



# Fox Valley Aero Club

## Flypaper

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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## Welcome to July -

Well, we had a very hot June, with 24 out of 30 days above the average high. And so far, July is looking to be heading towards the same trend. That however has not stopped our valiant members from getting

to the field to fly, and it has been a joy seeing so many of you able to get some flying in. Even though our events may have been put on hold, we can still fly, and have been doing so.

## WCWC – Planes of the Pacific Hat Promotion.

I hope you will be able to take advantage of our new Windy City Warbirds & Classics – Planes of the Pacific hat promotion. The hat - designed by Tom Flint for this year's WCWC event - is fantastic, and he came up with the idea of putting our names and call sign on the side of the hat. These will be a member only purchase opportunity this year. We will be ordering the same hat design without the names for the WCWC 2021 event next year. Joe Pedone has set up a special access web page on our WCWC website for hat purchases using Paypal. All members should have received an email announcing the hat sale. See the email for a link to the page. If you are a member and did not see the email, let me know and I will make sure you get the link.

**Field Work** - By the time you read this, we should have the colored flags installed in the corn field. For new members, these flags are in the corn to assist you in finding a downed plane if you have the misfortune of putting one down in the corn. The corn will get eight to ten feet high shortly, and it is difficult to find lost planes in there. The flags can be used to help you or your

spotter remember where the plane went in. One important thing to remember – The poles that the flags are mounted to are 20 feet high and made of steel tubing. If you hit one of them, your plane will break. Please remember that the poles are there when you are on your downwind leg.

**Upcoming plans** - At this time, the board has decided that we will not have any events this year where we invite outside spectators. Our WCWC event was already cancelled. We do plan on holding our Cub Fly and Night Fly on August 1st as scheduled, but without the food and only open to club members and their families. The Electric Only portion of this event has been cancelled. Please plan on joining us on August 1st. We will also still be having our Retro Fly on August 8, however Family Fly day this year is cancelled. The board has also decided that the Festival of Flight will be cancelled, as without spectators or outside pilots it is pretty much a normal day at the field.

**A Member's Question** - One of our members called the other day and asked a good question. I thought I would include the question and answer here for the benefit of all. The member asked whether we could expect a possible member dues partial reimbursement, due to the Covid-19 epidemic causing us to miss having a lot of our events and cookouts. My answer to this member was that most likely we would not be reimbursing any of the dues this year. Although the club does normally provide food for our eating events (Spring Cookout and Fall Turkey Fest), we earn money to pay for the expense of these eating events by making money from our main events – the Windy City Warbirds & Classics and the Festival of Flight. In that we had to cancel the WCWC event and will not be able to invite spectators to the Festival this year, we are actually losing out on somewhere between two and four thousand dollars of club earnings from these big events. Even though we will not have the expense of the food for the eating events, we will still not be getting in the earnings we are used to getting from the two large events. The field has not closed through the entire pandemic, and our members have been welcome to fly the entire time. The field maintenance expense is still being paid, and I doubt that we will be in a position to

have extra money at the end of the year with which to reimburse our members any of their dues.

**Zoom, Zoom, Zoom** - I hope to see you at our now typical Zoom July Member Meeting on July 9 at 7:30 pm. If you have not joined one of our Zoom meetings, give it a try. You might like it. I continue to keep you and your families in my prayers as the country is in a turmoil. I hope you all stay safe and healthy by following our temporary field restrictions and CDC and government guidelines. Let's be Safe and Smart out there. I hope to see you at the field. And remember to welcome our new members when you see them.

Dale

## FROM OUR SECRETARY

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2020 via Online Zoom Meeting



(June)

**President Dale Gathman** welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for signing on. Dale reminded everyone to say their name so Debbie can do the minutes and know who is talking.

**Secretary Debbie Howe** asked for a motion to approve the May Member Meeting Minutes, a motion was made by **Sal Perno** and seconded by **Jeff Peca**, all approved

**Treasurer Joe Pedone** said the checking account is looking good and most of the dues are in and we are only looking at the normal expenses right now. A motion was made to approve the treasurers report by **Dave Cotton** and seconded by **Bill Suhr**, all approved.

**Safety Chairman Jeff Peca** started a discussion about the field rules regarding Covid 19. The bleachers and Chairs can be used at the field at your own risk. If you have any signs or symptoms, please stay home. Masks are not required but are strongly suggested and social distancing is still a must. If you are in an area where social distancing is not possible then please wear a mask. We are not allowing guest pilots at this time. A new list of guidelines will be sent out via email as the best wording is figured out. Jeff also said there was an interesting article in the May Model Aviation, about your reaction times slowing as you get older. The article said this slowing process starts as early as age 24. Jeff said it was an interesting article to read for all.

**President Dale Gathman** said we have **3 new members: James (Jaime) Scahill, Gene Thoman and Brian Johnson**. That brings our membership to 192. Dale said that he had gotten an email from **Tony Bahowick** saying he was going to need to step down as our membership chairman due to family responsibilities. So we are looking for a new membership chairman, if you are interested, please contact **Dale Gathman**. Some of the responsibilities include keeping the roster up to date and link with the AMA roster, interview new members to find out their history, collect dues and send out reminder emails for dues collection and work with **Tom Flint** on Public Relations to keep a proactive membership.

We discussed the porta potti that we have at the field with the extra hand washing abilities and we decided that we would be keeping that one unit out there even though the extra expense. We will be contacting the company to find out what they do with the unit in winter for freezing problems.

We also were going to fix the cracks in the runway but due to covid 19, it has been decided to leave the cracks for this year and just spray the weeds that are in the cracks to kill those.

**Susan Galle** was not on the meeting but she did a great job on the Fly Paper as usual!!! Nice Job Susan!!

**Government Relations Chairman, Tom Spriet** said that he had no government relations issues but he did let us know that all 5 cameras were up and running at the field. Thanks Tom!

**Public Relations Chairman Tom Flint** said that he would be sending out an email this coming week or the following week with information on the fund raiser Warbird hats. There will be two styles of hats first the Structured Hat, this hat is more firm and is taller for those that like the hat to sit lower on the head and the unstructured that is more of a softer cotton hat that is shallower. The hats will be \$25 each, these hats will be sold at the Warbird event next year but right now we have an added feature of custom embroidered call signs on the side of each hat. Tom will send out a list of some sample call signs that can be used but you are free to make your own up to 23 letters per line. So keep an eye out for the email about ordering the hats, we are hoping to be able to pay for the hats on PayPal. All the information about that will be in the email.

**Windy City Warbird Chairman John Fischer** says he is looking forward to next year and the dates for next year will be June 17-19th. It has been decided that we will not be doing the Chili Dinner at the night fly and only club members will be allowed. No Guests.

We will be doing the Retro Fly at this time and the Family Fly day has been cancelled. We may still do the tailgate swap with members only but that will be decided as time gets closer.

**Dale Gathman** said the club had some trainers donated and **Vice President Dave Murray** will be getting them ready and one of which is given to Gavin, one of our Jr members, Gavin's parents made a generous donation to the club to say thank you for the plane.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Bill Suhr** and seconded by **Tom Flint**, all approved.

## 2020 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	<b>Fun-Fly — <i>Frozen Fingers</i></b>	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:00 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 13	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 15	<b>FVAC Annual Swap Meet</b>	9:00-1:00 Swap, 1:00-4:00 Indoor Foamy Fly Kane County Fair Grounds
March 12	FVAC Member Mtg	6:00 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 9	FVAC Member Mtg	CANCELLED
April 18	<b>Field Work Day</b>	WILL BE RESCHEDULED
May 2	<b>Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day</b>	CANCELLED
May 14	FVAC Member Mtg	7:30 Zoom
May 16	<b>Cub Scout Rocket Fest</b>	CANCELLED
May 17	<b>Fun-Fly —#1 - ?</b>	CANCELLED
May 25	<b>St. Charles Memorial Day Parade</b>	CANCELLED
May 29	<b>2020 Media Day</b>	CANCELLED
June 6	<b>FVAC Cookout (formerly pig roast)</b>	CANCELLED
June 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
June 18-20	<b>2020 Windy City Warbirds &amp; Classics</b>	CANCELLED
June 23	<b>Open Fly – All Scale</b>	CANCELLED
July 9	FVAC Member Mtg.	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
July 20	<b>Fun-Fly – #2 - ???</b>	CANCELLED
August 1	<b>Cub Fly - AMA Sanctioned - Club Only</b>	9:00-1:00 Cubs Only, 1:00 All - FVAC Field
August 1	<b>Electric Only - AMA Sanctioned - Club Only</b>	CANCELLED
August 1	<b>Night Fly - AMA Sanctioned - Club Only</b>	8:00 pm - Midnight - FVAC Field
August 8	<b>Retro Fly</b>	9:00 - 3:00 pm FVAC Field
August 13	FVAC Member Mtg.	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
August 22	<b>Family Fly Day</b>	CANCELLED
September 5	<b>Festival of Flight</b>	CANCELLED
September 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
September 12	<b>Tailgate Swap Meet</b>	TBD
September 13	<b>Fun Fly #3 - ??</b>	CANCELLED
October 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at TBD
October 10	<b>Turkey Fry</b>	TBD
November 12	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at TBD
December 5	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn - St. Charles
December 10	<b>Rookies Christmas Party</b>	7:00 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles

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## SHOW & TELL .....

From: Dr. Ross VanDorpe & John Turner ("JT")

Subject: 1/2 Kaos

Two 1/2a Kaos.

Red/White - Dr Ross VanDorpe

Orange and Yellow - JT Turner







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"BREATHING THAT STUFF IS DANGEROUS AND CRAZY  
FOR SURE . . . BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM OUT OF  
THERE BEFORE HE TRIES TO TAKE OFF ! "

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the FVAC New Membership Form



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