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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Memorial Day Parade. I am writing this after participating in this year's St. Charles Memorial Day Parade. As always, this was a great opportunity for our club

members to show our appreciation to all of our veterans and those who have sacrificed all in the preservation of our great country's freedoms. I thank Mark Powell and the St. Charles VFW post for organizing this parade. I also thank Dave Murray for stepping into the Parade Chairman position this year, and organizing everything. We had a core group of volunteers who re-painted and spruced up the float the week before, and then another group of members who helped out by providing planes to put on the float, as well as setting up the float Sunday morning for Monday's parade. We also had a great turnout of members who marched with the float. Thanks to all for your help and participation, and thank you to all of our members who served or are serving. You can see photos of the parade either in this issue or next, and they will be on the website soon.

More field improvements. We purchased gravel to cover the west parking lot and drive, as well as the shed floor. Member Jim Gnutek volunteered his time and equipment to spread and roll these areas, with the help of Mark Knoppkie. We also had the help of five of our members in clearing the shed out prior to the gravel installation.

Once again, it was great to see what our members can accomplish when there is a need. Make sure to check out the shed when you are at the field. Also, please thank Jim when you see him.

June activities. Well, June will be here by the time you read this, and that means our summer full of activities will be underway. **Our next big event will be the 2017 Windy City Warbirds & Classics on June 22, 23, and 24**, followed by an open fly on June 25. This year promises to be the best event yet, and we will need lots of help and volunteers, and of course pilots and planes. Please volunteer for at least one time slot during this event if you are able, as this event is our main fund boosting event of the year. I hope to see you there.

See you at the field soon. And in keeping with our goal of Camaraderie, Mentorship and Fellowship please make a point to introduce yourself to a member or guest that you don't yet know every time you are at the field.

Dale



FROM THE TREASURER

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The checkbook balance has declined ahead of our event as we pay for the necessary items like food and tents in preparation for our big event. We also have paid for the roof on the shed and our

anonymous donor has paid for the materials. The shed and the area surrounding it are looking great. New gravel has been added to the west parking lot and the floor of the shed as well thanks to the efforts of Jim Gnutek for his labor and use of equipment.

This DH3 Beaver has finally been finished and will be flight tested this month. This is the one I won at last years Warbirds event thanks to a donation by Jeremy Dale of HobbyTown. It has an OS GT33 for power and of course Futaba electronics for guidance.



Until next month, Paul

FROM THE SECRETARY

Debbie Howe

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2017 @ St. Charles Township Hall



Dale Gathman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:44pm.

Secretary, **Debbie Howe** asked for the approval of the April meeting minutes, approval was nominated by **John Fischer** and seconded by **Steve Gawlik**.

Treasurer, **Paul Jacobs** said that the treasury is down from last month due to expenses like the t-shirts and hats for the events, lawn mowing etc. Paul said the events are coming up so that will help those numbers come back up. Motion was made to pass the treasurers report by **Tom Spriet** **Steve Gawlik**.

Safety Chairman, **Jeff Peca** reminded everyone to go over your planes with a fine tooth comb. Check for loose hinges, weekend glue joints and remember to cycle the batteries that have been sitting all winter. Jeff also asked that when starting the planes please use a glove, starter or chicken stick. He will be picking up some good leather gloves and have them in the pavilion if you forget to bring them yourself. Jeff also said the he is working on the flyers for the night fly, August 12th - which is also National Model Aviation Day.

Jim Thompson showed us how to use a rubber band to attach to our transmitters to keep your throttle in the lowest position, so no accidents

happen by accidentally bumping it while setting it up.

Membership Chairman, **Tony Bahowick** thanked everyone for being members and let everyone know that we currently have 181 members.

Field Chairman, **Mark Knoppkie** said the weekend of the 20th we will be putting the floor in the shed so any help emptying the stuff out of the shed is welcome.

Flypaper editor, **Susan Galle** was on vacation. Nice job on the Flypaper Susan!

Government Relations, **Todd Culbertson** was not able to be there but Dale said he had done a great job of printing out all the flyers for kids day, rocket day, and other events.

Dale Gathman said the land use committee did meet and let everyone know that the barn is gone and the land has been excavated and leveled. We are going to try to put a chain link fence across the opening to the road in that area so people can't come in that way and bypass paying admission for events. The suggestion was made to put the float with banners out blocking that driveway for events. The club wanted to thank the anonymous donor for giving a check to pay for all the shed roofing materials.

Dale Gathman reminded everyone about the PIG ROAST JUNE 4TH , bring your family and bring a dish to pass. The pig is to be ready at 12:30ish.

Jim Thompson brought in his Free Wing 90 mm ducted fans F-15. Jim explained that this plane sounds like a real turbine jet. He gets about 3 minutes of flight time, it has full flaps and an airbrake. He has a 12 blade fan on it. It is a plug and Play and Jim told us that for a foam model this is very high quality and durable foam. Jim did change the colors by masking areas off with yellow frog tape and spraying his own color scheme on. Looks Great Jim.

Mel Ziska was up next with his Cessna 150 from E-Flite; it has some nice features and comes almost ready to fly. It has nav light and tip lights as well. He showed us one of the unique things about this plane is there are no wires for the

wings, they plug into little connectors attached to the wing and fuse, so no wires to get in the way when you are assembling the planes. It uses a drift pin and clip to put on the struts. Mel said it has an 82" wing span. Looks great Mel, can't wait to see her fly.

Steve Gawlik brought the B-17 wing really does exist, Steve said it was all painted and just has to get the graphics applied. He is hoping it will fly before the festival. He does have landing lights and nav lights and he painted with behr house paint. He advised us all that if we are painting a Warbird, look up the military color code and bring that to Home Depot and give them the code and they can punch that in the paint mixer and make the exact colors. (great info!) He said this is a Don Smith kit. He said that he has approximately 350 hours in it at this point. Can't wait to see it fly.

Armin Weber showed us his paint that was at Toledo Show at a booth called Wings West R/C and this paint is a direct match for monocote. The manufacturer is SprayMax. These cans have a two part mixture to make an automotive finish with epoxy seal in one can. The only problem is these cans do harden very quickly if left to sit.

Dave Brustle showed us a set of plans for a FW 190; he said these are David Anderson's plans

John Fischer was up next with Windy City Warbird and Classics event. John said that we have 58 registered pilots. Shirts and hats are available for \$20 each; **Tom Flint** did a great job with them, Thanks Tom. The event planning is going well and he will be passing around a sign up sheet for volunteers for all the different event jobs. He also reminded everyone that helped to come back to the pilot's dinner and enjoy the fun and reminded everyone that the dinner is free for volunteers.

We also have club special pre tickets you can purchase for 5 for \$20 if purchased in advance. The thought is to pass out to family, friends and neighbors, if one person has a free ticket they are most likely to bring others with that will be paying or purchasing shirts hats or waters. Great idea guys!

We will be updating the **sound system** with the help of **RJ Monroe**, he will be bringing some of his speakers and help with that. Members are going to VFW halls in the area and offering free tickets for the veterans as a way of saying thank you for their service.

Movie night will be the Thursday the 22nd close to 9pm (at dark) at the field. Prior to that at 6pm

John, Debbie and Katie Howe and **Bob and Diane Boen** are hosting a dinner at Tap House Grill for all at the event and then we will be reminding people to head back to the field for movie night.

Media day for the event will be June 9th. We are asking members to bring out their giant scale planes and help line the runway with them for the media to come out and take pictures and do some interviews.

JT talked about buying the flags and a motion was made by **Dave Cotton** and seconded by **Steve Gawlik**.

The Festival of Flight will be September 9th. **Jim Thompson** will be helping **John Fischer** run the event.

The **Christmas Party** is right on schedule and will once again be at the Hilton Garden Hotel in St Charles.

Tom Flint thanked **JT** and his company for taking care of applying the weed killer and fertilizing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm motion was made by **Steve Gawlik** and seconded by **Mark Knoppkie**.

Respectfully Submitted
Debbie Howe - Secretary

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Finally Summer!. How do I know this - more than 2 days of warmth here - yay! (*don't say anything either or you'll jinx it*).



Speaking of summer, we attended Joe Nall at Triple Tree Aerodrome in South Carolina just last month and the weather was nothing short of fantabulous and warm! If you haven't been to Nall, you don't necessarily need to bring a plane, you can

just oogle what's already there (*and trust me, there's plenty to oogle*).not to mention watch and just kick back and enjoy and smell (*the vendors are very good as is the local fare - nothing like southern cooking - Mmm, mmm*). This one marked the 35th Anniversary of Joe Nall which is located in Woodruff, SC and is in an area covering over 400+ acres. Heck, it's like a city in a city - there's golf carts you can rent, they have several buses that go from one end to the other, hiking trails, a learning center, hangar and they also offer the pilots and their families a steak dinner and a Bar-BQ (*of course, you have to buy that ahead of time*). If you decide to come though, I suggest planning on drinking lots of fluids as it gets very hot - at one point in the sun, it registered 101 degrees!

Some history on Joe Nall is that Joe was actually a man, who was a pastor and then became a lawyer. Joe and Pat Hartness first met while attending Furman University in Greenville, SC. Both realized they shared a common interest in aviation, especially their radio control modeling hobby. Pat and Joe had maintained their friendship throughout these years and continued to share their love of aviation. Joe became a qualified instrument rated pilot and a Certified Ground School Instructor, teaching student pilots at the Johnston County Airport near Smithfield.

In 1986, with the help of his friend U.S. Representative from North Carolina, Martin Lancaster, along with U.S. Senator from North Carolina, Jesse Helms and Pat Hartness, Joe

FROM THE EDITOR

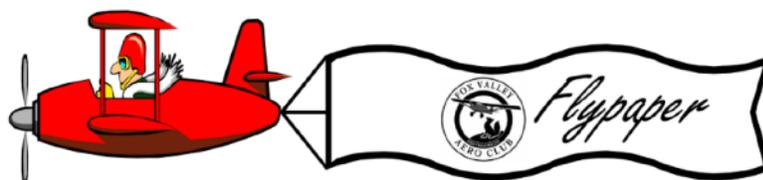
received an appointment by President Ronald Reagan as a Board Member of the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, D.C. Joe Nall died in an aircraft accident while on official business in Caracas, Venezuela in 1989. During the years from 1982 until his death in 1989, Joe served as Master of Ceremonies of the Giant Scale Fly In held at Hartness field ~ always using his aviation and modeling experience as well as his sense of humor to entertain the audience. After Joe's death, Pat honored his good friend's memory by renaming the event THE JOE NALL FLY-IN..

So there you have it, a brief history lesson in what Joe Nall is about and why is appropriately named.

See the picture on the front page, I took this when we arrived before all the campers, cars, trucks and craziness began. It's actually a beautiful site

and at night they have night flying when several RC pilots are flying their brightly lit-up planes against the dark yet starry sky. The picture below is an aerial view and on the left of that picture is the main flight line - it's really just amazing how organized it all is too. I don't recall how many pilots were there this year, but last year it was over 1,700 - pretty amazing, huh?!? As for me, I hooked up with some old friends and also made some new ones as well which I always enjoy (*esp. my friend from the south who I always razz about "talking funny" as she does right back to me*) she's a blast to be with and we always make each other laugh - miss you Judy.

That's all for now - Susan



2017 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 12	FVAC Member Mtg	7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 18	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	9:00-1:00 Kane County Fair Grounds
March 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 13	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 15	Field Work Day	9:00 am FVAC Field
April 22	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	9:00 am – 1:00 pm - FVAC Field
May 11	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 20	Fun-Fly –#1 Climb & Glide	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
May 29	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	Time TBD
June 3	Rocket Fest & Kids Fly	FVAC Field
June 4	Pig Roast & Fun-Fly	FVAC Field
June 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
June 9	2017 Media Day	9:00 am – 3:00 pm - FVAC Field
June 22-24	2017 Windy City Warbirds & Classics	FVAC Field
June 25	Open Fly – All Scale	FVAC Field
July 13	Retro Fly FVAC Member Mtg	2:00 pm at FVAC Field
July 13	FVAC Member Mtg.	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
July 22	Fun-Fly – #2 Whiffle Ball Touch & Go	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
August 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
August 12	Cub Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open	9:00 am – 8:00 pm - FVAC Field
August 12	Night Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open	8:00 pm – Midnight - FVAC Field
September 9	Festival of Flight	FVAC Field
September 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
September 16	Night Fly	9:00 pm FVAC Field
October 7	Fun-Fly #3 - Bomb Drop w/Spot Landing	1:00 - 3:00 FVAC Field
October 12	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 15	Turkey Fry	FVAC Field
November 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 1	Annual Christmas Party	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn - St. Charles
December 7	Rookies Christmas Party	6:30 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles

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AS THE PLANE APPROACHED THE RUNWAY FOR TAKEOFF, THE PILOT CAME ON THE OVERHEAD SPEAKERS...

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME! WE ARE THIRD IN LINE FOR TAKEOFF, BUT DON'T WORRY, I THINK I CAN BEAT'EM."

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I took my family to visit the AIR & SPACE museum...

But there was nothing there!

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A couple took a puddle-jumping flight with 4 stops on the way to Dallas. At the first stop, a little white truck drove up to the plane's wing.

Wife: "What's that truck doing?"

Husband: "We're taking on more fuel."

The refueling process was repeated at the next two stops as well. At the last stop before Dallas:

Husband: "Ya know, in spite of all these delays, we're making pretty good time."

Wife (pointing out the window): "Maybe -- but that little white truck is keeping up with us!"



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