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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Windy City Warbirds & Classics 2019. Our largest annual event is now in the past, and what an event it was. We had 80 pilots, 54 volunteers, probably about 300 planes, and 1000 spectators who attended during the three days of the show.

There were many new planes to see, and a few new pilots to meet. And I believe what may be a record, on Saturday we had three B-17 bombers and three B-25 bombers all flying at the same time. What a sight and sound to behold. I would like to thank all of our volunteers and pilots for making this the best WCWC yet. We couldn't have done it without you. Our field was in the best shape ever thanks to our Turf Team, and we received many positive comments on the show from many of the pilots and spectators.

We are getting better at running this event every year, and aside from the WCWC committee members, we also had a few additional members come out on Wednesday to help us set-up for the event. Every time I thought of something that we had to do, I looked and someone had already done that or was working on it. It really helps having additional hands. Thank you. Special thanks go out to John Fischer who chairs the event, along with his WCWC committee. The committee consists of John Fischer, Tom Flint, Armin Weber, Joe Pedone, Sal Perno, Dave Cotton, Katie Howe, Dale Gathman and RJ Monroe. These members start work on next year's event about two weeks after this year's event is over and I cannot thank them enough for their dedication.

I would also like to apologize that the Starting Tables were not put back in place following the event. I know that this caused a hardship for some of you, but at the end of the four days of working 12-14 hours per day, we were beat. We

just didn't have the energy to move them back on Saturday night at 10:00 pm. Nor did we have the ability to get the six to eight strong backs needed to do that on the following Sunday. Please realize that we take off work to prepare for and work this event, and out of our club of close to 200 members, basically about 15 of us help with setup and break down. Those of you who complained that the benches were not put back could have gotten a group together and moved a couple of them back (I realize that some of you have health issues that would not allow you to do so). Please remember that none of us get paid to do these jobs.

On the bright side, Tom Flint got the John Deere mower capable of towing the flatbed trailer, and next year, it will be much less work to move the benches. We will try to make getting them put back one of the first things we do following next year's event.

All Types of Planes. Last Saturday, while contemplating which planes to take to the field, it struck me how sometimes simple is best. Sometimes we get so involved with the advanced, complex airplanes that going out to the field to fly is a major chore, and sometimes a nerve racking experience. I love the challenge of assembling the larger, more complex models and love to fly them, but sometimes it is more relaxing to take my Sig LT40 out and just have a leisurely day of flying with that. For you that are new to the hobby, don't get in a hurry to get rid of your trainers, they are great planes and enjoyable to fly.

Upcoming Events. Our First Fun Fly – Mains Only - will be held on July 20 from 1:00-3:00pm. Then on August 3, we have our Cub Fly (open to any AMA member – Cubs only) from 9:00am-2:00pm followed by our Night Fly (open to any AMA member) from 8:00pm until midnight. Also, Retro Fly is coming up on Saturday, August 10. Make sure to check the calendar for all of our fun upcoming events.

I hope to see you at the July Member Meeting on the 11th. Don't forget to bring your latest projects to show to the group.

Dale

From our Treasurer

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This year's 2019 Windy City Warbirds and Classics is now behind us, but I'm still buzzing about how fun the event was. With 3 days of great flying weather, our 80 participating

pilots were able to put on a fantastic air show for the large number of spectators that attended. It was especially satisfying to me again this year to watch the large number of young children in attendance take delight in watching all the various sizes and styles of aircraft flying and on display. Of course the Candy Drop is always a huge hit with the kids as well. This show simply would not be possible without the tremendous help of our volunteers who go above and beyond to make it all happen. Again this year there was a lot of positive feedback from both pilots and spectators on how helpful and friendly our volunteers were. So thanks go out to all those members who helped make this another very successful event in 2019.

From a treasury standpoint, our 2019 WCWC event was a financial success as well, which puts our checkbook in great shape as we move into the 2nd half of 2019. With the WCWC now complete, from a personal standpoint, I'm now looking forward to more time to enjoying the flying season. With some decent weather over the past weekend, I finally got to maiden my Top Flite giant P-47 Razorback, and it flies great. Looking forward to more stick time with that, and traveling to some of the other Warbird events on the WCA schedule.

See you at the field,
Joe

FROM OUR SECRETARY

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2019 @ St Charles Township Hall



President Dale Gathman welcomed everyone to our June Meeting and reminded everyone that we are only 6 days away from our Warbird and Classics event.

President, Dale Gathman asked for a motion to approve our May meeting minutes, a motion was made by **Alvin Cole** and **Steve Gawlik**. All Approved

Treasurer, Joe Pedone said the check book is in good shape. We are paying out a lot for expenses for the Warbird event, like the tents and the pilot dinners. On the good side we are getting money coming back in from things like the shirt sales and presale tickets to cover these expenses. So we are doing well. A motion was made by **Bill Suhr** and seconded by **Alan Galle**. All approved

Safety Chairman, Jeff Peca reminded everyone when they are out at the field to be aware of what is going on around you and keep an eye out for planes; Jeff referenced an accident at a baseball game where a young child was hit by a ball in the stands and was injured. We don't want to see any accidents so please be aware of what is going on around you. Jeff said with the Warbird and Classics event coming up we have a new pair of leather starter gloves at the field for anyone who needs it. Jeff asked **Debbie Howe** to go through the first aid kit and see what had to be replaced or refilled.

Vice President and Parade Chairman, Dave Murray said the F16 on our float was a big hit. Dave thanked our newsletter chairperson, **Susan Galle** for the great pics in the newsletter and said there were some great pics in there. Dave said that we made a great impression with the city council and that is just what we want to do. Dave thanked everyone who came out with a plane or walked the parade, it was a great time. Now we have to figure something bigger for next year. **Membership Chairman, Tony Bahowick** said we have 179 members and 9 lifetime and honorary members. No new members were there tonight.

Field Chairman, Karl Griesbaum was up next and said the mowing would be done Wednesday morning early and the extra Porta Potties and hand washing station would be delivered Wednesday as well. There is a 60" ceiling fan that will be installed in the pavilion and we will be getting rid of that light that is in there and there will be a LED light on the fan. A nice round of applause was had for all the grass cutting crew from the club. We will need plenty of help on Wednesday for setup as soon as the morning mowing is done.

Dale Gathman handed the meeting over to **Gregg Yedwab**. Gregg has donated a weather station that will be mounted on the roof of the pavilion that our members can log into online to see current weather at the field as well as past weather patterns and rainfall. Gregg demonstrated the website using his home station to log into. The site was great and was full of information we can use to check up on the weather conditions at the field before we come out. We can access this under [weatherunderground app](#). We are registered under Fox Valley Aero, as soon as it is up Gregg will send Dale a link that he can forward to our members as well. Thank You Gregg!!!

Great Job on the Fly Paper to **Fly Paper chairperson Susan Galle!!!**

Government Relations Chairman, Tom Spriet is on vacation so he is not here.

Up next was **Public Relations Chairman, Tom Flint** who said at the end of the meeting we will be selling the t-shirts and hats again. We have already sold half of the hat we ordered already. He reminded everyone to see **Dave Cotton** for pre-sale tickets. Our media day was a great success and we had a bunch of members bring planes out and we had some kids that looked great in the pictures. We are already in the

Kane County Chronicle and are on a bunch of news station calendars. **Tom Flint** suggested picking one up on your way home. The plans right now depending on if there is any other news that would pull him away but Jesse Kirsh has planned to come out from channel 7 news and depending on weather, **Dave Murray** will be doing a fly over in an L39 during the noon time on Saturday. Tom reminded everyone to take the fliers that are up in the front and put them up in any public places to tell the public about the event. Tom also said we will have 2 veterans for WW2 from D-Day that will be out at our event, and we will honor them. **Rich Gabrys** also will be bringing some WW2 veterans in that we will be honoring as well.

A big Thank You to **Todd Culbertson** for all the printing of the Flyers!

Katie Howe stood next and let the club know that we have covered all the news media via radio, television and newspapers but she has been working on the Windy City Warbirds and Classics Facebook Page. We have over 90 likes and have been shared by a lot of clubs and companies. Katie asked that if you have not liked it yet then please go to the page and like and share it, that way all of your friends see it and ask your friends to share this as well. The more we get this out to people the better. Thanks Katie!!

Joe Pedone has done a great job making our Windy City Warbirds web page, Great Job!!!

Debbie Howe was up next with a cookout update. First a big Thank You to **Jeff Peca** for your help with all the veggies he cut up for the burgers and sausages and hotdogs!!! We had a great cook out; we saved over \$600 doing the cook out vs. the pig roast. We had a big turnout. We did have a bunch of people RSVP that did not make it so we do need to figure out a way to get better numbers for next year. We had a ton of food and a lot of people showed up and had a great time. Let's do it again next year!!!

Alan Galle said we would use the event that was planned for the first event and he will send the rules back out via email. Fun Fly number 2 will be on July 20th and Fun Fly number 3 is Sept 21st and we will reschedule Fun Fly number one for Aug 11th.

Doug Swanson said he is looking forward to Retro Fly Day event. This will be the 4th Annual event and can be anything from any modelers past years. We have had people bring old magazines and club clothes. Doug will get us more info for Aug 10th.

Steve Gawlik was up next to show everyone his skyline 62, it was this model plane that Steve taught himself how to fly on back in 1974, but this plane was built in 1984 by his brother in law, it has a Komo 51 and new radio gear. Steve's brother-in-law used to live off of lake in Wisconsin and used to fly this plane off of floats. After his brother-in-law got out of the hobby, Steve sold all of his planes and gear for him but kept this particular plane. This plane made a great trainer and does big slow loops and very slow rolls. Steve still has the floats that are in the same color scheme and hopes to bring this one to retro day.

Dave Brustle was up next with a beautiful P-47. This was built from a Top Flite kit over 4 years. This plane has been fiber glassed and fitted with Robart electric retracts and put a RA version DLE55. Dave did all the detail work on the plane and it looks great. The plane has a scale functioning exhaust. Dave said he did mess up on the paint a bit and went to remove the clear and he could not get anything to touch the clear coat. It was clear coated with POR 415, it is a two part clear and very durable. He used a half of quart for two coats of clear. This plane was done off a full scale "Jackie's revenge". It has been flown once and flew great. He needs to tweak a couple things on the radio before he flies it again but he plans to have it flying for our event. Dave told us all to check out the gun site, you can get them from a guy in Czechoslovakia for \$5 unpainted and \$18 painted. Dave soldered 4/40 tubes on a bolt for the guns and they look great. It has a Biela 4 bladed prop. Nice job Dave!!!!

Dale Gathman brought a sample of both Oratex and Solartex next to each other. He said that the colors are not similar; Oratex is much more yellow a color. Dale said this stuff is super sticky and gets very tight. Dale said he did a test with three clear top coats, and showed samples of each Top Flite, Rustolium, and Minwax. He found that after it dried and Dale tapped it a couple times to see its flexibility, Rustolium just spider web cracked all over, Top Flite was good but you can't get it anywhere as they stopped making it, and Minwax did pretty well.

Dale Gathman went over the Windy City Warbird event and said the helper signup sheet would be up in the front. We need more people for the gate on Friday and Saturday. We also need people for parking as well. We will be recycling this year. We have the blue cans that have the hole cut in the top and we will watch

them during the event and just empty them and we will take the recycling home instead of having the club pay for a recycling program. All volunteers will be invited to the dinner at 4pm on Saturday. We will have color guard on Saturday before the show. We will be doing a dawn patrol on Saturday at 5am. We will be having 3-4 B-17's flying at the event this year.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Alan Galle** and seconded by **Jeff Peca**, all approved

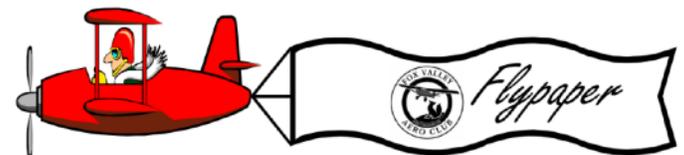
FROM OUR SAFETY CHAIR



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Following the Carousel of Cubs on August 3, 2019 we will be having our annual Night Fly. Bring your electric powered night flyer for a night of fun. We will start the evening with a Twilight BBQ that is included in the pilot admission. As usual, we will outline the runway with glow sticks. So come early, stay late, bring the family, bring your friends to see some very exciting flying.

Place – FVAC Field
Time – 6:00 pm until ?
Cost - \$10.00
AMA Required



2019 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:00 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 16	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	9:00-1:00 Swap, 1:00-4:00 Indoor Foamy Fly Kane County Fair Grounds
March 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 11	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 18	Norton Creek Stem Rocket Launch	1:00-7:00 FVAC Field
April 19	NCS Rocket Launch (Rain Day)	1:00 - 7:00 FVAC Field
April 20	Field Work Day	9:00 am FVAC Field
May 4	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	9:00 am–1:00 pm - FVAC Field
May 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 18	CANCELLED - Cub Scout Rocket Fest	9:00-12:00 FVAC Field
May 19	CANCELLED - Fun-Fly –#1 - ?	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
May 27	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	Time TBD
May 31	2019 Media Day	9:00-3:00 FVAC Field
June 1	FVAC Cookout (formerly pig roast)	12:00 - FVAC Field
June 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
June 20-22	2019 Windy City Warbirds & Classics	FVAC Field
June 23	Open Fly – All Scale	FVAC Field
July 11	FVAC Member Mtg.	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
July 20	Fun-Fly – #1 - ???	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
August 3	Cub Fly - AMA Sanctioned - Open	9:00-2:00 Cubs Only, 2:00 All - FVAC Field
August 3	Night Fly - AMA Sanctioned - Open	8:00 pm - Midnight - FVAC Field
August 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
August 10	Retro Fly	9:00 - 3:00 pm FVAC Field
August 11	Fun Fly - #2 - ???	1:00 - 3:00pm FVAC Field
August 24	Family Fly Day	10:00 am – 3:00 pm - FVAC Field
September 7	Festival of Flight	FVAC Field
September 12	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
September 14	Tailgate Swap Meet	9:00 - 3:00 FVAC Field
September 21	Fun Fly #3 - ??	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
September 28	Night Fly & Chili Dinner	7:00 pm FVAC Field
October 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
October 12	Turkey Fry	12:00 FVAC Field
November 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
December 6	Annual Christmas Party	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn - St. Charles
December 12	Rookies Christmas Party	7:00 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles

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This one was aptly dubbed
“ketchup & mustard”





Jeremy Dale



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