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FVAC *Swap* & Indoor Fly

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

It's the first Sunday in March. The sun is out and so are the pilots at FVAC. I count 6 cars on the camera, three planes on the tables and a lot of footprints in the snow. Yup, the guys are getting restless and ready to fly. By the looks of it, some are doing it today! Some are finishing up their winter projects and some of us still have a ways to go. Of course, in order to finish a project you must work on it. Am I the only one who just seems to always be running out of shop time? So much to do and so little time..

Last weekend FVAC had their swap shop. Thanks to the efforts and time expended by JT and Joe Pedone, it was a very successful one I might add. The venue was sold out and the isles were full of people. Make sure when you see these guys remember to thank them for all their hard work.

Ok folks, as was mentioned before we are in the process of redesigning our website. If you feel you have any great ideas to incorporate into its design please contact Eric Karl. I also had mentioned that Doug Swanson is in need of an editor for pictures to be inserted into the website. If you feel like helping in this area please contact Doug. I certainly hope two or more of you guys come to bat here to help Doug. In order for him to continue to put out these kick-butt Flypaper issues a little time by a few members would be a very big help...

"Help" is going to be the operative word this year. In order for every club member to be able to enjoy flying at the field, everyone needs to help a little somewhere or some how. A

simple thing like emptying a garbage can is help. **NO ONE IS TOO GOOD TO DO THIS REQUIRED TASK!!!** With over 200 members, if each and every one of you just empties one can once on a Saturday, and if we were to start this in April and end in October, it would be well into 2014 before you had to empty your one can again. If you are headed to the lot to go home, take that half full bag to the dumpster and ask someone else to put the replacement bag in. It really is not hard... If you have not done it then make a point to do it!!

Our events are the next area where we need more help. It seems that the same people are always doing the work. The time has come for more of you to stand up and pitch in so all can enjoy those special days just a little more. It would be a huge deal to have someone step up and say, "Let me do that. You go eat, or fly, or take a break". Help...Help...Help... When there are two or more guys on the flight line, get up and call traffic. Safety is no accident—so get up and Help!

Be a good neighbor. Be a good member.

This year the word is "Help"

Here's to a fantastic flying season that's soon to be upon us.

Tom
GHP



Flyzone P-38
Lightning Micro EP
RTF (FLZA2310)



FROM THE EDITOR

Doug Swanson-newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com

Woo hoo! Daylight saving time. Years ago, I'd always said that daylight saving time signaled the beginning—and end—of the flying season. Well, since they've expanded the span of DST, that's not the case any more. The all-season fliers are out there saying, "What? Beginning? End? There's a flying *season*?" I'm

not complaining at all about the expanded daylight saving time...I think we should keep our clocks on DST time all year long. What it comes down to for me is temperature—50's or 60's will do. The forecast high temperatures for the next week are generally in the 40's—we're headed in the right direction! My somewhat dated picture above was taken earlier in the year during one of the single-digit temperature days while out on the job.

Remember the AMA's 75th Anniversary Newsletter Contest? Included in the winnings package was a gift certificate to the Cloud 9 Museum Store at the AMA's International Modeling Center. I used the certificate to purchase a couple of books from

their online store. Being a scale modeler wanna-be, I ordered two books on the subject: *Radio Controlled Scale Problems Solved* and *Scale Construction How to Build Scale Aircraft*. Sometime down the road when I have the time to build a scale bird, I'm sure



they'll come in handy. Check out the museum's online store at: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/museum/museumstore.aspx>.

The club has a new Contest Director—me! I have gone through the process to become a CD and the AMA has approved my application. My purpose in applying for this status was to give Mel Ziska a break from the CD duties with the IMAC contest. Thank you, Mel for your assistance all of these years.

On to this month's issue...

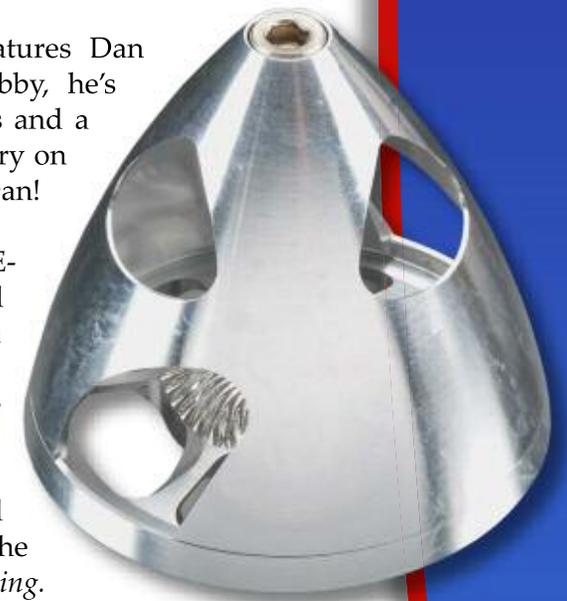
The 2013 FVAC Swap and Indoor Fly took place last month. Much of the success of the event can be attributed to the hard work of John Turner and Joe Pedone. JT has provided a report on the event which can be found on page 6.

This month's Meet the Members features Dan Vancura. Relatively new to the hobby, he's quickly gained impressive flying skills and a respectable fleet of aircraft. See his story on page 17. Thanks for sharing with us, Dan!

Dennis McFarlane has been to every E-Fest since its inception. He and several members of FVAC made the trip down to Champaign for the festivities. Dennis' write up can be found on page 19.

That's it for this month. I can't wait 'till I can sign off with: "I'll see you at the field!" Until then, *I'll see you at the meeting.*

Doug



Tru Turn 2 1/4" Turbo Cool FAI Spinner E 2 Blade (TTE-2262-B-T)



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Alvin Cole—vicepresident@foxvalleyaero.com

The year is now in full swing—hard to believe it's March already. The swap was a big success. Joe and JT put together a great plan. Things were well thought out and the club members came together to help execute this plan to perfection. The room was filled with sellers and buyers, the vendors, new and old, set up early and there was lots of activity. I heard several people say that this is one of the best swaps in the area. We had a new vendor this year,

3D FigureWorks (www.3dfigureworks.com). This vendor introduced us to the world of 3D printing. This allows us to really personalize our plane even further. The guys that run this company are very friendly and helpful. I had the opportunity to visit their store in Charlestown mall and what they are able to reproduce is nothing short of amazing. Please stop by the store and see what they can offer; it would be cool to see more of the members in their planes.

Alvin



Alvin's 3D FigureWorks likeness installed in his Hangar 9 Jackal 50

Pilot Projects Wanted!

The *Flypaper* is looking for photos of your latest project(s) for these pages. We all work very hard building and assembling our aircraft—why not show us the fruits of your labor? If you have something you would like to share, please send an e-mail with photos to newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com



Futaba BLS177SV SBus2 HV Ultra Torq Prog Metal Case Servo (BLS177SV)



Thunder Tiger Pro .46 Ball Bearing w/Muffler (9143)

EVAC

Swap

by John Turner

& Indoor Fly

For those who might have attended this year's 2013 Swap, it was a one of the best! As the doors opened in the morning, all of the table rentals were sold out with a waiting list for additional walk-ins. I believe our success came from early communications between local AMA charters, hobby shops and promoting our event at local swap meets throughout the area. We also had two feature articles in the local newspapers that highlighted our swap and some of our members and models.



Many of our members and attendees complimented the initial set up and aisle space, thus allowing buyers and sellers to interact and make deals without feeling crowded. We had a variety of vendors selling items ranging from model RC planes, helicopters, cars, boats and wearable's. A new vendor from the local area was 3-D Figure Works. These guys will take pictures of your head, make a computer generated model, and then produce/print a scale-looking head for your aircraft. Now you can have a model head that resembles you! Also, our friends from Horizon Hobby (John Redman) came up from Champaign and sold some of their ARF's ranging from glow to electrics. Our 50/50 raffle captured almost \$600 with additional raffle prizes donated from Al's Hobby

Shop, 3-D Figure Works, RC Plane Wear and a \$50 discount towards a 2014 FVAC membership. Bob Mosinski, a current member and president of Prop Masters (Naperville), was the winner. As the show concluded after lunch, we opened the area for foamy fliers. This continues to be a real hit. The concept was first introduced by Jim Toth, who ran our SWAP over the past few years.

Joe Pedone and I will continue to improve the FVAC Swap for 2014, and have already started to get advance registrations for next year! During the next few weeks, we will again meet with the Kane County Fairgrounds Director to secure the dates and timing. Note: The 2014 WRAM show will continue to be the 3rd weekend in February and we might look at date availability to not conflict with this show, as well as other regional SWAP's

Finally, a big thank-you goes out to our members/volunteers who assisted with the show and making it another successful event. If there are any suggestions that you may have, please reach out to Joe or myself.

Fly safe!
John Turner



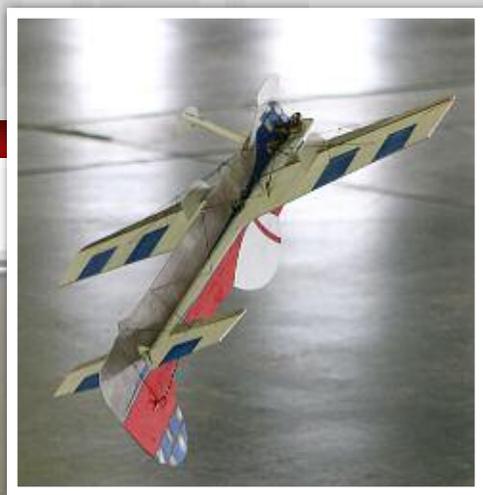


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Swap

& Indoor Fly





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Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

March 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 11 April 13 or 20	FVAC Member Meeting Member Work Day	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall FVAC Field
May 9 May 27	FVAC Member Meeting St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall TBD
June 8 June 9 June 13 June 14 & 15 June 23	Kids Day Fun-Fly & Pig Roast FVAC Member Meeting Al's Helicopter Fun-Fly Geneva Swedish Days Parade	9:00 AM start, 1:00 PM second round FVAC Field 6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field FVAC Field TBD
July 11 July 20 & 21	FVAC Member Meeting Festival of Flight	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field FVAC Field
August 3 & 4 August 8 TBD	Chicagoland IMAC Challenge FVAC Member Meeting Cub Scout Rocket Day	FVAC Field 6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field TBD
September 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 20	Fun-Fly & Turkey Fry	FVAC Field
November 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 6	Annual Christmas Party	Hilton Garden Inn



Heli-Max Axe 100 SS Brushless Helicopter RTF (HMXE0824)

VisionAire BNF with AS3X Technology by ParkZone (PKZ6580)





SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dale Gathman—secretary@foxvalleyaero.com

Fox Valley Aero Club Member Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2013 @ St. Charles Township Hall

President Tom Spriet called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm, and welcomed everyone.

Secretary Dale Gathman asked for any additions or corrections to the January 10, 2013 Member Meeting Minutes. None were voiced, and the minutes are accepted as published.



photos by
Doug Swanson

Vice President Alvin Cole admonished us to support our upcoming Swap Meet to make it even better than last year.

Treasurer Paul Jacobs reported that the checkbook is in good shape, the rents for the year have been paid, and Mark Knoppkie is formulating a budget of Field expenses for the year. One large project this year may be to seal-coat the runway. Paul stated that approximately 55% of the members



Alvin Cole

have paid their membership dues at this point. All members have to pay their dues by March 31st to remain current.

Field Chairman Mark Knoppkie

stated that we will most likely seal-coat the runway this year, as spots are showing through. We may or may not do the pit area as well. He said that he is working on the new sign for the pavilion at this time. Mark displayed the original insignia of the 'fox and bi-plane' that he intends to use for the new sign. He mentioned that

the new sign would be larger than the existing one (4'x10' instead of 3'x8'). Attendees then discussed the design concept and made suggestions. Tom Spriet suggested that all members think it over, and send any comments and suggestions regarding the sign to Mark Knoppkie for evaluation. Tony Sokol asked Mark to see if he could get a few concept sketches ready for our next meeting, and Mark said that he should be able to. Mark concluded by letting us know that he will have a budget ready at the next month's meeting.



Mark Knoppkie

Flypaper Editor Doug Swanson said that not a whole lot was going on right now, and that the Flypaper was rolling along nicely as usual. He made a request that we send in pictures of any projects we are working on, so that members that can't attend the meetings can stay informed. He also welcomes building tips and other articles of interest to the club. Tom Spriet praised Doug for the great job he did on this month's Flypaper (as usual).

Show and Tell

Walt Thyng showed his ParkZone Mini-Vapor next to his Piper Cub - "the long

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Walt Thyng

Johnson. Now Walt's, it is a 28% Clipped Wing Cub, made by an Austrian company. Walt says it is an 'SWHO' scale, which means 'Stand way the hell off'. He made his own functional spring loaded landing gear, instead of the sheet

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and the short of it". He stated that the Piper Cub kit, designed by Hanno Prettnr, has been around the club forever. It started out as Mel Ziska's, then went to Norm

aluminum gear it came with. It weighs 19 lbs., and is powered by a 3500 watt motor and 10 cell battery.

Steve Gawlik displayed his 'laser cut short kit' manufactured by Pat's Custom Models. It weighs 14 ounces, took 3 hours to build, and about 30 hours to

cover (lightweight frames are difficult to cover). He covered it with low temp covering all applied with a trim tool, as a standard iron would shrink the covering too tight and twist the frame. It runs on a Speed-350 motor with a 2S 1300 mA battery. Steve test flew it at E-Fest.

Alan Galle showed his Skyfire 40 by Four Pi, designed by Hal Parenti and engineered by Bob Beardon and Charlie Bauer. The plane is all balsa and has a 36" built up and sheeted wing. Alan installed an OS46 engine, and 5 servos. He will operate it on 4 channel control (aileron, elevator, nose gear and throttle - no rudder). He thinks it should go like a 'bat out of hell'.

Joe Pedone proudly displayed his new E-Flite Super Cub 25e ARF. The scale detail is very complete. Joe installed the lighting kit and the cockpit interior kit, which included gauges, stick, seats and panels. It was a tough build for the interior and lighting, but everything else went together beautifully. Joe installed the Power-32 motor due to the weight of the plane. John Redman recommended the Power-25 instead,



Alan Galle

to get a more scale flight performance. He said that the Power-25 could handle the plane up to 10 pounds with no problem. Joe has both motors, and may change to the Power-25. The plane has a magnetically attached cowl which makes installation a breeze.



Joe Pedone

Tom Flint displayed his new Hangar-9 1/4 scale PA-18-150 Super Cub ARF, calling it the 'big version of Joe's little red 25e Cub'. (This is the plane that Tom bought with his Big-Dog winnings).



Tom Flint (RTF)

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He said that it was an awesome kit to put together. He installed a Saito 180 in it – sideways – not straight down as recommended. He used a flex pipe for the muffler, keeping the cowl nice and clean. Tom also installed the light kit, which required a little soldering. Before installing the interior kit, Tom painted the panels blue, to match the plane's blue accents (they come gray from the factory). He used JR DS-821 digital servos throughout. It includes a very scale spring loaded tail wheel, as well as adjustable spring loading on the main gear. Tom loves flaps, and can't wait to do an S-L-O-W fly-by with the flaps full down. Tom was very impressed at the precision fit of all of the parts.



Armin Weber

Armin Weber showed an out-of-production E-Flite P-47. He came across it at a swap shop. Armin installed the servo to make the rudder functional, and had to procure all of the electronics for the plane. He has removed the landing gear, and will opt to hand-launch it. Armin also displayed his Spektrum DX18QQ transmitter, which he says is by far the easiest transmitter he has ever programmed.

Swap Meet – **John Turner** and **Joe Pedone** reported that the Swap Meet is scheduled for February 23rd, and that 120 of 140 tables are already reserved.



Tom Spriet, Joe Pedone and John Turner

They need volunteers to set-up tables on Friday night February 22nd at 6:30, as well as registration help and worker-bees to help in all aspects the

day of the swap. A foamy electric fly is scheduled in the afternoon from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, after the swap tables are cleared out. John displayed the floor plan that Joe put together, showing everyone's table location. Club members should wear their yellow club shirt to the swap. Joe passed a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Joe explained the logistics for the day.

Membership Chairman Chuck Noyes was absent, so President Tom Spriet asked if there were any new members present. There were none. Tom welcomed a few visitors from a Rockford RC club. He also requested that we all introduce ourselves to each other occasionally, so that we can familiarize ourselves with our fellow members.

Tom Spriet called upon **Tom Flint** to come up and show us a pilot figure that he had custom made for him by a company named 3D FigureWorks, in the Charlestowne Mall. He called the figure 'mini-me'. The figure's head was an exact replica of Tom Flint's head. Tom also showed two additional busts of himself, one with sunglasses and an FVAC shirt, and one without glasses. Tom then introduced **George Vollrath**, the owner of 3D FigureWorks. George explained that they replicate an object in a computer, using 24 camera images shot from all angles. Once modeled into 3D in the computer, the company uses a 3D printer to create the object replica. All jobs are custom, so they can create any type of pilot figure, add a bomber jacket, headphones, etc. Very importantly - they CAN remove bald spots from the heads of the

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RTF



George Vollrath of 3D FigureWorks



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figures. The figures are 2mm thick and hollowed out inside, so they are fairly light-weight. The printer works similar to an inkjet printer in that it lays a layer of powder, followed by the color, and then repeats until done. At the end, it is dipped in super-glue to harden and bring out the color. They will have their cameras set up at the swap meet for anyone wanting to have their picture taken in order to procure a head or bust of themselves (or anything else).

Show and Tell

At this time, Tom Spriet called up our special guest, friend, RC Expert, fellow club member, and distinguished representative of Horizon Hobby – John Redman.

John Redman thanked us for having him up here, and said he had a few new products to show us, some of which have never been seen outside the walls of Horizon Hobby:



John Redman, ParkZone VisionAire

generators, based on Quique’s years of experience. It has the Spektrum AR635 stabilized receiver, which can be programmed to different flight modes, as well as being turned off. Available in BNF and BNF Basic.

1. **ParkZone P40 UMX.** It is an ultra micro warbird based on Rudy Frasca’s P40, which resides down in Champaign. Wheel covers are magnetic. It comes with 4 channel AS3X and a 1S 150mA battery.

2. **ParkZone VisionAire,** designed by Quique Somenzini. This is a great plane for the older, slower pilots among us who want to try 3D. It is highly engineered with such things as multiple airfoils on the wings and vortex

3. **E-Flite Splendor,** also designed by Quique. It is a high performance plane designed for precision aerobatics. It uses a 6S 3200mA battery. It comes with a series harness to allow use of two 3S batteries. It is capable of flying at 80 mph. Available in BNF Basic only.



E-Flite Splendor

4. **Hangar-9 Messerschmitt Bf 109F-2** .60 size plane, all balsa, fully sheeted wing with two separate flaps on each side. Covering has panel lines and basic markings printed on UltraCote (dull finish). John actually began the design of this plane when he was in product development. He told us that the best CG



Hangar-9 Messerschmitt Bf 109F-2

location to help take-off and landing stability is 9% from the leading edge. The manual is not written this way because most pilots would think it a serious misprint. Can be powered electric, gas or glow. Retracts and struts are optional.

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5. **Hangar-9 QQ Yak 54 2.6M** designed by Quique. It is an all composite airplane. It uses a DA100 or DA120 engine. All surfaces are center hinged. Everything is designed for the ultimate in 3D. Weight is 28 lbs. with DA120 and DA mufflers installed, 3 x 2000 mA 2S LiPo batteries, 8911 servos, and Tru-Turn spinner. It will be available in 2-1/2 weeks.



Hangar-9 QQ Yak 54 2.6M

Mr. Redman then fielded questions for the next thirty minutes, sharing some of his vast knowledge and respected opinions with the group. He enlightened us on the following:

1. How Horizon Hobby decides what planes to come out with.
2. The use of Gyros in competition.
3. The differences in Analog and Digital servos, as well as the different types of each.

Special thanks go out to John Redman for the time spent with the club. His attendance is always an event we look forward to.

Show and Tell

Walt Thyng showed the plans that came with his Piper kit.

Hearing no further business, President Tom Spriet adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Gathman – Secretary FVAC

Tony Sokol takes a bite out of John's VisionAire. Actually, a good lesson was taught by John: When you're hauling five airplanes, make sure they are clear of those automatic sliding side doors when you hit the button!



Show us your stuff

What have you been working on? We want to see it! Bring in your latest masterpiece—kit or ARF—to one of the upcoming meetings. Tell us about the equipment installed, any modifications made, obstacles overcome. No matter how big or how small, simple or complex—lets see it!

91NX Single Cylinder Glow Engine by Evolution Engines (EVOE0910)



MEET the members

Dan Vancura



Dan talks about the Blade 130 X with FVAC member Brian Wituk at Hobbytown USA St. Charles.

Dan with his ParkZone Extra 300

I started in the hobby of flying models in September of '09, the same month my twin girls were born. I bought an Air Hogs helicopter to fly around my apartment. Until then my only real hobby was skateboarding. Being a man in my thirties it was becoming very taxing physically. Soon after I mastered the air hogs helicopter, I found myself wanting more. I bought an MCX helicopter and a RTF Super Cub from HobbyTown USA. I will never forget my first flight of the cub. I was dumbfounded! In awe! My heart was pounding out of my chest, my hands were shaking! I don't think I even got through three minutes of that first battery and I just landed in the grass and was like "holy cow—this is awesome!" I was hooked for life.

I was lucky enough to land a job working in the machine shop at Robart Manufacturing, where I would meet RC "elite" like Eric Karl, Bob Walker, Dave Murray and Dennis Crooks. Soon thereafter I joined the club. As the possibility of a career with Robart dwindled, I went to work at HobbyTown USA, where I am currently employed. I truly enjoy my job. I get to play with and fix helicopters and airplanes and help other people with their projects. The only thing I love more than airplanes is people. So it's a win-win.

I am currently flying a blade 450 3D, with a 450 X on its way. My "go-to" airplane is a ParkZone Extra 300. All of my models are electric.

I have no plans to get into the messy and unpredictable world of nitro power. I am currently building a 4-channel brushless Guillows stick and tissue P-40 Warhawk with 17" wingspan. My dream aircraft is a multi-rotor machine with GPS, a GoPro camera, and "return to home" features, for aerial photography.

My most embarrassing moment at the field was when I was trying to show off by doing a low inverted pass with my T 28 Trojan, and went the wrong way with the elevator input and drove it into the ground face first! Dale Gathman can validate this story.

Beyond RC my interests are my faith in Jesus Christ, playing guitar and my kids and family.

Thank you for your time and I'll see you at the field!



Dan gets ready to send his ParkZone P-51 into the blue

Dale Gathman photo



Dale Gathman photo

Fox Valley Aero Club is accepting bid proposals for mowing and weed & feed during the 2013 season.

Mowing bids for the season from April 2013 to November 2013

- 1.) The contractor must provide proof of insurance.
- 2.) The contractor must have appropriate equipment to mow 10 acres, including weed eating and blowing all grass clumps off of all asphalt surfaces.
- 3.) The contractor will invoice Fox Valley Aero Club once a month for all services rendered.

Mowing

- 4.) Mowing will be every Thursday unless F.V.A.C. requests that there is no need to mow.
- 5.) Weed eating will be done as needed.
- 6.) Grass clippings will be blown off all asphalt areas.
- 7.) Grass will be maintained as follows:
 - A height of 2.5" to 3.5" everywhere north of the runway and in the retention pond.
 - Grass west of the retention pond and south of the runway will be maintained at 1 ½".
- 8.) Any grass clumps will be raked, blown, or otherwise dispersed or disposed of.

Weed and Feed Bids

The grass part of our field is approximately 355,000 square feet (roughly 10 acres).

We will entertain bids for weed and feed in 3 applications.

- The first will be in April and will be a total weed and feed application of our total field.
- The second will be in June and will be a weed and feed application on the front area only. This would be around the runway and the fly-over field area.
- The third will be in September and will be a total weed and feed application of the total field.

Interested parties may submit a bid by email to Mark Knoppkie at: Knoppkie@ameritech.net.

Bids will be awarded at the April 11 board meeting.

Mark Knoppkie, Field Chairman



Kevin Kessler photo

Fox Valley Aero Club at

A nice break from the mid-winter doldrums

By Dennis McFarlane



Sal Perno and
John Fischer
having some fun
on the flight line.

Cindy McFarlane spots for Steve
Gawlik during one of his flights.

AS CHICAGOLAND WINTERS GO, this year has been fairly mild by anyone's standards, but like many I still like to do something more than stare out of the window wishing spring would arrive. For the radio control aviation enthusiast, E-Fest, which is held annually on the University of Illinois campus, is the perfect opportunity to get out and enjoy our hobby.

I'm not alone in this feeling. Several

members of our club attended the event this year. Doug Scatterday had a Robart booth on-site and was kept busy the entire event selling a show special combo of foam safe ZAP and Kicker. Helping Doug on Saturday was Dennis and Linda Crooks, and Eric Karl stopped in for a time as well. In attendance as pilots were Armin Webber, Steve Gawlik, John Fischer, Sal Perno, Chris Gini and his companion Julia, and of course Cindy and I were there also (if I missed anyone – sorry).



One of the complaints of previous events has been the long lines with the associated wait to fly. This year the organizers opened the flightline completely. Basically if you could find a place to stand on the line, you could fly – no wonder Doug was so busy.

I don't believe John was quite prepared, and he was rather surprised to be in a confined area with 18 other aircraft all flying at the same time. Although I can't hear very well, I can read lips with the best, and John let loose with a couple of expletives before he settled in.

Even with the crowd everyone came away more or less unscathed (I lost my Mini Vapor's prop shaft during a midair with a heli, and knocked the landing gear off my SE-5a changing batteries) that is except for Sal – I'm pretty sure there is more cyano on Sal's P-40 than is left in the bottle.

There's a lot more to E-Fest than just flying. A number of seminars are held during the event. To name a couple, Futaba held a seminar on its S-Bus system which Cindy and I attended. John and Sal attended the JR seminar describing its new receiver (we all have our favorites). Another seminar which proved popular was hosted by Doug Scatterday as he explained the installation and operation of Robart's electric retract systems. These are just examples and even though E-Fest is touted as an indoor flying event, there's always

something to do even if a person is not terribly interested in micro aviation. I've been attending E-Fest since its inception many years ago. At the store level interest in indoor models has cooled. As modelers you now want airplanes that can be flown both indoors during inclement weather and outdoors when the weather allows. That said E-Fest shows no signs of slowing down as there were 300 pilots registered by 10:00 Saturday morning.

If you're like those of us who suffer from a bit of seasonal dysfunction, or simply like to get out and enjoy the company of others, think about attending next year. The models are cheap, and the fun is extraordinary. ✈

Doug Scatterday and Linda Crooks at the Robart booth.

Julia Ribas shows Chris Gini how it's done.



Al's Open House and Customer Appreciation Celebration

On Saturday April 13th, Al's Hobby Shop will be hosting an Open House and Customer Appreciation Day in the store in honor of the many years you've allowed us to serve you in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Please come and join us in our celebration. There will be slot car and mini-rc racing, drawings, and in-store raffles. Refreshments will be available as a thank you to all of our customers for their loyal support.

April 13th, 2013
10am-5pm

Hope to see you there!

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