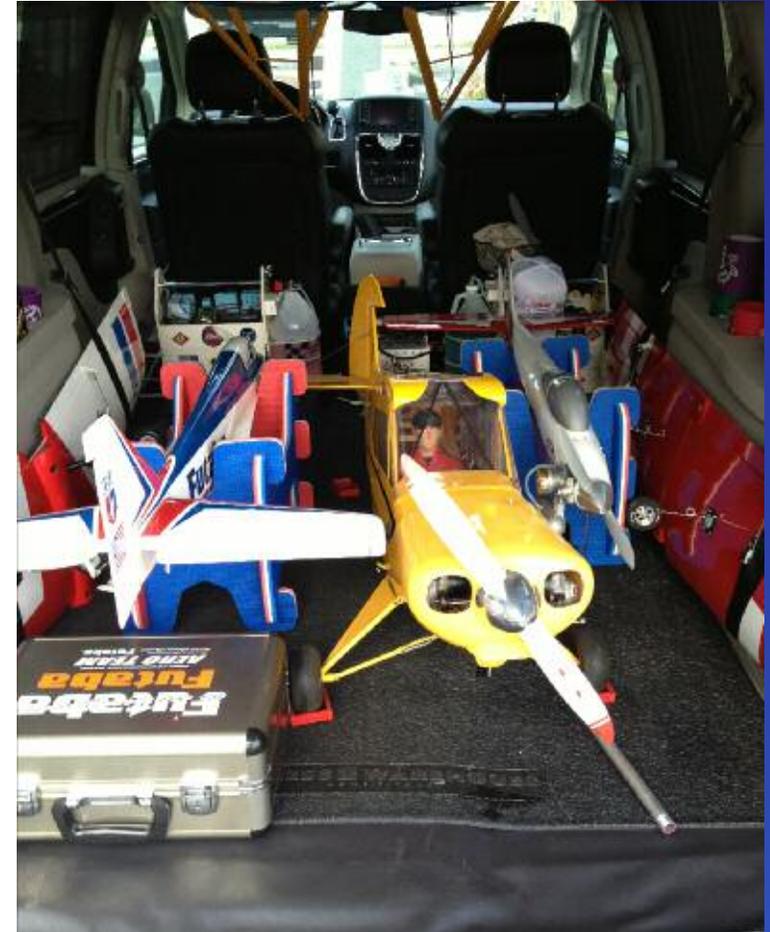
I also flew the Sukhoi a few times and cannot seem to get comfortable with it so I have put it up for sale on Flying Giants. I will move the engine and electronics into the big Decathlon. My Extra 300 will now be my IMAC plane but time is getting short for contest preparation. That will be my excuse and I'll be sticking with it...Dorie and I spend most the weekend doing the scoring for

the event anyway.

The biggest event of the year is the Festival of Flight coming up July 20th & 21st and I am looking forward to actually being able to fly this year. I think there may be a trailer in my future as transporting toys to the field is limited with the van. For me it is a 35 minute trip one way and if I take a 1/3 scale bird it is the only one that fits.

I hope to see a lot of FVAC members flying in Doug's IMAC Challenge on Aug 3rd & 4th. Any one of our members that have soloed is capable of flying in the basic category and you don't need an IMAC airplane to do so.

Until next month,  
Paul



UMX Habu 180 DF BNF Basic with AS3X Technology by E-flite (EFLU4450)

# FVAC in the community

*Bell Graham Elementary School Presentation*

*by Mel Ziska*

**SPEAKING AT THE SCHOOL** for FVAC were Captain Dave Murray and Mel Ziska. Dave had just landed a 777 and 'jetted' over to the school with a fueled jet. The summer camp at the school provides education, fun and lunch for elementary-age kids. Special programs from the public are also featured.

Dave and Mel talked about aviation and shared their enthusiasm for the hobby. Many questions from a great group of kids gave us hope for our future generations. Covering history, aircraft of the ages, aviation related

vocations and need for education began the talk. Dave stressed education, staying in school and staying free from bad influences for a successful future.

Mel and Dave flew a Night Vapor in the gym before a grand finale. Outside the kids were thrilled with a real jet engine going through a startup cycle. After slowly going around the parking lot Dave made sure there was no dust or water left on the ground! ✈



Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

July 20 & 21	<b>Festival of Flight</b>	FVAC Field
August 3 & 4 August 8 August 24	<b>Chicagoland IMAC Challenge</b> FVAC Member Meeting <b>Cub Scout Rocket Day</b>	FVAC Field 6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at <b>FVAC Field</b> 8:00 am Check in, 9:00–Noon Launching, Noon–? Club member flying - FVAC Field
September 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 10 October 20	FVAC Member Meeting <b>Fun-Fly &amp; Turkey Fry</b>	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall FVAC Field
November 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 6	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	Hilton Garden Inn

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

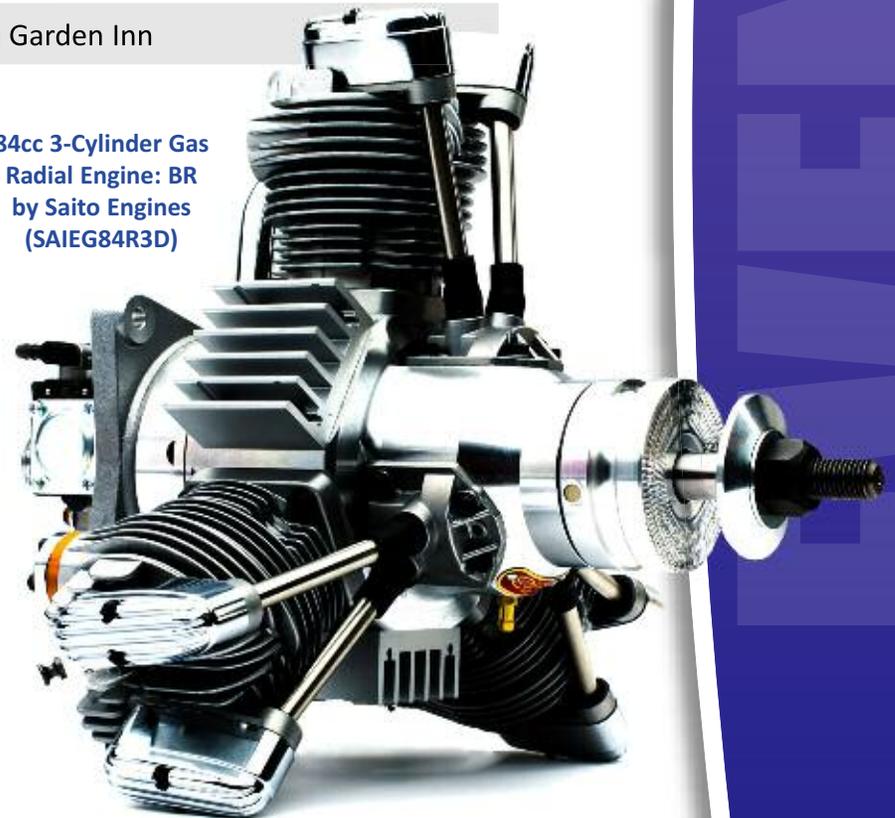
**Past Events of 2013**

- January 1 **First-to-Fly Fun Fly**
- February 23 **FVAC Annual Swap Meet**
- April 27 **Member Work Day**
- May 27 **St. Charles Memorial Day Parade**
- June 8 **Kid's Day**
- June 9 **Fun-Fly & Pig Roast**
- June 14 & 15 **Al's Helicopter Fun-Fly**
- June 23 **Geneva Swedish Days Parade**



Sbach 342 .60 ARF by Hangar 9 (HAN4215)

84cc 3-Cylinder Gas Radial Engine: BR by Saito Engines (SAIEG84R3D)





## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dale Gathman—secretary@foxvalleyaero.com

Fox Valley Aero Club  
**Member Meeting Minutes**  
 June 13, 2013 @ FVAC Field

**President Tom Spriet** called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm, and welcomed everyone.

**Secretary Dale Gathman** asked for any additions or corrections to the May 09, 2013 Member Meeting Minutes. None were voiced and the May minutes were accepted as presented.

**Galle.** Susan stated that after watching her husband Alan fly for the last fifteen years, she finally decided to 'bite the bullet' and join the club and learn to fly. She joined the AMA and has her own trainer. Welcome Susan. Paul asked if any other new or prospective members were present. **Steve Baggio** addressed the membership, stating that he just moved into Geneva a couple months ago, and that he attended the kids Fly day June 8th. He is experienced at RC flying, and was a member of Propmasters years ago. He is here to 'check it out' and see what we are all about.



Susan Galle

**Field Chairman Mark Knoppkie** reported that members were requesting that we get the short grass portion of the runway cut short for a longer distance than taxiway to taxiway. He will request that the lawn service cut the grass short (1.5") 50 feet wide and from one end of the runway to the other, so we will have a short grass strip the same size as the paved runway. Mark then announced that thanks to **Tom Spriet's** design and a friend of Marks who painted it, we have our new sign. The three of them installed it two weeks ago, and it looks gorgeous. Mark stated that the painter hand painted the whole sign, and it will last a long time. The same man paints the signs for the company Mark works for, and they still look great after ten years. Mark announced that



Mark Knoppkie

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Paul Jacobs

**Treasurer Paul Jacobs** reported that the checkbook is down a little, and we currently have 40 members who have not renewed their dues. These members will be removed from the roster in the next few days.

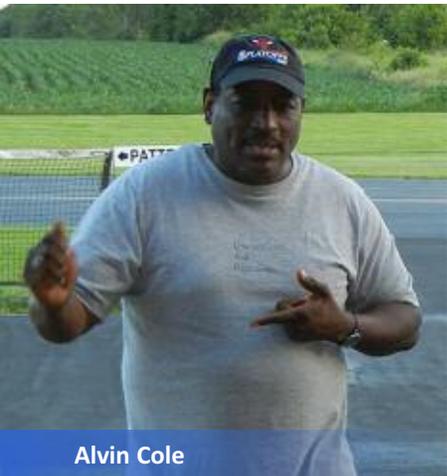
In **Tom Flint's** absence, Paul then introduced new member **Susan**

photos by  
 Doug Swanson

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Cindy's event (Al's Helicopter Fun Fly) is this weekend (Friday June 14th and Saturday June 15th). The field will be open for airplane flying Friday until noon, and all day Sunday. The field is looking good, and Mark is going to have two additional Porta-potties brought in for the Festival of Flight.

**Safety Chairman Karl Griesbaum** reported that he was working on some ideas for a proficiency testing program, but wanted to run them by the board before presenting them to the general membership. **Tom Spriet** explained that we are looking for a way to help us all be better pilots, short of making a program mandatory. The goal will be to help us understand better what our aircraft are capable of and how to manage those capabilities (fly straight, land successfully and where we desire, etc.).



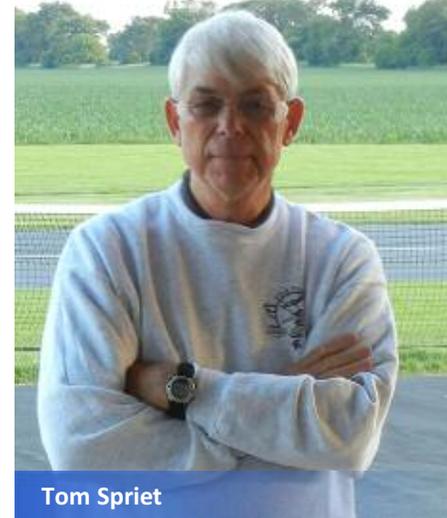
Alvin Cole

**Vice President Alvin Cole** (enthusiast) reminded us of the importance of announcing what we are doing on the field (things like "I'm landing", "I'm taking off" and "I'm on the field"). Alvin said that we are getting lax in this, and that it is a basic safety procedure that is just not optional. Alvin requested that as we start this great season, let's get back to those basics. (Also, several members recommended that we keep our fingers out of the props).

**Tom Siwek** recommended that we come up with a proficiency raffle prize, and with each level of proficiency a member accomplishes, they get a raffle entry. This would motivate members to increase their proficiency and improve safety in so doing.

**Tom Spriet** conveyed a story of how a while back he was tuning up one of his electric airplanes at the field. When he turned on the transmitter, he realized that because he had updated his transmitter software, it was no longer bound to the receiver of the plane. When he went to re-bind the airplane, the motor went to wide open throttle. Thankfully, Tom had a hold of the airplane, or it would have gone crashing into a nearby van. He subsequently reversed the throttle,

and all was good. He then went over to fly the plane, and realized a couple of other things were not set right. He shut everything off, and went home for the day. On Sunday morning, he was sitting outside at the picnic table on his deck. His lovely wife joined him for a cup of coffee. Tom was going over every surface of the plane, getting everything just right, for about twenty minutes. Tom then went to 'model select' on the transmitter, which eliminates the RF signal, and the motor immediately went to full throttle, propelling the plane at full speed across his deck. He couldn't imagine what could have happened if his grandchild, daughter or wife had been sitting in the path of the plane. He turned it off, was shaking, and didn't want to be near it. The point Tom is making is that electric aircraft are scary things, and they should be treated like they are 'hot' all the time. When you turn them on, be ready for anything. Just because everything was okay last time, doesn't mean it will be okay this time. Several members mentioned to make sure that the failsafe is set correctly. In certain circumstances, a failsafe may take your motor to full throttle instead of zero throttle. Tom wanted to impress upon us how scared he was because someone almost got terribly injured due to his temporary lack of consciousness of what he was doing. We need to be very cautious.



Tom Spriet

**Karl Griesbaum** reminded us that if we see other members not announcing their intentions, we should remind them of this requirement for the safety of all. Tom also reminded us to call out loudly, as it is a long distance from one end of the runway to the other. Also, if we see a fellow pilot go up to the flight line to fly, we need to spot for them—even if that pilot is the only pilot flying. Safety is not an accident; we all need to work on it.

**Kevin Kessler** asked about safety rules being posted, and whether pilots are required to post their AMA membership card when flying. **Karl Griesbaum** and **Tom Spriet** stated that the AMA card posting is a requirement at our field, although a lot of us flying 2.4 GHz do not post their cards. Kevin also asked whether the failsafe is part of the safety rules, or if it could be added. Tom stated that **Tom**

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**Siwek** is working on a new frequency box, and along with that box, we will be bringing our rules and forms under cover of the pavilion. We are currently working on our overall safety program, and part of the proficiency program will be to make sure pilots know how their equipment works, especially the failsafe, which has been part of RC receivers long before 2.4 GHz. **Sal Perno** mentioned that as electrics get bigger, they become more dangerous. **Mark Knoppkie** mentioned that electric motors are more dangerous than gas or glow motors. (Author's note: Electric motors are more dangerous because a glow or gas motor outputs a set amount of power per stroke, and if something like a finger gets in the way, it slows or often time stops. If it stops, it stays stopped until restarted. The nature of an electric motor is that it consistently tries to maintain its power. When a finger or arm gets in its path, it will slow down, and immediately output more power trying to re-gain its speed, thus if it has enough power, it will not stop, it will keep on turning. If it is brought to a stop, it will instantly start again as soon as the blockage is decreased).

**Brian Mocny** mentioned two very important safety tips:

1. Program the kill switch on your transmitter if it has one.
2. Always remove the prop from an electric airplane before reprogramming or setting it up.

**Flypaper Editor Doug Swanson** received well-deserved applause for the work he has done on the *Flypaper*. Doug apologized that the *Flypaper* didn't get sent out until this morning, and said that he has some house projects going on at home that are taking a lot of his time. Next month should be better. Doug stated that as always he is looking for photos and stories of what we are working on, and we should send them over to him via email. Doug expressed thanks to **Dale Gathman** and **Paul Makowski** for the photos that they supplied for the latest issue. Also, thanks to **Walt Thyng** for his LiPo article. Doug announced that he is running the IMAC event this year, August 3rd and 4th. This event is a great opportunity for pilots to work on their proficiency. It requires precision, not just flying down the runway, but doing so with your wings level, not gaining or losing altitude, while correcting for crosswind. Doug said pilots that improve their skills practicing and participating in the IMAC competition gain a great sense of accomplishment. Anyone interested in trying IMAC for the first time can contact Doug and he will try to work with them before the event, so they can learn what it is all about. **Tony Sokol** added that there is nothing threatening in the

Basic IMAC maneuvers. They are basically loops and straight lines, nothing that we probably haven't done before. IMAC just makes you try to do them accurately. Anyone that has been flying for any length of time will most likely be able to do all of the maneuvers in the Basic set. Doug mentioned that you don't have to fly competitively; you can just do it for fun. Also, anyone that just wants to practice the IMAC sequences can download the ARESTI sheets from the IMAC website, and work on them on their own time. Doug said that anyone interested can contact him, and he would be glad to write out a word description of all of the maneuvers. There are also video demonstrations of the maneuvers available on-line on the Mini-IAC website.

**Tom Spriet** announced that the pop machine was piercing cans at the beginning of the season, and that anyone who purchased a can of pop that got pierced can contact **Dave Murray** for a refund.

**Dennis McFarlane** announced that Al's Helicopter Fun Fly will start tomorrow at noon (June 14th). This is the 28th or 29th Fun Fly that Al's has held. Dennis said that if we are flying at noon, he won't necessarily kick us off the field. When helicopters start to dominate the air, he will let us know that it is time to land. He said that small electrics could most likely be flown after supper time with no problems. Dennis mentioned that anyone who wants to fly Saturday morning before the helicopters start should only bring electrics, as after the pilot's meeting at 9:30 am, no fixed wing flying will be allowed until after supper.

**Show and Tell** – **Dennis McFarlane** showed an Axe 100 SSL (Helimax) helicopter which comes set up with lights for night flying right out of the box for about \$150.00.

**Festival of Flight** – **Armin Weber**, CD for the Festival of Flight, passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help at the Festival. He said that he needs volunteers for both days (Saturday July 20th and Sunday July 21st). He is looking



Dennis McFarlane

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for people to help in the following areas:

1. Registration
2. Air Bosses
3. Gate
4. Raffle
5. Parking
6. T-Shirt Sales

So far, Armin has commitments from the **Civil Air Patrol** to provide security, and the food vendor to provide concessions. The event is on Facebook, and we also

have flyers which Armin passed around to the members. Armin explained that he will run the flight line differently this year. Last year, we had an open flight line, where anyone who found an open station could fly whenever they wanted. This year, everyone wanting to fly will funnel through one station to get clearance. Groups that want to fly together can do so, but must get clearance from the scheduling person. This should be a bit more organized than and not as chaotic as last year. One desperate need Armin has is to find a PA announcer this year. Our usual announcer, **Tony Sokol**, will not be available this year. **Cindy McFarlane** said that she would talk to Larry, the man who announces

for her Helicopter Fun Fly, and see if he could announce for us on Saturday. Armin asked that we all bring planes out that we plan to fly; we need lots of planes in the air. We are charging admission for spectators, and want to give them a show. Volunteers can sign-up at this meeting and at the July meeting, then just before the event we will have a meeting of the volunteers at the field to make sure everyone is on the same page.

**Tom Spriet** announced that we will be advertising the Festival on the Geneva Swedish Days parade float on Sunday, June 23rd. He invited all to come out and bring planes to put on the float, or carry and walk along with the float. Anyone

with an EDF plane can 'drive' their plane along with the float if they wish. This Saturday (June 15th) we will spruce up the float. On Sunday, the morning of the parade, we will meet by the Geneva High School to put the planes on the float. The float gets exposed to about 50,000 people at this parade, so the exposure for our club and the advertising for the Festival are great.

#### Show and Tell – Dale Gathman

demonstrated the combat module that he installed on his Parkzone SE5a biplane. When he flips the gear switch, the module emits a loud tone. He said that **Doug Swanson** is also installing a

module on his Parkzone Albatros, and then if Dale activates his tone when on Doug's tail, Doug's motor will quit for 10 seconds (Doug said "I don't see that happening"). Time will tell. Dale is unsure what the range of the module's tone is at this point.

**Ken Kaiser** thanked all of the members who participated in the Kids Fly day. It was a great event, with great weather and we had many kids stop by to try their hand at flying RC. **Tom Spriet** said he believed we had around 100 people visit.

**Tom Spriet** mentioned that the Pig Roast was a great success again this year.

**Dave Cotton** asked **Tom Spriet** to talk a little bit about our lease. Tom stated that our lease is due in April 2014. Tom said that **Bill Sponsler**, in taking the Government Relations position, did so because he wants to see us be able to keep our field for another



Dale Gathman



Ken Kaiser

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ten years. We should all have that longing. We need to promote our club to everyone we see. We need people to help us sell the city people on the merits of our club staying at our field. This is another reason it is good that we participate in the St. Charles Memorial Day Parade. While staged for that parade, (we were staged right across from the city officials,) **John Turner** and **Tom** were able to talk to the new Mayor of St. Charles, Ray Rogina. They individually filled the Mayor in on what our club is all about, and Tom feels that this was a good way to start a line of communication. Tom believes that Mayor Rogina has been out to our field and that he likes the club. Tom also talked to City Administrator Brian Townsend who happened to be walking by, as well as one of the Aldermen. Tom doesn't believe that there is any negativity anywhere as far as our lease renewal is concerned.

**Tom Spriet** announced that on June 25th or 26th, **Mel Ziska**, **Jason Flowers**, and **Dave Murray** are going to the Bell Elementary School to talk to a couple of dozen kids about our hobby. This is the kind of exposure we need to take advantage of, a great way to promote our hobby and field. Tom encouraged us all to make a real effort to talk to everyone we see about our hobby and club.

Tom said that **Bill Sponsler** will be setting up a meeting with Mayor Rogina and City Administrator Townsend in July or August, in order to discuss the lease renewal. The renewal should be as easy as letting the Administrator know that we intend to exercise our right of renewal. Some members mentioned that Tom and Bill should show the city people the AMA article that was reprinted in the October 2011 Flypaper, which details out the process that the club went through in securing and improving the current field that we enjoy.

**Kevin Kessler** suggested that we publish an insert to the local newspaper, which could have some of our past articles from the *Flypaper*. After discussion, it was decided that the cost of such an insert would outweigh the benefit. It was then recommended that we send a

few copies of the *Flypaper* to Mayor Rogina.

**Show and Tell – Mark Knoppkie** displayed his new Reaction 54 turbine airplane. He built it with all the servos hidden. It has Robart electric retracts, and pneumatic brakes. Mark designed a unique canopy latch which is accessed through the nose wheel well. Mark used a NiMH receiver battery, so that he didn't have to use a voltage regulator. The canopy will be silver when it is complete.



Mark Knoppkie



Dale Gathman

**Dale Gathman**

displayed some photos of planes that he shot in flight, Paul Jacob's Hangar 9 Sukhoi, Joe Pedone's Taylorcraft, Sal Perno's Giant Aeromaster, and Tom Spriet's Twist 60 and Airwild Extra 260.

Hearing no further business, President **Tom Spriet** asked for a motion to adjourn. **Alvin Cole** moved, and **Cindy McFarlane** seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dale Gathman,  
Secretary FVAC



700 X Pro  
Series Kit by  
BLADE  
(BLH5725)

# Fox Valley Aero Club Opening Weekend

Article and photos by Dennis McFarlane

Finally, some decent weather.



**WHEN IT COMES TO** the weather most of us will likely agree, it's been a lousy spring. Weekend fliers were particularly hard hit as every weekend since March has been plagued with rain and unreasonably high wind. Speaking for myself, the few times I was able to put together some free time the weather kept me home.

Thankfully, the weather Gods finally cooperated, and it couldn't have come at a better time. Our club's two big opening events of the season, Kids Day and the Family Picnic/Pig Roast were scheduled for June 8 and 9, and the weather was perfect – well maybe it was just a little windy for the pig roast – allowing for two days of great activity.

Ken Kaiser has been putting together Kids Day for a number of years, and it has developed from a simple way to introduce a few scouts to radio control aviation into one of the club's more important community relations activities.

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It was really nice to see the amount of participation at the club level. It's no secret kids can sometimes make me a little nervous, but this isn't the case with many of our members and to see the number of fliers of all skill levels doing what they could to make certain the kids had positive exposure to our hobby, and most importantly a good time was simply great.

In checking the final tally, Ken said he had about 70 kids sign up for the event, and this was fairly evenly spread throughout the day. Ken added that this number was down from previous years, but it actually made for a better day as those kids who did get a chance to fly weren't run through the process like some sort of assembly line. He was extremely pleased that each and every child was offered some real instruction time and came away feeling like they had actually flown a model airplane.

Ken puts a lot of time into producing the event and wanted me to express his utmost and sincere thanks to those club members who sacrificed their Saturday to help make Kids Day such a success.

Sunday dawned clear and this only made the second event of the weekend even more of a draw than the name implies. All one has to do is look around and it quickly becomes obvious that members of Fox Valley Aero Club like to eat. I for one take this to the next level; when it comes to good food, I love to eat, and there's no question I'm not alone in this thinking.

After putting out several blast messages to members, our GHP (Gray Hair President) was able to get a fairly accurate count of attendees, and he ordered the amount of pig to be roasted accordingly. And as members





trickled in they would chat amongst themselves, and a few of the more brave souls ignored the wind and flew.

It takes a while to cook 150 lbs. of pig and as appetites grew all the lesser patient of us could do was nibble on some of the side dishes. The anticipation was too much, and when the pig finally came off the spit there was a mad dash for the grub. The din that had been present all afternoon quieted as members gorged themselves on some simply outstanding

eats. Although there was plenty of food for everyone, there wasn't much more than a handful of pork and side dishes left over.

If you missed the pig roast/family picnic it's your loss. The spring pig roast is in its third year and has quickly become a must-attend event not only for club members, but their entire families. **DM**



# SHOTS FROM THE FIELD

by Dale Gathman



Mel Ziska – Parkzone Radian Pro



Mike Friedman  
and Mike Hunter  
– BlitzRCWorks  
B25 (Big) Foamy



Tom Spriet – Hangar 9  
Twist 60 – OS 61



John Fischer –  
Hangar 9 Christen  
Eagle II 90



Sal Perno –  
Great Planes  
Giant Aeromaster

# SHOTS FROM THE FIELD

by Dale Gathman



Cliff Fullhart – Balsa USA Piper Cub ¼ scale – Tail shows stickers from the past Festival of Giants



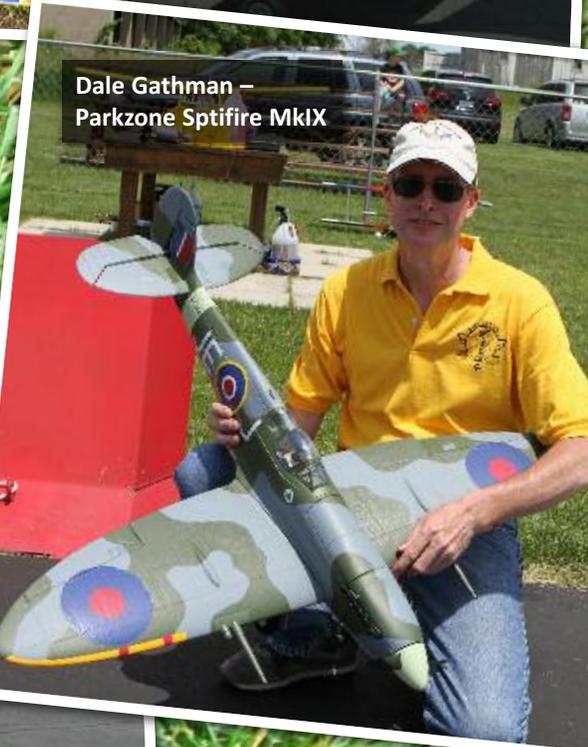
Rich Gabrys – Quique Somenzini Pitts Model 12 w/DA100, Mejzlik 25x12



Ever wish you had "Cliff-vision"? Check out the reflection in his glasses...



Dwayne Woods – Super Scorpion w/AMT 450 (He was visiting from Chicago Model Masters as a guest of Dave Murray, who helped him maiden that day)



Dale Gathman – Parkzone Sptifire MkIX



Kevin Kessler – Piper Super Cub



Sebastian Kowalski – BVM Rafael w/Twin Super Eagles (60 lbs. total thrust)

David Kozara - SU-35. Maiden flight flown by Dave Murray.



Bob Boen - Pilot 100cc Yak



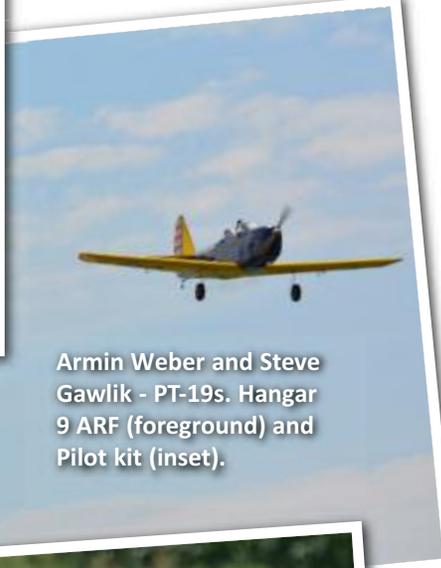
Mark Knoppkie - Reaction. Maiden flight flown by Dave Murray.

## in the air

by Paul Makowski



Armin Weber and Steve Gawlik - PT-19s. Hangar 9 ARF (foreground) and Pilot kit (inset).



Dave Murray - Great Planes Rifle

Jim DiVerde - Goldberg Tiger 60



Jim DiVerde - Goldberg Super Kaos 60



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Saturday:	Registration begins:	7:30
	Pilot's meeting:	8:45
	Wheels up:	9:15
	Freestyle following sequences	
Sunday:	Pilot's meeting:	8:45
	Wheels up:	9:00
	Awards following competition	

# SHOT of the month



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Kevin Kesslers.

Kevin hops on the shoulder  
of his giant...oh, wait.

Figure by  
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Dale Gathman photo

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