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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** Tom Spriet-president@foxvalleyaero.com

June is here and with it a busy calendar at Fox Valley Aero Club! In the previous weeks we have had 2 pattern events, when you read this the kids fly will be history and quite possibly you will be preparing to pack up your family, airplanes, and culinary delights to attend the 2nd annual pig roast.

In today's mail I received a thank you for our participation in the St. Charles Memorial day parade. Speaking of thanks, I want to reach out and thank the following members for their direct involvement that made this event a success: Mel Ziska, with a "Z" name Mel is always last so I have given him top billing but the rest are in no special order: Tom Bean, Eric Karl, Dave Murray, Brian Wituk, Walt Thyng, Alvin Cole, Doug Swanson, John

Griffith, Armin Weber, Paul Jacobs, John Turner, Dave Brustle, Dale Gathman and Sal Perno. If I forgot someone I do apologize...

A special thanks to Robart Mfg. for the use of their facilities and aircraft in the completion of our float, it was a huge success! Lastly, it was my understanding that we won the best float award..... Did I mention we were the only float?

Here's to a great flying season and wishing you all blue skies and gentle breezes.

See you at the field,

Tom Spriet

Chris and Stacey Metzger photo



President Tom Spriet and Government Relations Chairman Alvin Cole present the FVAC's AMA Education Outreach Appreciation Award to City of St. Charles Mayor Donald DeWitte.



# Academy of Model Aeronautics

## EDUCATION THROUGH AVIATION

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Dear Fox Valley Aero Club:

On behalf of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, please accept this Certificate of Thanks from the Education Department.

In order for model aviation to grow, or for that matter simply survive, we have to have outreach efforts like yours taking place. These projects are not easy to put together. Some modelers like to find their "piece of heaven" then pull up the ladder. Of course they've forgotten the moment someone shared this great activity with them!

Thanks to people like you and those around you, our mission of "Bringing Modelers Together" is taking place.

Fly and have Fun!

Bill Pritchett  
Director of Education

Enclosure

cc: Charlie Bauer, AMA District 6 Vice President

The Academy of Model Aeronautics  
*presents this*

2012  
Education Outreach  
Appreciation Award

*The Fox Valley  
Aero Club*

In recognition of your dedication to our hobby  
and your continued efforts to share it with others.

  
Education Director  
Executive Director

**Fox Valley Aero Club**  
*presents...*

**Radio Control**

# **FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT**

**Giants**  
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Special appearance by  
**"The General"**  
Lewis Patton





## FROM THE EDITOR

Doug Swanson

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Well, the flying season is now well under way—I guess I need to get out there and join in on the fun. My IMAC plane is *still* in moth balls. I've got to make time to get the cobwebs blown out and see if I can still fly a straight line!

Last weekend I had the pleasure of attending Rockford Airfest.

The Thunderbirds were of course, awesome. Matt Chapman appealed to us RC'ers with some 3-D flying in his Eagle 580. There were also some great static displays. Many aircraft were open for closer inspection, including flight stations, cargo areas, wheel wells and bomb bays. I was able to sit in the left seat of many aircraft, but most notable was an Airbus A300 in UPS



livery. I've seen many pictures of cockpits online or in the simulator, so it was very interesting to see the actual displays, instruments and physical dimensions of the real thing up close, and in person.

Off topic, but did you happen to witness the transit of Venus across the Sun on June 5th? A friend told me about a trick with binoculars which could be used to view eclipses, and in this case, Venus' outline on the Sun's disk. Simply point the binoculars with the big end towards the Sun. Instead of looking through them (please don't) you project the light coming through onto something for safe viewing—in my case, a fence. The picture shows the small Venus dot as it crossed in front of the Sun (the other dark areas are my neighbor's tree). Pretty cool!



On to this issue... This month's "Meet the Members" spotlights Dave Cotton on page 10. Hopefully you caught Dave's article last month, "Three Men and A Plane". Gary Stephens has submitted a report on the FVAC Pattern Contest, held June 2nd and 3rd—it can be found on page 11. As you read in President Tom's report, the Club participated in the St. Charles Memorial Day parade. Photos of the build and helpers can be found starting on page 18.

'Till next time, happy flying-

Doug





## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Turner  
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Last month I purchased the New Great Planes Dirty Birdy from Al's Hobby Shop and attempted to complete the project before the FVAC pattern event! Unfortunately, both plane and event did not occur due to expectations beyond my control. Anyway, I thought you might like my input about this wonderful kit that was just released by Great Planes.

This ARF plane is one of the best I have acquired as well as build. The fuselage is glass resin and of the highest quality (paint) with both wings and stabilizer all built up and covered in red/white Mono kote. The building time for this model can be done in a weekend if one chooses fixed gear vs. retracts! I decided to keep it simple and only go with

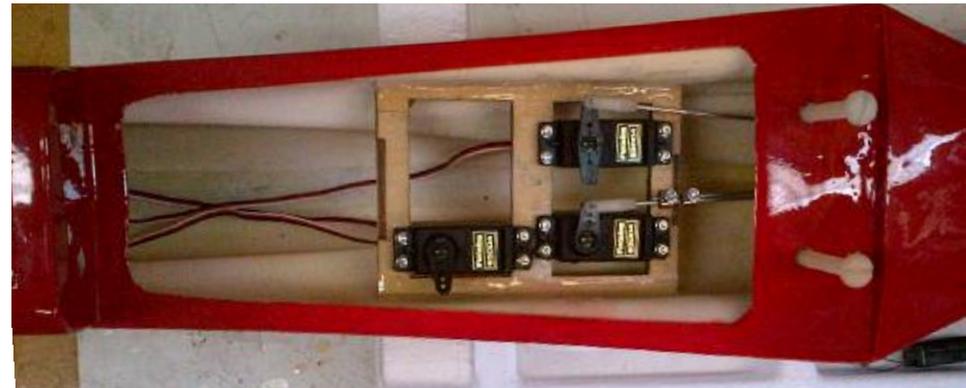
the fixed gear for the first one! If both plane and piloting skills exceed my "novice skills", I might look at a 2nd one with retracts.

The motor mount is the carbon stock (Great Planes) with a fiber glass cowl that is attached to the fuselage. At first I thought this was a minor point for the plane's design, but it plays to my favor for easy

access to the engine and steerable nose wheel. The color of this piece matches extremely well to the painted fuselage, which again exceeded my expectation. I did have to grind down part of the mount to access the steerable control horn. My engine selection is the OS .65 with a stock muffler. Once I get the plane balanced and a few flights under my wings, I will add the tune pipe for improved performance. Each wing panel is separate and is glued together with a spar made of aluminum and wood. All the parts fit exactly and assembly was quick and efficient.

The only disappointment is the size of the fuel tank! The tank fits extremely well inside the fuselage, but it is too small and should have been larger for us guys who like to fly weekend sport vs. pattern events! I was informed that one can add a second "nurse" tank for additional fuel and time. There is plenty of room to add this should one desire.

My radio installation consists of my Futaba 2.4 with five 3004



servos. I only modified the wing servo linkages using a swivel ball joint on the servo arm vs. a "z" bend as recommended by the manufacturer. The plane should come in around 8 -9 lbs. with only a moderate weight added to the tail. Only final step is to use a heat gun/iron to take out

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the wrinkles that only developed from the change in temperature and humidity in my basement. (Note: When I opened the box, the covering on the wings, rudder and stabilizer was flawless!)

Great Planes did an outstanding job with this ARF and thanks for bringing back one of the famous pattern planes that flew back in the 70's! Many of our FVAC members who built this plane and commented how great it flew and the new design should be consistent with the built up and foam/sheeting wings.

Attached are some pictures of the plane doing construction. I hope to have my first flight later this month vs. waiting a year or two before the maiden flight!!

See you at the upcoming Kids Day and Pig Roast!

Fly safe! John "JT" Turner



**FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT**

July 21-22, 2012

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Jacobs

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We are still on budget for the year and the checkbook is looking good. As I write this we have just completed both pattern contests and when you read this "Kids Day" will probably be over as well. Participation in the pattern events was low and Rusty told those in attendance that it will probably be moved to Muncie next year. I was disappointed that no FVAC members flew at our regular pattern event. Hopefully the turnout for the IMAC event will be better.

Hats off to President Tom and all who helped with the Memorial Day parade float as it was well received by those in the crowd. Don't forget we are also entered in the "Swedish Days" parade in Geneva on June 24th to promote the club and the Festival of Flight. Speaking of the Festival, I have just ordered

T-Shirts for the event which we should have for sale at the July 12th meeting.



I sent out the final notices to those that have not paid their FVAC dues and those that haven't responded will be removed from the roster. A new list will be posted at the field of our membership by the next meeting. Remember the meetings are held at the field during the summer months unless it is raining.

Hopefully the winds will calm a bit so all members can come out and enjoy our beautiful flying site.

Until next month,  
Paul

# 2012 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

June 10	<b>Fun-Fly &amp; Pig Roast</b>	Flying starts at dawn, Pig ready at 2:30
June 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at <b>FVAC Field</b>
June 15 & 16	<b>Al's Helicopter Fun-Fly</b>	FVAC Field
June 24	<b>Geneva Swedish Days Parade</b>	Meet at 10:00 (loc. TBD), parade at 1:00
July 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
July 21 & 22	<b>Festival of Flight</b>	FVAC Field
August 4 & 5	<b>Chicagoland IMAC Challenge</b>	FVAC Field
August 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
September 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 21	<b>Fun-Fly &amp; Turkey Fry</b>	10:00 AM FVAC Field
November 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 7	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	Hilton Garden Inn

**!** Remember—the next three meetings are held out at the field—unless there is inclement weather, when it will revert back to the township hall.

In case you have not seen or heard, the gun range is up and cooking! Well up and firing hot lead anyway.

In one of our discussions with the police chief of St. Charles we had asked about how and if there would be notifications to civilians that the range was active and caution by us to watch and avoid.

As you can see by the photos there now is a sign as well as a flag noting an active range. Per previous discussions and in agreement with the City of St. Charles Police department, try to not overfly the range when active. When the range is not active, over flight is possible, but still remain west of the 9-1-1 center.

Thanks folks, Tom Spriet

FlyZone Calypso EP  
Powered Glider RxR  
(FLZA3004)



## Past Events of 2012

January 1	<b>First to Fly Fun Fly</b>
February 25	<b>FVAC Annual SWAP</b>
April 21	<b>Member Work Day</b>
May 26 & 27	<b>Classic Pattern Contest</b>
June 2 & 3	<b>FVAC Pattern Contest</b>
June 9	<b>Kids Day</b>

# SHOTS FROM THE FIELD

shots by Dale Gathman

Peter Heinlein,  
Seagull Edge 540  
w/Eflite Power 90



Tony Sokol,  
Great Planes  
Christen Eagle



Joe Boyd –  
Boomerang Elan  
w/Jetcat P120  
and JR12x (This  
plane is FAST)



Lars LaVine,  
Sig Rascal Forty  
w/O.S. .46AX



Tom Berry, 3D Hobby Shop Slick 540  
w/12s battery (About 4500 watts).



Dan Compton,  
Aeromaster  
w/O.S. .61



Ron Kostus,  
Aero Works  
Extra 260  
w/50CC DLE



# MEET *the* members

## Dave Cotton



**FlyP.:** How long have you been involved in the hobby?

**Dave:** I have enjoyed the hobby since 1995 when my sons and I obtained our first trainer – an Avistar.

**FlyP.:** How long have you been a member of FVAC?

**Dave:** I have been a proud member of FVAC for two years.

**FlyP.:** Please give a history of your RC Aviation past.

**Dave:** My dad was in naval aviation and my brother was a Naval Commander on the USS Roosevelt. I, on the other hand, live on land and have my feet rooted to the native soil in Naperville – but my soul is flying high above the clouds.

**FlyP.:** Are you involved with full-scale aviation? If so, please elaborate.

**Dave:** I enjoy visiting aviation museums and events.

**FlyP.:** Are you forced to work to pay for this hobby? If so, what is your occupation?

**Dave:** I am an Architect (and not forced to do anything---I am single and love it).

**FlyP.:** Are you married? Have any children?

**Dave:** I have two children – Matthew and Daniel both have flown RC

**FlyP.:** What are you flying currently?

**Dave:** Taylorcraft – Sukhoi 31- Extra 300 (3) - Piper cub (of course) and others

**FlyP.:** Do you have any current or planned aircraft projects?

**Dave:** I'm working on a Balsa USA Sopwith Pup – fuse, wings and tail framed – lots more to go –(and I blame it all on Cliff [Fullhart] for getting me interested in this bygone era).



**FlyP.:** What is/was your favorite model aircraft?

**Dave:** My Taylorcraft – she flies great – and sounds great.

**FlyP.:** What is your favorite full-scale aircraft?

**Dave:** Any one aircraft that lands where I am – but love the F86 and T38 Talon (but I have no Jets in my hangar).

**FlyP.:** Is there a dream project for you in radio control?

**Dave:** The pup – will be more than happy to complete it.



Kevin Kessler photo

**FlyP.:** Is there anyone that you look up to in the radio control hobby?

**Dave:** I have many good friends in this hobby – but love to hang with the guys that have been in the club for years – they are the best.

**FlyP.:** Are there any facets of the hobby that you would like to try? (eg. a certain power system type, different type of aircraft, competitive flying)

**Dave:** I have enjoyed doing aerobatics and sport flying – but love to fly scale with others

**FlyP.:** Are there any embarrassing moments at the field you would like to forget--but are now remembering because I asked?

**Dave:** Eating four plates at the turkey fry – the club did a great job at frying them up and Cliff did a great job carving them out.

**FlyP.:** What are your interests beyond model aircraft?

**Dave:** I am a long distance runner. ✈

# FVAC PATTERN CONTEST

Held on June 2 & 3, 2012 at the FVAC field in St. Charles, IL.

Report by Gary Stephens, CD

Photos by Dale Gathman, except where noted

**S**eventeen pilots from seven states came to fly in our pattern contest. (IL, WI, MO, MI, MN, IN, IA)

The weather for our event this year was very good compared to years past, because it did not rain during the contest. On Saturday we had temperatures of near 74 degrees with partly cloudy skies and 20 mph winds with some cross winds most of the day. The contest started promptly at 9am. We had a two and one half hour delay, starting at 10 am, because of the NOTAM issued for our area, as we are within the 30nm ring from ORD. Lunch was served during the NOTAM delay. Once the NOTAM was over we flew again until we had 4 full rounds of flying completed for all classes. We ended flying at 4pm for the day.

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A number of pilots and their wives met for dinner at the Old Towne Pub a few miles from the field, on Saturday night. The food and drink were great and reasonably priced. About twelve people came to dinner.

The weather on Sunday was better than Saturday as we had fewer clouds and lower winds coming from the west at about 15mph. The temperature was close to 80 degrees. It was a near-perfect day for flying. Flying started at 9am and we finished the last two rounds in all classes at approximately 11:30am. The field was available for open flying at 12 noon.

We had no issues or crashes to report. One canopy was recovered from the corn field after it blew off an airplane in flight.

Of the 17 flyers, 6 of them used glow engines; the other 11 used electric motors. 4 flyers used Brenner Sharp's CONTRA counter-rotating propeller system on their electric pattern airplanes.



- CONTEST RESULTS -			
Class	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Sportsman:	<b>Mark Barnett</b>		
Intermediate:	<b>Brandon Sobolewski</b>	<b>Mike Gaishin</b>	<b>Tom Kunath</b>
Advanced:	<b>Evan Krause</b>	<b>Tim Olsen</b>	<b>Mark Doucey</b>
Masters:	<b>Brenner Sharp</b>	<b>Mike Mueller</b>	<b>Bobby Satalino</b>
FAI:	<b>A C Glenn</b>	<b>Bill Ahrens</b>	

The Masters class was very close this year; only 2.22 points out of 4000 separated first and second place.

Thanks go out to the following people: Doug Swanson who assisted with the contest flyer and photo award backgrounds, Mickey Losardo who assisted with setting up the turnaround box on Friday, Paul and Dori Jacobs who did all the scoring for the contest, Dale Gathman who took all the pictures on Saturday, and last but not least FVAC club member Tom Flint who assisted with the registration and pilot line up on Saturday morning. Paul Jacobs was also the Co-CD for this contest. Thanks again, Paul.

And finally, we thank the FVAC for allowing us to use the beautiful FVAC field, giving up a precious June weekend of flying so we could hold this contest.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Stephens, CD





## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Fox Valley Aero Club

General Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2012 @ Township Hall

**President Tom Spriet** called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.



photos by Dale Gathman  
Thanks, Dale!

**Secretary Tony Sokol** asked for additions or corrections to the March minutes as published. A motion to approve was made by **Sal Perno** and seconded by **Cindy McFarlane**. The minutes were approved.



Tony Sokol

**Treasurer Paul Jacobs** reported that the treasury is in good shape. Paul noted that this is probably the peak of our financial year in that we will be having a lot of expenses coming up with field maintenance.



Paul Jacobs

Festival of Flight plans are well under way. Paul brought us up to date on the progress:

- Flyers have been distributed.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- A new caterer has been located.
- The tent will be in the same location as last year.
- Admission fee \$5 per adult.
- No Charge to pilots
- Currently working on pilot's dinner
- Wear your yellow FVAC shirts. Karl can assist if you need one.
- We need to keep planes flying as much as possible.

### Government Relations Chairman

**Alvin Cole** reported that he and **Tom Spriet** delivered the AMA education award plaque to the Mayor of St.Charles. The plaque will be hung in a place of prominence in the Mayor's office.



Alvin Cole

**Dan Compton** reported that the dumpster is being used for non-field related items like TV's and paint. He gave several options for those looking to dispose of such items.



Dan Compton

### Membership Chairman

**Sal Perno** introduced three new members. They are **Grant Hiestand**, **Bill Suhr**, and **Brian Mocny**. Welcome aboard, Guys. In addition, we welcomed a guest from California, **John Rotham** from the Pomona Valley Fliers.

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Gary Koester

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Show & Tell part 1

Gary Koester displayed his new fully loaded E-Flite Habu jet complete with the electric retracts. He says it's fast!

Mark Hamilton brought along the Beech Staggerwing that he won at the Christmas Party. It flies

well with the 3S 2200mah LiPo battery pack giving him around 12 minutes of flight time. He added the optional retracts, which needed some beefing-up of the mounting rails.

Dale Gathman displayed his new Hangar 9 Corsair



Mark Hamilton

powered by a Saito .82. The plane sports a set of Hangar 9 rotating retracts which he demonstrated. The retracting gear sound is reminiscent of a coffee grinder, however they really look nice in operation.

At this point, Ken Kaiser reminded us that Kid's

Day is coming up on June 9th and he is looking for volunteers to help out. The St. Charles K-9 unit will be on site to entertain the kids and adults. John Redman will be making an appearance as well.

Gary Stevens reminded us of the upcoming pattern contest on June 2nd

and 3rd. Everyone is welcome.

Mel Ziska gave us a quick overview of the Classic Pattern Contest which is on May 26th and 27th this year. The contest centers around the old-fashioned AMA pattern which most everyone with average flying skills will be comfortable flying. One or two classic pattern planes will be available to try out your pattern skills, which are very simple and easy to do.

Tom reminded us that the day after the Kid's Day on June 9th, the annual pig roast will be held on June 10th. Tom needs a head count of all those planning on attending so that he can make sure there is enough pig to go around. We had around 150 attendees last year!

The Memorial Day parade is coming on Monday May 28th this year and help will be needed to get the float ready. The Saturday prior will be float building day. Final assembly will be at Robart the day of the parade. Walkers in yellow shirts are needed.

Show & Tell part 2

Tom Flint brought along his J-3 Cub on floats which he painted to match including the lightning bolt which is on the prototype. He continues to learn many things like do not retract your flaps 6" off the ground (great for making pancakes.) Also, using a metal vice to hold batteries together when soldering, makes for some neat fireworks. Engines start much easier with the needle valve installed.

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Ken Kaiser



Tom Flint



Tom Siwek

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**Tom Siwek** brought his Great Planes 1/4 scale RV-4 powered by an OS.75AX and guided by a Spektrum radio system. He added a remote glow igniter connector and a remote needle valve adjuster via a small-gauge music wire system. The plane is IMAA legal.

**Sal Perno** displayed his beautiful Top Flite Beech Staggerwing powered by a Zenoah G-38. The plane is somewhat unique in that it has had two maiden flights. (Ask Sal about Locktite.) Sal ended up making major improvements in the construction of the landing gear mount which was originally hot glued together and misaligned. He says that flying a biplane with the gear retracted can lead to some disorientation because of the lack of reference which is present with fixed gear.



Sal Perno



Dennis McFarlane

**Dennis McFarlane** demonstrated a Firebird Stratos RTF "teach yourself to fly" model by Horizon. While the plane does fly well, the self-teaching may be a bit of a stretch. It does have an electronic stabilization system similar to the AS3X system in the Gee Bee and Beast micro models.

**Mel Ziska** brought an example of the bind-and-fly Hanger 9 Taylorcraft. The ONLY thing that has to be done is mount the included Zenoah G-26 engine. Even the full pilot figure is included!



Mel Ziska

**Kevin Kessler** brought his Hangar 9 Eagle powered by a 120-size engine. Although the plane has 3 flights on it there are problems keeping the engine running and most flights ended up dead stick. One of the landings demonstrated the glide capability of the plane which is



Kevin Kessler



Joe Boyd

similar to a large rock! The gear did survive though where most others would have not.

**Joe Boyd** displayed his Jet Cat T-160 equipped Composite ARF Lightening. The 90-inch wingspan sport jet weighs in at an estimated 32lbs and is guided by a JR-12X radio system. There is also an on-board GPS monitoring system which records the flight and its parameters. Joe received much help from many of his modeling friends in completing the complex craft. Joe also found a source for custom made stands which make handling and carrying the plane a breeze. Well ok, a lot easier anyway.

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Featured Speaker **Doug Scatterday** of Robart Mfg brought us up to date with Robart's latest offerings. These include:

- New Zap products including:
  - o 5-minute Epoxy to fill the gap between the brittle fast curing 5-minute and the long curing 30-minute + formulas.
  - o Blue thread locker.
  - o Zap Goo.
  - o Poly Zap which will glue just about anything and will dry clear if you do not use kicker. Can be used on canopies with out fogging.
  - o Builder's kits, Repair kits, Foam kits, and ARF kits containing every type of glue needed to complete the job.



Doug Scatterday

- A special Mustang retract designed to articulate the gear forward of the CG when extended to prevent nose overs.

Show & Tell part 3

**Todd "Rocket Man" Culbertson** has been doing some dumpster diving and has produced a really nice looking 35% Extra 300 from the partial remains of an earth/plane meeting. The 108-inch plane is powered by a DLA 112 and is equipped with all of the latest electronics utilizing a Fromeco Lilon battery and regulator. Todd did an outstanding job of scratch building the missing parts and fuselage.

**Mark Knoppkie** announced the unfortunate demise of his TBM DV8R turbine.



Todd Culbertson

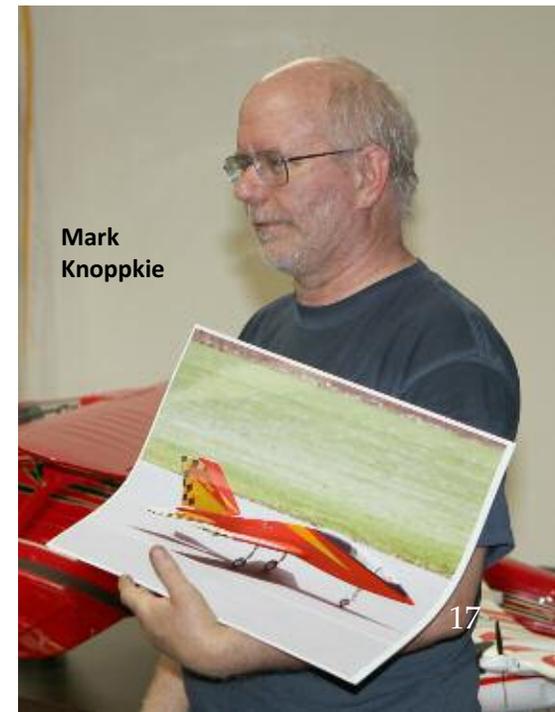
- Electric Retracts designed with retrofitting the older pneumatic cylinders with electric actuators in mind. The electronics are located in the body of the aircraft near the receiver—out of harm's way from dirt and moisture. The electronic control box allows for staggering and/or reversing the direction of operation. It also allows for either using the receiver battery or an auxiliary battery anywhere from 4.8 to 9 volts regardless of battery chemistry.
- A progressive system of mechanical, electric, or pneumatic retracts aimed at the .60 to .90 sized markets.

Fortunately because of the position of the engine, the turbine seems to have survived as did most of the electronics. A combination of C.G. error and wing incidence lead to the loss. Sorry Mark.

**Dale Gathman** displayed some really nice pictures of a J-3 Cub and Dave Murray's T-33.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Alan Galle** and Seconded by **Cindy McFarlane**. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tony Sokol – Secretary FVAC



Mark Knoppkie



**FIELD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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I have been out at the field a few times lately and it is looking really good. The grass seems to be finally coming under control. It seems to be short enough for the tail draggers to be successful landing off the runway.

We have hosted a couple of events already this season and they have gone well. Tom and his cohorts did a fantastic job with the float for the St. Charles Memorial day parade. Now we have our next 2 events to look forward too. The kids fly is on track for June 9th. Please bring a plane and buddy box and plan on spending a great day educating and entertaining both the kids and their parents. This is always a good way to give back to the community. The very next day gets to be our day. Thanks to Tom for heading up the annual pig roast. This event is a must. Bring a plane and an appetite. You won't be disappointed.

The month of July will bring our Festival of Flight. This will be a strange year for me because I will be available to help with set up and plan on asking for a little help with field set up mid-week the week of the event. I then will be out of town for the weekend but back Sunday to see the end of the festival and help put things away. It has been many years since I have missed this event. It is one of my favorites. I know Paul will do a stellar job with this festival and will have no problems because of the many members that always step up to make our events the best.

See you at the field,

Greg Bohler





Paul Jacobs, Ultra Stick Lite w/160 Surpass



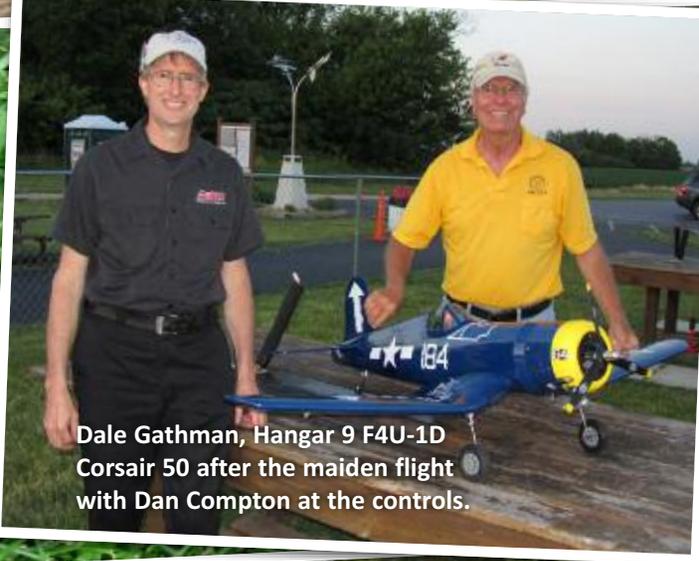
# SHOTS FROM THE FIELD

shots by Dale Gathman

Armin Weber with Chris VanOverberghe (trainee) w/Armin's Hangar 9 Cap232 and a homebuilt trainer



Dale Gathman, Hangar 9 F4U-1D Corsair 50 after the maiden flight with Dan Compton at the controls.



Brandon and Paul Makowski, U Can Do 3D



Cliff Fullhart, GB Tiger Moth w/O.S. .30 4-stroke



Dave Murray, Global Jet Club FeiBao T-33



# Chicagoland Fox Valley IMAC CHALLENGE 6



August 4th & 5th, 2012

Fox Valley Aero Club Field

3821 Karl Madsen Dr., St. Charles, IL

[www.foxvalleyaero.com](http://www.foxvalleyaero.com)

**All classes flown—Basic through Unlimited  
1st through 3rd place awards in each class  
Freestyle will be flown Saturday after competition**

You must be an AMA member to compete

\$30 - IMAC members

\$35 - Non-IMAC members

Pre-register at the IMAC website - [www.mini-iac.com](http://www.mini-iac.com)

50' x 800' Asphalt Runway (East–West)

On-Site Camping (no hookups)

Food available on-site\*

\*lunch included for pilots plus one other on both days

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## Schedule

Saturday: Registration begins: 7:30  
Pilot's meeting: 8:45  
Wheels up: 9:00  
Freestyle following competition

Sunday: No flying before: 8:30  
Pilot's meeting: 8:45  
Wheels up: 9:00  
Awards following competition