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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dale Gathman

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## Warbirds & Classics -

WOW! As I am sure you have heard by now, our 2017 WCWC event was a fantastic success. We had 78 total pilots attend

and most of them flew, even though the wind was a little strong. Pilots came from six states, and there is a great camaraderie between our FVAC members and the visiting pilots. Our relationships with the visiting pilots grow every year, and it is neat to see. Of our 182 members, we had 52 volunteers who spent their valuable time helping their club run the event. I am very grateful for the volunteers, as we could not have succeeded at this event off without your help. If you are one of the 130 members who did not volunteer this year, I ask that you please consider volunteering next year, or at our upcoming Festival of Flight on September 9. It is a rewarding thing to do, and really helps the club out. If you are unsure of how to do a specific task, we will train you on the job. We will be giving a full report of the WCWC event at the July Member meeting.

**Upcoming field improvements.** Our next goal for field improvements will be the installation of the chain link fence in the North corner of the shed. The board will be discussing this at the July board meeting. Upcoming activities. Don't forget, we are having a Retro Fly day starting on July 13 at 2:00 pm. The idea is to bring anything that you consider 'retro', whether it be planes, equipment, apparel, tools, or anything to do with our hobby, and show it

off to the other members. This is an awesome opportunity for our younger members to experience what RC aviation used to be like. I particularly enjoy seeing some of the old FVAC apparel that some of the members bring, as well as the 'fishing pole antenna' radios that we used to use (and some still do).

We also have a Fun Fly coming on July 22 at 1:00. It will be the Whiffle Ball Touch & Go. Hopefully Alan Galle will explain how this works at our meeting for those of us who have never done it. Please make sure to invite all your friends to our annual Cub Fly coming on August 12. For the first time, this will be an 'open' sanctioned Cub Fly so any AMA pilot is invited to participate. We want to see how many Cubs we can get at the field. This event will have a 'landing fee' for all participating pilots. I wonder why they call it a 'landing fee'. Maybe you can take off for free, but if you want to land you have to pay the fee. The Cub Fly will be followed by an 'open' night fly for any electrics with sufficient illumination.

Hope to see you at the field or at our July meeting. Don't forget Camaraderie - Introduce yourself to someone you don't know.

Happy Flying!  
Dale



## FROM THE TREASURER

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The checkbook is smiling again due to the efforts of the WCWC team and the huge success of the 4th annual event. The weather almost cooperated and the crowds came on Saturday due to

Tom Flints' efforts on getting ABC7 among other things to give us some coverage. Parking was full all the way out to Rt. 38 and we were wondering where to put any more cars. I'll let others describe the event in more detail but financially it was one of the best events in the history of the club.

Until next month, Paul

## FROM THE SECRETARY

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2017 @ St. Charles Township Hall



President **Dale Gathman** called the meeting to order at 7:42pm. Secretary **Debbie Howe** asked for a motion to

approve the meeting minutes for the May meeting, a motion was made by **Alvin Cole** and seconded by **Rob Sampson**. All approved

Treasurer **Paul Jacobs** reported that the checking account had taken a huge hit as we paid the final payment for the roof of the shed, the golf carts, tents for event and tables and chairs as well as stone for the floor of the shed and the lawn mowing. A motion was made by **Alvin Cole** and seconded by **Rob Sampson**, All approved.

Safety Chairman **Jeff Peca** said that he has picked up some leather gloves which are to be used for starting engines. These are for everyone to use and there was a reminder, if you accidentally take one home, just bring it back the next time you are at the field.

**Jim Thompson** showed us a 6 cell lipo pack that had exploded and burned. Jim showed us Lipo battery flame resistant bags that he has started



using and that potentially saved his house. Jim said he accidentally tried to charge a lipo battery on a NiCad Battery setting. The scary part was that the battery was at rest when Jim heard a pop sound and the battery had vented in the bag and started smoking and he was barely able to get it out of the garage as it burst into flames.

Member **Jay Carle**, joined the club last year but this was the first meeting he could attend, he said



that he lives in Glen Ellyn. Jay said that he has been flying on and off since he was young and was a member at the weak signal club in Toledo, where his father still flies. He hopes to bring out his dad on a visit to fly and thanked the club for the warm welcome and a great club. A round of applause was heard for Jay.

Field Chairman **Mark Knoppkie** said the field was looking great due to a lot of people and all their hard work. Mark said that shed floor looks great and once all the stuff was removed the shed looks huge. Mark said we have 3 more porta potties coming for the event and that we would need a few volunteers to help with trash pickup during the event. Mark said he had the fire extinguishers ready for the event but luckily this year there will not be a tall crop out there. We will be labeling the first aid kit. It was also discussed that if you are working the event please try to wear your gold club shirts, that way if there is a problem visitors know who to come to with questions or problems.

Fly Paper Editor, **Susan Galle** said that she has ladies shirts for the event that are more tapered than the regular mans T-shirts.

Parade Chairman **Dave Murray** was not present so Dale Gathman covered our Memorial Day Parade. We had a lot of members show up and it was a great time. We had a lot of interest in the planes and after the parade we were treated to a picnic in the park where we brought the float to as well and a lot of people came up to ask questions. Special Thanks to **Dave Murray** for coordinating the event and for running his jet for the smoke trail, it is always a big attention getter.

Land Use Committee was talked about by **Dale Gathman** who said that most of what was going on was already covered, the fence is still going to happen, but we are waiting till things settle down after the event.

Kids Fly went well, **Dale Gathman** said we had a small turn out for kids fly but thanked all the members for volunteering for the event. Dale mentioned that we might look into changing the kids fly day into a learn to fly day and invite adults to learn as well

**Dale Gathman** Thanked Tony for picking up the pig for our pig roast, it seems everyone enjoyed

themselves and had fun.

Windy City Warbirds and Classics chairman **John Fischer** was up next. John got a round of applause when he asked who is excited about the event. He thanked our Lawn mowing team for how great the field looks and everyone who helped get the field to what it looks like right now. We have 61 registered pilots at this time. Please see **Tom Flint** for t-shirts or hats being sold for \$20. **Sal** will be selling spectator tickets to the club for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. He suggests giving these to friends, neighbors, co-workers, family etc. as these people will most likely bring other people with them, that will pay. A special thanks to **Tom Flint** for all the work on the T-shirts and hats as well as all the work he has done to bring the media to the event. Media Day will be Friday June 9th. We will have Naperville Sun, Daily Herald, and an article going to the Kane County.

Chronicle and our own **Tom Flint** will be submitting the article for the Kane County Chronicle. We will also be having a military truck with a machine gun for the event.

There was a motto for the evening and that was "keep Paul happy". and as we keep getting money for the shirts and hats and tickets each dollar that comes in helps to "keep Paul happy" with the checking account - happy happy happy.

A special thanks to **John Fischer's** team that have worked very hard to make the event a huge success. So thanks goes out to **John Fischer, Armin Weber, RJ Monroe, Dave Cotton, Sal Perno, Dale Gathman** and **Tom Flint**. John Fischer said to please remember to sign up to volunteer, which is what makes our event a success.

**Tom Flint** reminded us that there will be grandpa dogs for media day and John thanked **Dave Brustle** for organizing the pilot's dinner and John reminded everyone that if you volunteered at any time during the event you are invited back to the pilot's dinner for free. John reminded everyone that Thursday night the **Howe family** and the **Boen family** would be hosting a dinner for everyone at the Tap House Grill and then we will remind everyone to head back to the field for movie night. The movie will be Airplane. Friday

night will be pizza party at the field with Dusk Patrol and Dale Gathman will be running a night fly that night as well and then Saturday night will be the pilots dinner at 4pm. Food will arrive at 3pm and we will need helpers earlier in the day to help set up tables and chairs for the dinner.

**Tom Spriet** told John Fischer to check into the pizzas from Costco, an 18" pizza for \$9 - good deal for the club and good pizza.

A quick auction of the freedom 20 that was donated to the club and the next one was a



Katana, Thank you for the donation as the funds from the auction went back to the club.

Next **Jim Thompson** "Jimmy the Jet Guy" showed us his A10 Free wing twin 80mm ducted fan. Foam construction came out of the box a stock gray color but Jim enjoys painting and does



a great job. It weighs about 12 lbs and is ready to fly. The plane balanced out at recommended CG. The stand is a Banana Hobbies stand that he has had for a long time and just fits the plane perfectly. The plane comes complete with everything needed.

Motion to adjourn was made by **Alvin Cole** and seconded by **Alan Galle**, all approved!

Respectfully Submitted  
Debbie Howe - Secretary

## FROM OUR SAFETY CHAIRMAN

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I would like to begin by letting everyone know that the first aid kit is located on the top left hand side of the Juice Bar. It is right below the large First Aid sign. If you have to use it please let me know what you used so I can replace it. We did have a member get injured recently.

Fortunately there were other members around to help. Reports are that he is doing fine. When flying at the field I strongly recommend that you don't fly alone. If you do get injured they could at least call 911. Tell the 911 Operator that our address is **3821 Karl Madsen Drive**. Let's make sure we help and look out for each other.

### Whiffle Ball Touch and Go Fun Fly

Saturday, July 22, is the date of our next Fun Fly. The event will be Whiffle Ball Touch and Go. A string with a whiffle ball will be attached to your airplane, preferably around the CG. The object is to have the ball hit the ground in a box on the runway. The spot where the ball touches the first time is where the pass will be scored. Each pilot will make 3 passes. The score will be the sum of all passes. The airplane does not have to touch the ground, only the ball. The ball can touch more than once during each pass but will be scored where it touches first. There will be no hovering or any other type of maneuvering that would give an unfair advantage. This is a

judgment call by the CD. ME!! All flying will be in a racetrack pattern and all attempts will be in a designated direction decided by wind direction. The pilots may stand where ever they choose but at no time fly between themselves and the pits. Only the pilot, spotter and judges are allowed south of the flight line fences.

Scoring will be as follows:

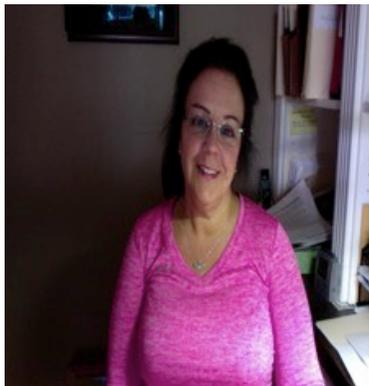
In the box on the runway	100 pts
Anywhere else on the runway	75 PTS
Anywhere on field	50 PTS

We will try to fly at least 2 rounds, more if time allows. The Fun Fly begins at 1:00. We will have a pilots meeting around 12:30 so please have your trim flight completed before 12:30. Remember, the spirit of the Fun Fly is to have FUN. Heckling is encouraged. If you have any questions, please ask.

## FROM OUR EDITOR

Susan Galle

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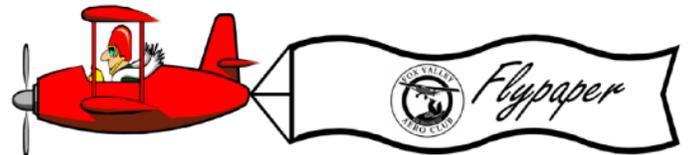
I always love June with this club - why you ask?? because my two favorite event happens - the pig roast (*which was phenomenal and because I am a foodie*) and the Windy City Warbirds and Classics - which in one word was AWESOME! It

gives us as members a chance to really shine and show what we are made of plus there are some really beautiful planes that you see fly as well. This year was particularly enjoyable because of the tent set-up which was not only easier for the pilots to maneuver their larger scale airplanes but it was also more enjoyable for someone like me who just wants to cool off and have something cold to drink. I have yet to partake in this event but probably never will because I only have one plane (*which is neither a warbird or a classic*) and

that one plane is still in one piece - imagine that?? (*it helps to keep it that way when you don't fly that much*) but I also have not had the time to fly either because of family issues.

What I would like to add here is that I was at the Warbirds and Classics (*helping RJ out and making sure I had the pilots names/planes correct so RJ could announce them correctly as well for the visitors*) and what a weekend it was. I had a blast being with other members and just wanted to send a shout out to all the members like Tom Flint (who btw, did an outstanding job on all the media coverage - way to go Tom!), John Fischer (who spent hours with all the planning and everything), Paula (selling t-shirts and just being such a great sport), Alvin Cole, Dale Gathman, Debbie Howe, Dave Brustle, Mark Knoppkie and countless other members who helped out in so many other ways for their time and efforts in making this just a great event - not only for the members who just came to watch but for our guests as well - I don't know of any other club that does what we do as we truly rocked this event!

That's all for now,  
Susan



## 2017 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	<b>Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers</b>	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 12	FVAC Member Mtg	7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 18	<b>FVAC Annual Swap Meet</b>	9:00-1:00 Kane County Fair Grounds
March 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 13	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 15	<b>Field Work Day</b>	9:00 am FVAC Field
April 22	<b>Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day</b>	9:00 am – 1:00 pm - FVAC Field
May 11	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 20	<b>Fun-Fly –#1 Climb &amp; Glide</b>	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
May 29	<b>St. Charles Memorial Day Parade</b>	Time TBD
June 3	<b>Rocket Fest &amp; Kids Fly</b>	FVAC Field
June 4	<b>Pig Roast &amp; Fun-Fly</b>	FVAC Field
June 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
June 9	<b>2017 Media Day</b>	9:00 am – 3:00 pm - FVAC Field
June 22-24	2017 <b>Windy City Warbirds &amp; Classics</b>	FVAC Field
June 25	<b>Open Fly – All Scale</b>	FVAC Field
July 13	<b>Retro Fly</b> FVAC Member Mtg	2:00 pm at FVAC Field
July 13	FVAC Member Mtg.	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
July 22	<b>Fun-Fly – #2 Whiffle Ball Touch &amp; Go</b>	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
August 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
August 12	<b>Cub Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open</b>	9:00 am – 8:00 pm - FVAC Field
August 12	<b>Night Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open</b>	8:00 pm – Midnight - FVAC Field
September 9	<b>Festival of Flight</b>	FVAC Field
September 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
September 16	<b>Night Fly</b>	9:00 pm FVAC Field
October 7	<b>Fun-Fly #3 - Bomb Drop w/Spot Landing</b>	1:00 - 3:00 FVAC Field
October 12	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 15	<b>Turkey Fry</b>	FVAC Field
November 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
<b>December 1</b>	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn - St. Charles
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Rookies Christmas Party</b>	<b>6:30 Rookies Sports Bar &amp; Grill-St. Charles</b>

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Three guys are in a Cessna. The first drops a penny out the window. The second drops a pencil and the third a bomb. When the plane lands, the first guy goes to see where the penny landed. He sees a guy swearing and trying to get a penny out of his forehead. The second sees a girl holding her dog who has a pencil through his head. The third guy sees a guy laughing his head off. He asks, "Why are you laughing?" The guy says, "I was cooking on my BBQ when I farted..." "What's so funny about that?" "It blew my neighbor's house apart!"



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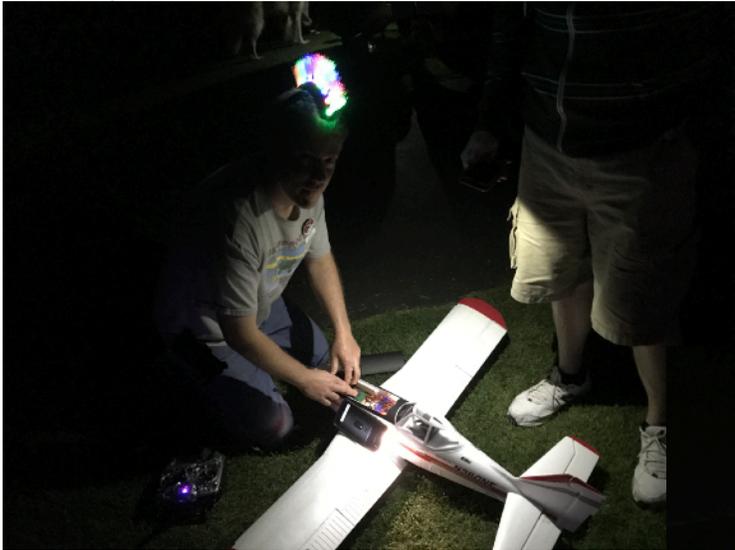
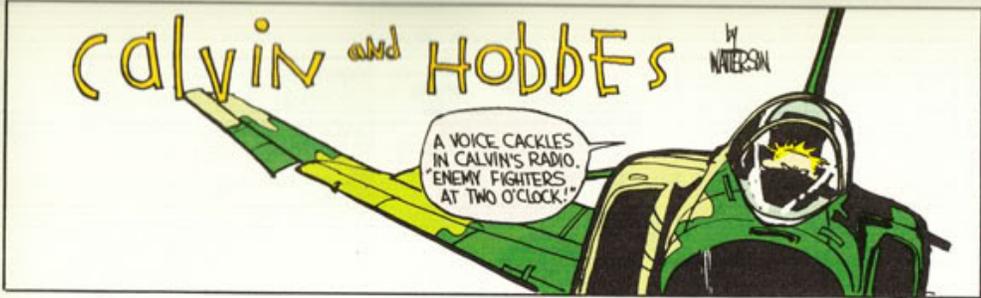
Q: Did you hear about the detective who lost his luggage?

A: It was a brief case.

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Top Things You Don't Want to Hear Over The PA System on an Airplane:

1. Ocean crossing flight: This is your Captain speaking, I just wanted to take this time to remind you that your seat cushions can be used as floatation devices.
2. Hey folks, we're going to play a little game of geography trivia. If you can recognize where we are, tell your flight attendant and receive an extra pack of peanuts.
3. Our loss of altitude allows a unique close up perspective of the local terrain. I assure you that it's all part of our airline's new commitment to make your a flight a sight seeing extravaganza.
4. Goose! Bogey at 2 o'clock, one on our tail! Eject! Eject!
5. Ummmmmm....Sorry...(silence)
6. (As the plane turns around right after takeoff)...we have to go back ....we ..we ....uhhhhhh ....forgot something.
7. I'm sure everyone noticed the loss of an engine, however the reduction in weight and drag will mean we'll be flying much more efficiently.
8. Fasten your seat belt!!!
9. This is your Captain speaking....these stupid planes are a lot different than the ships I'm used to.. so you'll have to give me some leeway.
10. It would be a good idea if right now everyone closed their shades and watched the in-flight movie.
11. We've now reached our cruising altitude of 20,000 feet and ...Oh no!
12. Don't worry! That one is always on E...
13. Get the parachutes ready...
14. Drinks are on me..
15. I'll have what the Captain's having...
16. Hey capt'n take another hit man..





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