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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Family Fly Day. What a great success Family Fly Day turned out to be. We had fantastic weather and no doubt due to the increased efforts of our PR guys and

our members in getting the word out, we had about 45 visitors of all ages come out to the field and give RC flight a try via our buddy box setups. The idea of opening up the event to visitors of all ages was a success. John Fischer and I had one group of four 'older adults' come out and they all flew my LT40. I believe that a few of the visitors may very well be back to learn how to fly at our club. Thanks to all of the trainer pilots and spotters, and of course Rocketman Culbertson for volunteering your time to this event.

Media Day. On June 8, we once again held a Media Day, a creation of the genius of Tom Flint. It was a rainy day, but we had a fantastic turnout. We put the shed to good use getting our Giant Scale warbirds & Classics ready to show to the reporters. We had a great time, and we got to see some very cool airplanes for the first time, including Dave Murray and Paul Martin's B-17, Rob Getz's Turbo-Prop powered Super Tucano, and Steve Haas' new 60cc Corsair. At the end of the day, we only had one reporter show up, my brother Dave Gathman, who wrote a great article that was published in the Daily Herald on June 21 (the first day of the Windy City Warbirds & Classics event). Dave has come through for us every year

since the very first Media Day. Thank You brother.

Windy City Warbirds & Classics 2018.

Even though we had rain on two of the three days of the WCWC 2018 event (Thursday & Friday), the event turned out successful. Thankfully we had fantastic weather on the Saturday of the event, which is the busiest day for spectators. We had a full complement of pilots for Saturday and a large crowd who enjoyed the show. The RC community are special people, in that even though it was raining Thursday and Friday, they still hung out and visited and enjoyed the camaraderie, just waiting for the weather to break. Thursday night, the Howes and Boens once again hosted their Pilot's & Volunteer's dinner at the Tap House, and everyone really enjoyed themselves. We did get to fly on Friday afternoon, and even had about 27 spectators attend, although there was a small river running across the tarmac (drainage from the west end). It was great to see the first spectator family who showed up on Friday. They said that they were planning to attend the show for a long time, and they were going to stick it out whatever the weather (they came prepared). We were very happy to see that their son won the spectator raffle airplane that day. All this was capped off by a great day on Saturday. I cannot thank our 55 volunteers enough. You were all great at doing your jobs, and the event was a success because of you. Thank You.

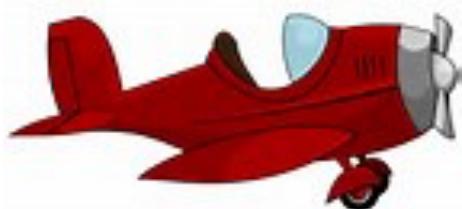
Upcoming Events. Look for our next Fun Fly, the Limbo, on Saturday July 21 from 1:00-3:00 pm at the field. Also, Doug Swanson is hosting his annual Retro Fly Day on Friday, August 10. If you have any retro equipment, gear, apparel or anything retro, bring it out and join the fun. This will be followed by our increasingly popular Cub Fly Day, which is an open sanctioned event, on Saturday, August 11 starting at 9:00 am. This coincides with National Model Aviation Day, and our goal is to get as many Cub planes as we can at the field all at the same time. We have a blast as

we line them all up on the runway for some interesting photos. This will be followed by a Night Fly the same night, also an open sanctioned event. Both of these open events will have a pilot fee of \$10.00 each, and the proceeds will be going to the AMA Foundation. More details will be coming.

Field Boundaries. Please, Please, Please stay within our field boundaries when flying. The east boundary is the first (westernmost) gun range berm, and our west boundary is the first (easternmost) tree line. We had a ducted fan jet go down in the gun range while officers were using it, and this just cannot be allowed to happen.

Hope to see you at the July Member Meeting on the 12th, and remember that it will be at the field unless the weather is bad.

Dale



FROM THE EDITOR

Susan Galle
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This summer has been busy but most of all FUN! which is something I have missed for awhile (since I've had to take care of my elderly mother) and with that being said, I have also not been

at as many meetings either (*but after all you do have a picture of me so you can't miss me that much*) - but I will make it a point to try and come to the next meeting - sorry I won't be there again this time - there's a car show in Frankfort (esp. race cars so that is where I will be).

I am trying to think of other things to add to this one little corner of mine without getting too much off base and am tossing around a few ideas that I'm playing with but again if anyone has any ideas, they are very welcome.

If you are wondering about my car, it's been fixed (*ended up replacing the pads because even when we tried different things, they were still squealing and bad - these things sometimes happen and since they are performance pads and don't have a warranty.(for obvious reasons), I had to replace them*) - but now that obnoxious squeal is gone - Thank God!

The next event is happening in Goshen and I just wanted to wish any members going from our club safe driving, soft winds and a lot of sunshine! And most importantly, have fun! Until next month, -Enjoy!

Susan

FROM THE SECRETARY

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2018 @ FVAC Field



President, **Dale Gathman** called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.

Secretary, **Debbie Howe** asked for a motion to approve the May meeting minutes, a motion was made by **Orvil Fluharty** and seconded by **Jeff Peca**, all approved.

Treasurer, **Paul Jacobs** said the checking account is down and at the lowest point that he can remember. He said we do have money coming in from the Warbird and Classics event. The rent for the field is paid for the year. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by **Steve Gawlik** and **Sal Perno**, All Approved.

Dale said that Jeremy over at Hobby Town said the 20/20 mix fuel is in. The brand is Powermaster.

Safety Chairman, **Jeff Peca** did not have anything new for tonight he just reminded us all to be safe and with the event coming up check out all your equipment to be safe. Hillary Bean said if we have any safety or health and first aid said to find her and she will help out. Dale reminded everyone to stay hydrated and watch out for your fellow modelers with the heat.

President **Dale Gathman** said we had a really good parade; Vice President **Dave Murray** did a great job of getting the float together and had his F18 on the back of it putting smoke out. The parade was very short, but many people said our float was the highlight of the parade. Dale thanked all the members that came out to represent the Fox Valley Aero Club.

Membership Chairman, **Tony Bahowick** thanked everyone for being a member at the FVAC and said we had about 190 members. Tony introduced a new member **Gregg Yedwab**. Gregg lives in St Charles and has been working with **Dan Compton**. He is new to the hobby over the last 3 months and is semi-retired and hopes to dive into the hobby. He is very thankful to Dan for all his help getting him in the air. Welcome Gregg!!

We also had new member **Tony Bagnola** come out to his first meeting. He joined as a new member in December and was able to come out for the Frozen Fingers fun fly and said that he is retired as well and has had the pleasure of coming out to the field and said we have a great group of people and are a great club and he would highly recommend to anybody. Welcome Tony!!

We have decided as a club to make **RJ Monroe** an Honorary Member for all the work he does to help us prepare, promote and announce for the Windy City Warbird and Classics event. Thank You RJ and Welcome.

President, **Dale Gathman** said he was going to start passing around the signup sheet for the Windy City Warbirds and Classics event.

Fly Paper Chairman, **Susan Galle** was absent.

Field Chairman, **Karl Griesbaum** said that we would be getting all the stakes for the fencing for the event put in and we would be removing the heat shields on the one end. **Dale Gathman** said that we would be looking at purchasing a dandelion sprayer for next year.

Mark Knoppkie showed his DX18 and showed the down loaded voices and let us know that you can download 36 additional voices.

Government Relations Chairman, **Tom Spriet** was not there but **Dale Gathman** reported that originally the Forest Preserve had wanted us to put up signs on the property to the West of us saying that that area is closed during the event. They have been contacted and we have been told that no signs will be required for this event.

Dale Gathman showed us some pictures taken of **Dave Murray's** B17 taking off, incredible pictures. Dale said that we should have three B17's flying at our event. These pictures are 13x19 and are very detailed and vivid. Nice job Dale!

Armin Weber showed us some examples of our pilot prizes. These are pencil drawings that are done by a friend of Armin's by the name of Doug Kinsley and then Armin does a great job of putting them on mats and framing them to use for the pilot prizes.

Public Relations Chairman, **Tom Flint** mentioned the shirts again for our event and then got to tell us that our media day started out a little slow but he wanted to thank all the pilots that came out despite the rain and said that we were able to take pictures and had the reporter from the Daily Herald, that just happens to be **Dale Gathman's** brother there to do an article to help advertise our event to the public. Tom also talked about our upcoming Wings and Wheels Festival of Flight where we will have model T car club as well as many member hobby cars as well as the planes. The model T club is looking forward to the event and can't wait for us to start advertising it. The club is deciding that next year we will be doing a Cook Out and Pot Luck instead of the pig roast.

If anyone can, **John Fischer** is asking anyone to put out flyers on our event in public places.

President, **Dale Gathman** said that **RJ Monroe** helped have a warning statement to listen to our announcer in case any plane goes out of control and heads for the crowd. He also asked members to help watch out for spectators. A reminder will go out to pilots that will say if you are in danger or loosing your plane, put it out away from the flight line in the beans. Do not try to save the plane and risk it going into the crowd.

Dale said we had a good Rocket Fest and Family Fly day. We had about 40-50 launches for the rockets. The family fly went well and we had around 45 visitors, we feel we may get a couple of new members from that.

Dale also reminded everyone that our Fun Fly #2 is July 21st and that will be the LIMBO event.

John Fischer was up next with the Windy City Warbird Event. John wanted to thank **Tom Flint** for all his work with the TURF Team. A special shout out to **Karl Griesbaum** for getting the field ready for the event and another to **Tom Spriet** for the work he has done on the mower.

We are really looking forward to have good weather and John showed us the pre-show tickets that we can purchase for \$20 for 5 tickets. Those tickets can go to anyone you think might like to come to the show, your co-workers, church, friends, neighbors, Mail Carriers, people at the grocery store, etc....

John also told everyone that **Katie Howe** has stepped in to help bring the event into the social media day and age. Katie will be putting our information on The Patch and will be creating a Face book Page for the event, Katie asked everyone to Like the page and Share the page to all their friends and family on Face Book to help spread the word about the event. Katie also was able to get us on "What's Happening Now" Pages for St Charles and Geneva. Katie has done a great job, Thank You Katie! John said next year we will want to look into the advertising and social media earlier to try to reach more people.

Another shout out to **Gary Stephens** for sending out our information to all the clubs in a 100 mile radius

We will have Dawn Patrol at the event on Saturday Morning, all WWI planes are welcome. We will offer ribbons to all those pilots who fly in the Dawn patrol, and each alliance event that does a dawn patrol will be having the ribbons for the pilots who participate.

We will have members of the Illinois Aviation Academy out doing over night security for us as well as during the event.

Wednesday will be final set up for the event starting as early as 8am. Trailers can be dropped off Wednesday to get them set.

Hillary Bean and **Debbie Howe** said we should sell bottles of water in a more visible place. We will also be looking for club members who are Veterans to carry the flags in Flag Presentation Ceremony.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Tom McCrerry** and seconded by **Paul Jacobs**, All approved.



FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

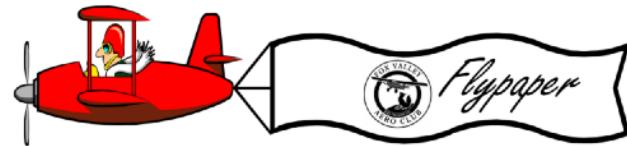
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Gregg Yedwab is our newest member, joining in early June. Gregg has been thinking about getting into R/C "for his whole life". As he is now phasing out of his technical sales profession and into retirement, he made the commitment. Dan Compton is helping Gregg with his Mini Apprentice and Cirrus.



Tony Bagnola joined late last year. He's a retired fire marshal from Melrose Park. Also new to the hobby, since joining last year Tony has already accumulated an impressive fleet of aircraft including a Mini Apprentice, FMS Sky Train, a Stager Wing Beechcraft, De Havilland Beaver, a Zero and a Cessna.

Please extend a warm welcome to Gregg and Tony.



2018 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 11	FVAC Member Mtg	7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 17	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	9:00-1:00 Kane County Fair Grounds
March 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 12	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 21	Field Work Day	9:00 am FVAC Field
May 5	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	9:00 am – 1:00 pm - FVAC Field
May 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 19	Fun-Fly —#1 Whiffle Ball Touch-n-Go	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
May 28	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	Time TBD
June 2	Rocket Fest & Family Fly	FVAC Field
June 3	Pig Roast & Fun-Fly	FVAC Field
June 8	2018 Media Day	9:00 am – 3:00 pm - FVAC Field
June 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
June 21-23	2018 Windy City Warbirds & Classics	FVAC Field
June 24	Open Fly – All Scale	FVAC Field
July 12	FVAC Member Mtg.	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
July 21	Fun-Fly – #2 - Limbo	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
August 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
August 10	Retro Fly	2:00 pm at FVAC Field
August 11	Cub Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open	9:00 am – 8:00 pm - FVAC Field
August 11	Night Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open	8:00 pm – Midnight - FVAC Field
September 8	Festival of Flight	FVAC Field
September 13	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
September 15	Night Fly & Chili Dinner	7:00 pm FVAC Field
October 6	Fun-Fly #3 - One Minute Timed Rolls	1:00 - 3:00 FVAC Field
October 11	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 14	Turkey Fry	FVAC Field
November 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 7	Annual Christmas Party	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn - St. Charles
December 13	Rookies Christmas Party	7:00 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles

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