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## Guess who's back!

Your FVAC board has asked me to return as editor.



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# President's Message

By Jeff Anderson



Welcome to the 2007 flying season!! As you can see by the picture taken last week, we are ready for you! Friday night FVAC Fiesta Flying (FFF) will be back on for the summer on Friday nights as weather permits. Bill Simmons (FVAC Treasurer) even authorized Greg Bohler (FVAC Field Chairman) to buy us one Big Nice Barbeque and throw out the old junky ones! Cool! We need everyone to get their *BUNS* out there. Also, a new Wind Sock and new field-end flags have been installed courtesy of the nice people down at Horizon Hobby and a little sweet talking by Cindy from Al's ...Thanks!

The Board and I planned only one major event to say thanks for all your help in getting our field paid off. As I personally promised, Lee Patterson and I could get it built with the help of many other dedicated folks who put their blood, sweat and tears into the project. Well Lee, we did it and we all miss you!

There is only ONE BIG SHOW for the summer on July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> or rain dates July 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is the ONE weekend to have fun for all FVAC members and their special guest only! If you have a friend that wants to fly in our all-day air show, invite them to your field as your special guest.

We need EVERYONE out with their Aircraft that weekend! There will be no big rented tents, so bring your tent if you want. Food from the Saverino family will be there so the dining will be awesome as usual. Please help them out and say thanks to all of Dominic's family for their support. Just like the BIG 3 events, Adults will be \$5 each and Kids will be free of course. This should give the FVAC club a little breathing room for the flying season of 2008.

President Jeff

**FVAC Field Week of April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007**



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# Vice –President’s Report

By John Fischer



Boy, it's almost May and the flying season is underway, as is the instructor training. Bob Mosinski has updated the website with the instructor's contact list. Please use this list to contact a flight instructor and identify a mutual time for assistance. Paul has also attached the list to this newsletter for your review.

As I write this I am preparing for flight proficiency day, Saturday, April 28. (I have attached a copy of the checklist.) If you can't make it try and catch me or one of the instructors to qualify at a later date. Please come out and get your points for qualification and plan to join us at all the various fun-flys that Alan has planned this year. We don't want Julian and Cliff running away with the points again this year! Participation in these events is the best way to position yourself for the auction in December. Also try and keep track of your own accumulated points throughout the year.

Have an enjoyable and safe May. I hope to see you all at the field.

Welcome back Paul!

Regards,  
John Fischer



**FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB  
PILOT PROFICIENCY CHECKLIST**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**All maneuvers in each level will be completed during one flight unless otherwise noted (\*\*).**

(All pilots are Beginner Level until SOLO)

**BEGINNER SOLO LEVEL**

(Yellow)

- \_\_\_ Unassisted takeoff. Completion Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 360 degree left and right turn.
- \_\_\_ Controlled altitude flight. Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Flight within the field boundaries.
- \_\_\_ 180 degree left and right turns while maintaining altitude.
- \_\_\_ Traffic pattern approach.
- \_\_\_ \*\* (3) unassisted takeoffs and landings in the same day.

Upon completion, pilot moves to Beginner Solo Level, is awarded 50 points and a Solo Certificate.

**NOVICE COMPETITION LEVEL**

(Green)

- \_\_\_ One inside loop. Completion Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ One roll.
- \_\_\_ Immelman turn. Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Spin and recovery.
- \_\_\_ Flat Figure 8
- \_\_\_ Stall Turn.
- \_\_\_ Straight flight out, procedure turn, straight flight back.

Upon completion, pilot moves to Novice Competition Level and is awarded 25 points.

**ADVANCED COMPETITION LEVEL**

(Blue)

- \_\_\_ Touch-N-Go, Completion Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Spot Landing.
- \_\_\_ Three rolls. Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Three inside loops.
- \_\_\_ Three turn spin.
- \_\_\_ Cuban 8.
- \_\_\_ Reverse Cuban 8.

Upon completion, pilot moves to the Advanced Competition Level, is awarded 25 points

**EXPERT COMPETITION LEVEL**

(Red)

- \_\_\_ Four point roll. Completion Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Humpty Bump.
- \_\_\_ Three outside loops. Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Figure 'M'.
- \_\_\_ Double Immelman.
- \_\_\_ Slow roll.

Upon completion, pilot moves to the Expert Competition Level and is awarded 25 points

**FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR LEVEL**

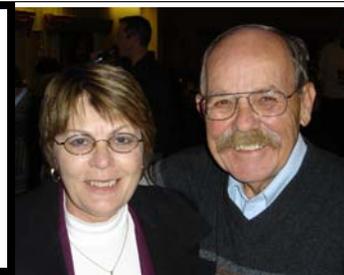
(Gold)

- \_\_\_ Buddy box set-up Completion Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Pre-flight inspection procedures
- \_\_\_ Frequency control / field rules Chief Flight Instructor \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ AMA safety rules

# Secretary's Report

By Julian Pugh

Minutes of the April 12, 2007 Meeting



President Jeff Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M at the St Charles Township Hall.

Mel Ziska did a show and tell with Lee Patterson's Stinger that he obtained from Lee's wife.

Secretary Julian Pugh requested approval of the March Minutes, a copy of which was passed out to the members. The minutes were approved by voice vote of the club.

Treasurer Bill Simmons then presented a financial statement to the club. The club has an outstanding balance of approximately \$8,000.00 in the treasury, with all major obligations having been paid.

A general discussion was held regarding the Flypaper and FVAC website. All agreed that both have to be improved. It was announced that the Board of Directors have decided to contract with someone to maintain the website. It was agreed that both the Flypaper and website are very important to the club and must be improved.

Jim Toth will chair the Swap Show in 2008, replacing Steve Baker who has handled this for several years. Thanks were extended to Steve Baker for the great job he has done.

Alan Galle announced the first Fun Fly will be held May 12, 2007. Flight proficiency trials will be held 4/28/2007. This is a great opportunity to pick up some points for pilots who advance in their flight level.

Jeff Anderson reported that a new flag and windsock have been installed at the field.

Field Chairman Greg Bohler the porta-pottie and dumpster are functional at the field.

The following new members were introduced at the meeting:

Greg Mercer	Drew Daldacci	Pete Rosch
Geneva, IL	Winfield, IL	Grace Park, IL

Jim Flockeher of Geneva, IL was introduced as a club guest.

The following persons participated in Show and Tell:

Cliff Fullhart	½ A plane	Dave Murray	MB339
Joe Cubalchini	Extra 300	Rob Sampson	Gee Bee
John Fischer	Funtana 100	Bruce Thomas	Tiger II
Paul Jacobs	Duelist ARF	Mel Ziska	Lanier Stinger
Tom Siwek	Pulse XT	Tom Spriet	Scorpio Twin Mosquito
Tom Spriet	GWS Formosa	Tom Spriet	Cessna Engine Piston

The Hobby Town gift certificate for best plane was awarded to Dave Murray and his jet.

President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

# Highlights of the April 12 2007 Meeting—Paul Douds Photos





# Al's Dynamite Fuel Sale

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15%	\$14.99	\$12.09	\$11.79
30%	\$21.99	\$19.29	\$18.59
<u>Wildcat</u>			
10%	\$13.99	\$10.79	\$10.59
10% Extra	\$13.99	\$10.99	\$10.69
15%	\$14.99	\$12.49	\$12.09
15% Extra	\$14.99	\$12.69	\$12.29
<u>Power Master 20/20</u>	\$17.99	\$16.99	\$16.00
<u>FAI</u>	\$10.99	\$9.05	\$8.55
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Each case contains four one-gallon bottles of fuel. To receive the quantity discounts; cases can be mixed and matched. Example: Ordering 5 cases: 3 cases of Cool Power 5%, 1 case of Omega 10% and 1 case of Cool Power 15%.

We ask that you please place your order *48 hours in advance*. You will be required to pick up your fuel the day that it comes in, so plan ahead.

When calling or faxing your order, please ask for Cindy.

These special prices are in effect March 1 through June 1 2007.

On the 5 case and 12 case quantities, taxes are included in the published prices.

# Treasurers Report

By Bill Simmons



## Treasurers Report

I wanted to share some more pictures of my recent Florida trip. As you can see it is possible to hang at the beech and still enjoy this flying hobby.



It looks like Nick finally got that new jet of his flying. Now all he has to remember is to drop the gear before he lands.

I recently went to the Toledo Show with a couple of guys from the club. It was well worth the trip.

Saw a lot of people from our club there. Never even got to the swap shop that they are so famous for. I was too busy looking at all the new stuff. This event was even web cast and Jeff kept getting calls from some friend of his who was stuck in his office looking at our sorry asses having fun. That must have sucked something awful. There is good coverage of it and lots of photos on RC universe so I will only print a few of the photos I took and go into details about one or two things that I liked.

# Treasurers Report

By Bill Simmons



The coolest thing there this year was a new, fully composite, model of a “Nick Zioli” designed Republic - P47 Thunderbolt. Our friends at Robart will be putting this one out, authentically painted with custom landing gear, full cockpit, and great weathering and panel line details. This should be avail-

able, hopefully, in the next couple of months. It is the perfect size and being a Zioli design, it is all but guaranteed to be a great flyer. More than a few of us at Fox Valley Aero will be flying this one in 2008.



# Treasurers Report

By Bill Simmons



**More good news... It looks like the two biggest players, Futaba and JR, are coming out with their own versions of 2.4GH radios. The new 2.4GH 12X radio from JR will be mine probably next year. In the mean time, Spectrum is selling modules for my existing 10X as an upgrade.**

**The show seemed smaller than last year but I had a much better time. Don't miss it next year if you can.**



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# Field Maintenance Report

By Greg Bohler, Chairman



For this month, my news is: The porta potty is here. The dumpster is back. Mowing has begun and will be done on Tuesday afternoons, from 12 to 3. We can request alternate times if we need them. As far as the dumpster goes, We have garbage bags in the job box. Anyone flying on Sunday or Monday evening, please empty the garbage cans the dumpster will be picked up on Tuesday mornings. Paul, again, Thank you and welcome back. Greg

The day Joe learned not to yell "PULL UP!"  
When Al was doing a low, inverted pass



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# City Relations

By Dominic Saverino, Chairman

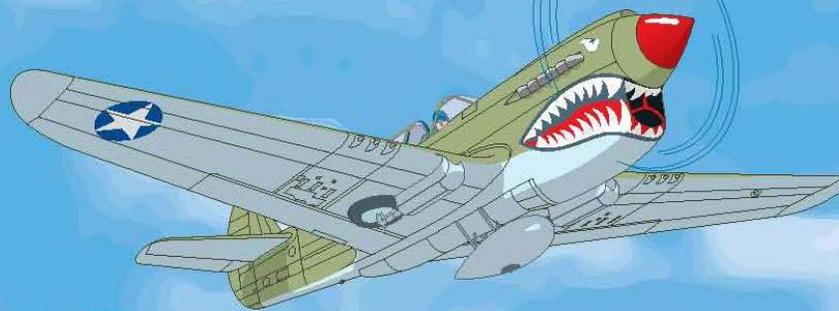


Not much happening with city relations this month, but my Dad did win the mayoral race in Carol Stream. Just put a photo in to fill up the space and I will write a column next month. ( OK here's the editor's all-time favorite )



# Take to the Sky!! Fox Valley Aero Club Kids Fly

Saturday June 9, 2007  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm



#### Event Schedule:

9: 00 - 10:00	Open Club Member Flying
9:00 - 10:00	Ground School
10:00 - Noon	Kid's Fly
Noon - 1:00	Demonstration and Open Club Member Flying
12:30 - 1:00	Ground School
1:00 - 3:00	Kid's Fly
3:00 - 3:15	Free Airplane Raffle
3:15 - Close	Open Club Member Flying

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# Fun Fly Report

by Allan Galle, Chairman



Fun fly season is approaching and the first fun fly is May 12<sup>th</sup>, and this fun fly will be Constant Speed. For the new flyers you may know of this fun fly by a different name or not at all. I will be using a hand held radar gun to clock the speed of your aircraft. Each pilot will have a different number, this number will be a total of three attempts (no more and no less than three attempts). The pilot will be given a test pass so as to estimate how fast their plane is going and the pilot will then have to guess how much faster or slower to make their plane go in order to reach the total, for example if I had a number that was 175 I would want each pass to be about 60 mph, the pilot with lowest difference wins, in my example the difference would be 5 pts. For more info see you at the May 10<sup>th</sup> general meeting.



Speaking of fun-fly aircraft, at left is the “Patterson Special” rebuilt by Mel Ziska and shown at last month’s meeting. Nice job Mel and a great tribute to Lee...hope it flies as good as it looks.

# Annual Float Fly

May 26, 2007  
8 AM to 2 PM

Twin Lakes-Oak Forest, IL  
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# Membership News

By Jason Walsh, Chairman



## Membership report April 2007

I hope everyone is charging up and getting ready to head out. The weather is finally turning for the better.

I just need to cover two quick things.

First I want to apologize for not being at the meetings the last two months. My work travel schedule hasn't been accommodating to my hobby. However, I don't think my manager would, how do you say it, give a crap whether or not my work travel interferes with my hobby, so I'll just have to travel.

Anyway, I should be around at the May meeting and we will take some membership badge photos at that time. Sorry again for the delay.

Second, and more importantly, the board will likely approve an increase in dues for late paying members. This year it will likely be June 1<sup>st</sup> as the cutoff date. Next year it will be much earlier, probably March 1. After these dates membership renewals will cost \$100.00. After December 31 if you have still not renewed, your membership is considered expired and you will need to pay the \$300.00 assessment to re-enter the club. Regular dues will remain at \$75.00.

So, if you are one of the 30 or so that still haven't paid, please send in your dues to me soon so you can avoid the \$25.00 late fee.

Happy flying.

Jason Walsh

## April 2007

So I picked up a new toy over the winter, and have gone to the dark side. Pattern flying is still my main interest, but these little collections of loosely assembled parts rotating at high speed are a lot of fun!

Anyway, here are some photos of my first helicopter flight that Jeff helped me with on Friday April 20.



I put in a lot of stick time on the simulator over the winter, and also picked up one of those CX2's (the counter rotating prop heli's). I think these two things really helped me get used to the stick movements and basic flying functions of the helicopter. If you are looking to get into helis, I can say these two things helped me immensely.

This helicopter is a Raptor 50 Titan. Its mostly all stock, including the wooden blades shown in these photos. The only changes I made were to install a stainless steel tail rotor hub and I changed the tail linkage to a beefier, less sloppy one. Its got an OS .50 heli engine, a JR 501 gyro, and digital servos around the front end. The tail is driven by a very nice JR digital high torque, high speed servo. I'm controlling it with a Spektrum 7 channel transmitter and receiver, which I really love. I designed the graphics and had them cut from vinyl from a place called Callie-Graphics.com. They did a great job. The price was right and the shipping was fast.

I found that the helicopter isn't as squirrely as I expected it to be. Don't get me wrong, it is a handful compared to an airplane, but it is far more stable than I expected. So far I'm just trying to get competent with a tail in hover, and Ill move in to side-in and nose-in hovers after that point. The wind doesn't affect it as much as I thought it would, and when a gust would come I found that the helicopter would actually gain altitude more than move side to side. The only mishap of the day was the plastic shrink-wrap the crappy wood blades are wrapped in blew off during the last flight. No damage was done, and now I have a set of composite blades that should hold up during the learning process unless I drive it into the ground.



Huge thanks go out to Jeff, Rich, and Bill Sponsler for helping me build and dial this helicopter in, Jeff for helping with the first few flights, Cindy for getting the heli for me and running a hell of a good hobby shop, and my wife, who gave me the kit for Christmas and puts up with me.

Happy flying!

Jason Walsh

# Safety Corner

By Karl Griesbaum, Chairman



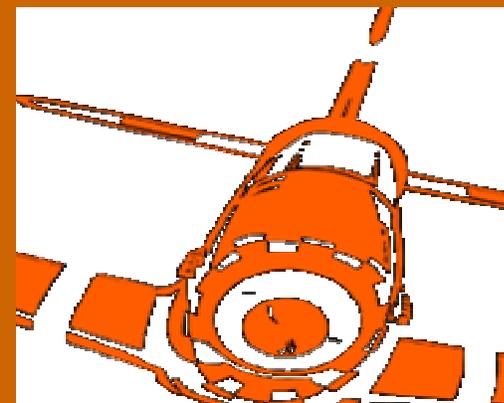
With the nice weather finally arriving, the amount of flying will increase. Hopefully everyone has cycled all of their batteries and charged them to the max. While the batteries will take care of your plane, we need to think of the other pilots out there with us. Last year, we had a few occasions, when people were flying either the wrong pattern or against the pattern. Now, while we all know that we must takeoff and land into the wind, we are not always fortunate enough to have the wind down the runway. The first person out to field needs to set the “pattern” sign in the right direction. If we have a crosswind, the first person in the air, sets the “pattern”, and the sign needs to be set accordingly. If the wind changes, or for some reason the pattern needs to change, then a discussion needs to take place between the pilots. Remember, we are all members of the same club. Let’s all try to remember these important rules concerning the “pattern”. We don’t need accidents, of any type, out at the field. This also means “keep your hands away from the prop !!!”

In conclusion, just as a quick refresher, I would like everyone to read the sign, concerning the rules, at the end of the parking lot. Let’s all have a safe season !!!

See you in the pits !!!,

Karl

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# Instructors Corner

## Dan Compton, Chief Flight Instructor

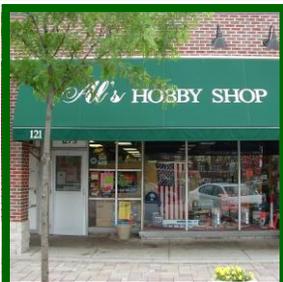


My condolences and those of the entire FVAC are extended to Dan and his family over the recent death of Dan's sister who lived in Ohio. Please remember her in your prayers.

### FVAC 2007 Instructors

If you are interested in the Fox Valley Aero Club Flight Assistance program, please contact one of the following Club Instructors.

Name	Contact Info.
Dan Compton, Chief Flight Instructor	Cell: 630-664-6426
John Fischer	Cell: 312-518-0075
Alan Galle	Cell: 630-697-8464
Jason Walsh	Cell: 630-291-1872
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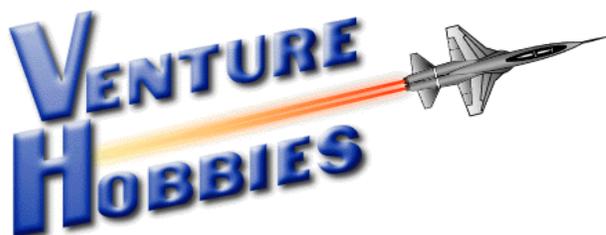
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## **Subject: B-52 Incident**

January 10, 1964, started out as a typical day for the flight test group at Boeing's Wichita plant. Pilot Chuck Fisher took off in a B-52H with a three-man Boeing crew, flying a low-level profile to obtain structural data.

Over Colorado, cruising 500 feet above the mountainous terrain, the B-52 encountered some turbulence. Fisher climbed to 14,300 feet looking for smoother air. At this point the typical day ended. The bomber flew into clear-air turbulence. It felt as if the plane had been placed in a giant high-speed elevator, shoved up and down, and hit by a heavy blow on its right side.

Fisher told the crew to prepare to abandon the plane. He slowed the aircraft and dropped to about 5,000 feet to make it easier to bail out. But then Fisher regained some control. He climbed slowly to 16,000 feet to put some safety room between the plane and the ground. He informed Wichita about what was happening. Although control was difficult, Fisher said he believed he could get the plane back in one piece.

Response to the situation at Wichita, and elsewhere, was immediate. An emergency control center was set up in the office of Wichita's director of flight test. Key Boeing engineers and other specialists were summoned to provide their expertise. Federal Aviation Administration air traffic control centers at Denver and Kansas City cleared the air around the troubled plane. A Strategic Air Command B-52 in the area maintained radio contact with the crew of the Wichita B-52.

As Fisher got closer to Wichita, a Boeing chase plane flew up to meet him and to visually report the damage. When Dale Felix, flying an F-100 fighter, came alongside Fisher's B-52, he couldn't believe what he saw: The B-52's vertical tail was gone.

Felix broke the news to Fisher and those gathered in the control center. There was no panic. Everyone on the plane and in the control center knew they could be called upon at any time for just such a situation. In the emergency control center, the engineers began making calculations and suggesting the best way to get the plane down safely. The Air Force was also lending assistance. A B-52, just taking off for a routine flight, was used to test the various flight configurations suggested by the specialists before Fisher had to try them.

As high gusty winds rolled into Wichita, the decision was made to divert the B-52 to Blytheville Air Force Base in Northeastern Arkansas. Boeing specialists from the emergency control center took off in a KC-135 and accompanied Fisher to Blytheville, serving as an airborne control center.

Six hours after the incident first occurred, Fisher and his crew brought in the damaged B-52 for a safe landing.

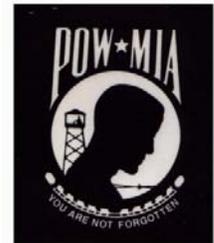
"I'm very proud of this crew and this airplane," Fisher said. "Also we had a lot people helping us, and we're very thankful for that."

The B-52, Fisher said, "Is the finest airplane I ever flew."

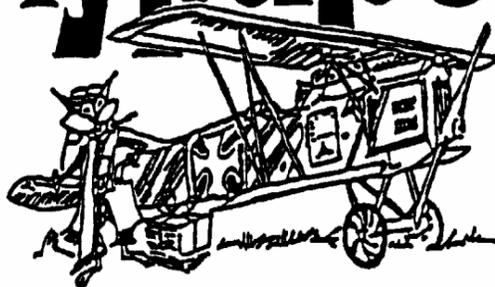


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# TOLEDO SHOW WARBIRD PHOTO OF THE MONTH



# Flypaper



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