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July 2021

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Doug Swanson photo



One of the ten flags flying out at our field. Even though the wind is from the South, it still put on a happy face.

President's Message

Dale Gathman

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Monthly Meetings back to the Township Meeting Room – We had our first meeting in a long time IN PERSON, back in the St. Charles Township Meeting Room, and it was great. It was fantastic seeing some of our members who do not navigate computers and as a result had not attended any of our Zoom meetings.

Cookout 2021 - Our Cookout 2021 held on June 12 was a great success. We expected around 100 members and guests, and I would guess we were close to that number. It was nice seeing everyone again at this event which has been kind of a kick-off to the year's flying season. Many thanks go the Debbie Howe for organizing this event as well as being the head cook. She does such a great job. Thanks go to her crew, as well as the members/guests who helped get the area set up, tables moved, and everything organized for the meal.

Windy City Warbirds & Classics 2021 – Our biggest event of the year is now in the history books, and it was a one-of-a-kind event, due to the unknowns of the Covid-19 situation at the time of the planning. We had about 70 pilots attend, and a good number of members come out to spectate. A few member's guests came out as well, but not nearly as many as I thought would. This made it easy to handle gate and parking. It was great seeing the pilots that we missed spending time with last year, due to us not being able to have the event in 2020 (Covid).

As usual you, our members, came through by

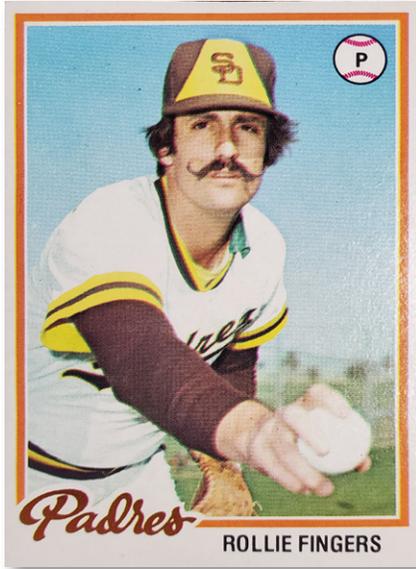
volunteering to help out with the running of the event. We had a total of 32 volunteers, and every one of you did a fantastic job. Dave Cotton even broke in a couple of our new youth members, exposing them to the duties of the Flightline Crew. My thanks go out to John Fischer and the WCWC Committee for all of the planning effort that goes into this event. They did an exemplary job as usual. Thanks also go out to the Werderich family and the Explorers who provided our security once again. Their service to the event is greatly needed and appreciated. We all can look forward to having the 'full-blown' event again next year, with the usual crowds and activities.

Upcoming Events –We have a full load of events coming in August and September, and all of these will be full open events - spectators welcome. Please see our calendar for dates and remember that if it says an event is 'sanctioned', it means that outside pilots are welcome (some have landing fees). See our website for individual event details which will be posted as they become available.

Dale



Jason Rigney photo



During my trip to Iowa, I took in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at Knoxville Speedway—The Sprint Car Capitol of the World. Check out the four-wide parade lap!



From the Editor
 Doug Swanson
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(Nothing at press time.)

That's true. I had nothing put together when this issue should have come out. Apologies for this super-late July edition.

A vacation to Iowa, work, and a house electrical issue (loose service neutral connection—yikes!) have kept me busy lately. I have not been out to the field much lately, but am hoping to make a resurgence in the second half of the season.

This July issue is on the lite side. Thank you to Rob Sampson for the wonderful Shot of the Month, found later in this issue. John Fischer has sent a write-up on Windy City Warbirds and Classics which will appear in the upcoming August issue, due out in the not-too-distant future. Thank you all.
 Doug



RV-7 1.1m BNF Basic with SAFE Select and AS3X EFL01850

Watcha got?

The FlyPaper is always looking for content! Send your builds, tips, and tricks for inclusion in this newsletter to: newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com



Treasurer's Report

Joe Pedone

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As we pass the halfway point of 2021, the Club checkbook is in good shape. We knew going into 2021 that it would be different from past years due to the effects of Covid on our event schedules, and some of our income generating events. But we've managed expenses well to adjust for this, and therefore have

kept a healthy financial balance as we move into the 2nd half of the year and beyond.

One event that was affected by this was the recently completed Windy City Warbirds and Classics. This became a non-public event for the first time due to the uncertainty around guidelines for large public gatherings. And while this changed some aspects of the event, I think anyone who attended will agree the spirit and enthusiasm of the pilots in attendance was as strong as ever. With most of the Warbird and Classics Alliance events canceled in 2020, there was a lot of pent-up interest to get back to some level of normalcy and renew old acquaintances with the roughly 70 pilots in attendance. Feedback from the pilots I talked to was all very positive, and this can be directly attributed to the amount of Club member volunteer support you provide to make this event successful. The field and facility were in top shape, and that is something we can all be proud of.

While all the member support for the Windy City Warbirds and Classics was appreciated, I do want to single out the contribution provided by the Howe's and Boen's for cooking up pilot lunches each day of the event. The food was awesome! I also want to thank Paula Fischer (John Fischer's wife) for again managing the sales of t-shirts, hats, and water. While we expected this event to be "income neutral" with pilot fees covering our expenses for the

big tent, etc., we actually gained a bit of income due to the sales by Paula of our supply of past year WCWC t-shirts and hats. Great job Paula!

As we move into the "dog days" of summer, I hope you are taking pleasure in the great flying weather and longer days we have now to enjoy lots of flying at the field. Look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Joe



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BNF Basic
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Secretary's Report

Debbie Howe

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Fox Valley Aero Club
Member Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2021 at
St. Charles Township Hall



President, Dale Gathman welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to state their name before speaking.

Secretary, Debbie Howe asked for a motion to approve the Member Meeting Minutes from May, a motion was made by **Bill Suhr** and seconded by **Todd Culbertson**, all approved.



Dale Gathman

Treasurer, Joe Pedone said the checking account is doing well, we have some bills to pay out coming up from the field work day and the club picnic, the storage tent for the Windy City Warbirds & Classics event is already paid for and the registrations will basically cover the expenses. A motion to approve the treasurers report was made by **Sal Perno** and seconded by **Scott Schilling**, all approved.

Safety Chairman, Jeff Peca said that we did have an incident at the field where a member had their transmitter attached to a neck strap, dangling while he pushed his plane out and the throttle switch was hit while dangling and the plane got away from the pilot. Please be very careful and put throttle kill switches on your planes and ask for help if needed. Jeff also reminded everyone if you use anything out of the first aid kit; please notify Jeff so he can replace it. Jeff also said he saw one night around 10:30 pm that there was a car with its lights on parked on our runway. We will be looking into putting the chains up again blocking entrances. Jeff told everyone to check out Model Aviation, district VI news section; there is a great article that **Dale Gathman** sent in about our club. Looks great and the article focused mainly on the New Years day festivities, everyone got a good laugh because due to editing the article does not say why we are burning a Christmas tree but it was a great article and a big round of applause was heard for Dale, Nice Job!!

President, Dale Gathman said that the club got a check for \$170 from the AMA Flying Site Improvement Grant that covers 25% of the cost of the new dirt and grass seed to fill in the low spots project that we did last fall.

Government Relations Chairman, Tom Spriet said that the water treatment center is doing a large expansion that will be on the other side of the driveway as you come in, this project will likely take them till the fall of 2022, but it should not affect us at all.



Joe Pedone



Tom Spriet

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Membership Chairman, Dave Cotton said that we have 2 new members **Joseph and Patrick Dougherty**, Welcome!! If anyone sees them out at the field please make them feel welcome and help out if you can. Welcome Joseph and Patrick!!

President, Dale Gathman said that Jeremy at Hobbytown is having a Tailgate Swap Shop in the parking lot at Hobbytown on July 3rd. It is free to bring items to sell.

Field Chairman, Mark Knoppkie was not there tonight but please if you see Mark, say Thank You and Great Job. Mark has been doing a lot of work on the field and it looks great. **Tom Flint** has been a big help to Mark with the mowing and field work. Thank you Tom! Great Job, both of you!!

A big Thank You to **John Turner** for getting all the dandelion spray, and **Dan Compton** for helping to spray the field which looks great!

President, Dale Gathman said that our current **Flight Instructor Chairman, Dan Compton** will be moving next year, and we will need to look for someone to take his place. He has done such a great job for so many years and many of the members at the meeting told stories of all the help Dan had given them over the years. A couple of them even said how Dan had driven them to the hospital to take care of cuts sustained at the field. Thank you to Dan Compton for all he has done and I am sure, will do till the day he moves, he is such a swell guy. Thank you Dan!

Flypaper Chairman, Doug Swanson said he is always looking for articles or pics for the Flypaper. He would like to do more aircraft spotlight articles. He would just need to get together at the field for pictures and plane info. If interested, please contact Doug.

Public Relations Chairman, Tom Flint said that the shirts at the Warbird event are going to be on sale 2 for \$20 and there will be different designs



Tom Flint

from the years past. This sale will help our event break even, and **John Fischer** added in that all the shirts were also designed by Tom Flint.

Fun Fly Chairman, Jeff Peca said that at Fun Fly #1 we had 26 pilots participate. **Mike Maciejewski** got the food and cooked, and the club also provided money for raffle prizes. Tied for first place were **Dale Gathman** and **Jeff Peca** and in second place was **Dan Compton**. Tied for third place was **Mark Beezhold** and **Rob Sampson**. A big thank you to **Maurie Misner** who donated his time to do all the timing during the event. Jeff Peca also got all the gift card prizes from Jeremy at **Hobbytown** and Jeremy was also very generous to donate a \$100 gift certificate to add to the raffle prizes. Jeff said we did have one pilot who had an exactly 60 second flight and that was **Doug Swanson**.

The raffle prizes and their winners were: \$20 **Paul Martin**, \$30 **Mike Maciejewski**, **Steve Haas** got the \$50 and **Maurie Misner** got the \$100. Congrats to all.

Fun Fly #2 will be July 11th at the same time, 11am-1pm. There will be food and prizes again and the event will be the bomb drop. Jeff made 10 servo release bomb mechanisms that everyone can attach to their planes. If anyone needs help or info do not hesitate to call Jeff Peca. Jeff's best advice for the event is don't watch where the bomb goes, watch your plane. Due to only having 10 mechanisms, pilots may need to share, but it will be a fun event. Look forward to seeing everyone there. Jeff said that if you don't have a plane you can use for the event, he will have a club owned trainer out there those members are welcome to use for the event.

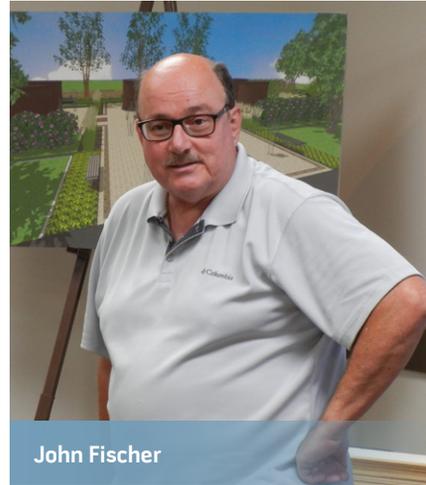
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Jeff Peca

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WCWC Chairman John Fischer said we have about 70 pilots that are preregistered and prepaid, 35 of which are club members. In past years we have had as many as 20-25 pilots register at the door. The theme for the year will be "The Year of the Pilot". We will not be allowing public spectators and we will be putting up signs saying 'Private Event'. Club members are welcome to invite guests and the guests will just have to give the club members names at the gate and they will be allowed in, everyone just has to understand that we do not have the ability to open to the public due to not having food or concessions on site and we do not have the volunteers set up to handle a large crowd. Also, that due to Covid we told our pilots that this will be a closed event and we do not want to go back on that. We will be telling the public to come back and see us for the Festival of Flight where we should be back to Covid safe levels so that we will be fully open similar to past years Festivals.



A big Thank You to **Gator RC** for donating all the rubber wrist bands for the pilots and crews. **Balsa USA** will be donating the ribbons for anyone who participates in the dawn patrol. Dawn Patrol will be Saturday Morning at 5:10am and the flight line will be open from then on.

Club members are asked to wear your yellow club shirts.

The Howe and Boen dinner for this year's event has been changed to the Howe and Boen Lunches, since we would not be able to fit in the small room for dinner buffet as in past years due to Covid. The Howe's and Boen's are going to provide lunch for all the pilots and crews as well as all the volunteers signed up to work the event on all three days. Lunch will be served from 11:30-1pm and will be first come first serve till it is gone. Come down to our canopy on the west end of the field and enjoy.

Kevin Kessler is going to try to get a couple of Teslas to have at the event for people to look at and even test drive.

Armin Weber and **Dale Gathman** will be doing the safety instructions so that members that are at the first pilots meeting will get a wrist band and if pilots come in later they can go to either Armin or Dale for the instructions and to obtain their wrist bands. Then each morning will be a shortened version of the pilots meeting for pilots that just got there.

The big charging tent will be put up on Tues or Wednesday. If anyone would be able to help during set up for the event, please come out Wednesday morning.

A big thank you to **John Fischer** and the Warbird Committee for all their hard work to make this event happen.

President, Dale Gathman showed pictures that **Doug Swanson** edited of the entire field and it shows very well our approved flight boundaries.

Rich Gabrys brought a couple of kits for the Balsa USA Smoothies that were a neighbor's that passed away. He could not guarantee that all the parts were there, but he just wanted them to go to someone who will build it. Dale Gathman said that he would take them, and Rich was gracious enough to offer that if ribs were missing, he would help Dale cut some out, to help make the kit whole again.

Todd Culbertson said that the SR71 is on wheels, and he may bring her to the next meeting for all to see.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Jeff Peca** and seconded by **Joe Pedone**, all approved.

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Rob Sampson and his CY Models PT-19. 110" w.s., DLE 85 for power, Spektrum iX12 guidance, shock absorbing struts.



Shots from the Field

photos by Doug Swanson

John Fischer with his E-flite T-28 1.2m, on 3S 3200 pack. Spektrum iX20 guidance.



Dave Murray and his Aviation Design Diamond. Power from a JetCat P-180, 46 lbs., 90" w.s.



Dave Brustle with an Airtrax, powered by a Sachs 3.2. Futaba 9C with Hitec 2.4 conv.



Scott Stampfli with his Top Flite Giant Scale ARF. Brison 4.2 power.





Jim Farina with his Flyzone Aircore Zero. Has Hitec micro servos, Admiral receiver w/ stabilization, E-flite 340 motor on 3S 600 pack. Spektrum DX8.



Jim Thompson with a Freewing A-10, twin 80 mm motors, (2) 6S 5000 packs, Futaba 7C guidance.

Shots from the Field

photos by Doug Swanson



Kevin Hersey and his Goldberg Cub 40, powered by a Saito .65 and guided by a Spektrum DX6.



Bill Suhr and his E-flite Air Tractor 1.5m. 4S 3200 pack.

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:00 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
February 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
February 20	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	CANCELED
March 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
April 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
April 17	Field Workday	9:00 – FVAC Field
May 8	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	9:00 – 3:00 – FVAC Field
May 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
May 23	Fun-Fly – #1 – 1-minute Timed Flight	11:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
May 31	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	CANCELED
June 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
June 12	FVAC Cookout (formerly pig roast)	12:00 – FVAC Field
June 17-19	2021 Windy City Warbirds & Classics	FVAC Field
June 20	Open Fly – All Scale (TBD)	FVAC Field (TBD)
July 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
July 11	Fun-Fly – #2 – Bomb Drop	11:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
August 7	Cub Fly – AMA Sanctioned	9:00 – 1:00 Cubs Only - FVAC Field
August 7	Electric Only – AMA Sanctioned	1:00 – 6:00 Electric Only – FVAC Field
August 7	Night Fly – AMA Sanctioned	6:00 - Midnight - FVAC Field
August 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
August 14	Family Fly Day	9:00 – 1:00 - FVAC Field
August 28	Retro Fly	9:00 – 3:00 - FVAC Field
Sept 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
Sept 11	Festival of Flight	FVAC Field
Sept 12	Fun-Fly – #3 –	11:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
Sept 18	FVAC Tailgate Swap Meet – Sanctioned	9:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
Sept 19	Plane Search Bean Walk (if necessary)	9:00 – 11:00 – FVAC Field (if needed)
October 9	Turkey Fry	12:00 – FVAC Field
October 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
November 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
December 4	Annual Christmas Party	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn – St. Charles
December 9	Rookies Christmas Party	7:00 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill – St. Charles



Shot of the Month by Rob Sampson

Rob captured Mathew Teresinski's D-VII skywriting on Saturday during Windy City Warbirds and Classics.

Fox Valley Aero Club Flight Boundary Map

Rotary-wing
Aircraft Only
Area

Forest
Preserve
Property

Western Boundary - First Tree Line

Flight Area (unshaded, red boundary)

Eastern Boundary - Base of
Police Gun Range Berm

Police
Gun Range

9-1-1
Dispatch
Center

Red shaded area =
No-Fly Zone

FVAC NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member Assessment Fee: \$300.00 (For new memberships only. Does not include dues.)

- Dues for Senior Members (19 years and over) \$125.00 per Member
- Dues for Junior Members (18 years and under) \$ 25.00 per Member
- Family Membership \$125.00 1st Member
(\$25 for each additional family member with an AMA card, either a spouse or a child under 19 years old.)

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AMA Number:

Birthdate:

Dues Amount:

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