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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Chicago Weather.

It has been an interesting weather month. I was able to get out to the field two weekends this last month and the weather was warm but windy. Then shortly after putting the snow scraper in the garage for the summer,

we end up getting 5 inches of wet, heavy snow. Oh well, at least the weather around here is not boring.

A Busy Month. This has been a busy month. We voted Joe Pedone in as treasurer at our last member meeting. Shortly after, Paul, Joe and I went to the bank to get signatures added so that Joe could start doing the work of the treasurer. Paul has been transferring the records and responsibilities over to Joe in the weeks since, and Joe is now 'at the helm', and taking care of our club income and expenses. He even wrote a few checks already. Thank you, Joe for taking on this new responsibility. I am confident that you will do a great job. Joe and I are working on making sure all of the records on our club roster are up to date, and I will be emailing each member over the next few months, asking you to verify the information we have for you, as well as asking you for any information that is missing. When you receive this inquiry, I would appreciate your help in replying back with current information.

Field Work Day. I am humbled every year at the tremendous response we get when we ask members to help clean up the field during our annual Field Work Day. This year we had at least 28 volunteers show up, and they all contributed to making the field look great for this flying season. Thanks go to Karl Griesbaum for

organizing the volunteers, and for heading up the rebuilding of the four east starting table bottoms prior to the work day. On Saturday, we were able to install new cement pads under the four east starting tables (thanks to Tom Bean for his tile laying skills), clean the pavilion windows and juice bar, get better looking flags installed on the poles, cut up some downed trees, trim a bunch of brush around the wooded areas and behind the shed, water seal the bleachers and kids play set, sand and repaint all of the picnic tables, get four of the jet shields placed, and replace three of the tennis nets. Our members are truly talented in what they can accomplish when we all work together. Thanks to all who helped on Saturday and before Saturday preparing for the big day. Our field looks fantastic. Also, thanks to Joe Pedone for getting the pizza for lunch. If you were not there, you missed a good time with fellow aviators.

Calendar. Please check the website, www.foxvalleyaero.com, to see the latest version of our event calendar. As we get into the swing of things, there is a lot going on, and you won't want to miss any of the fun. Please remember that we have the field closed for the Cub Scout Rocket Fest on Saturday morning, May 18, from 9:00 – 12:00 noon. Also, we have our first Fun Fly of the year on Sunday, May 19, from 1:00-3:00 pm. This will be called 'Mains Only', and details will be emailed out to our members probably before you read this.

A Repeat Request from Last Year. Following a very enjoyable day at the field last year, I thought about some helpful advice I had received during the day and how neat it would be if all of our 'experienced' members would roam the flightline every so often and offer advice and help to the newer members who could greatly benefit from that advice. Also, we could all watch for members flying without a spotter, and if we know how to spot, join them at the flightline and spot for them. I know that most of our members would gladly offer help if asked, and I appreciate that. My request is that we all be more proactive in introducing ourselves to unknown members and guests, and then look for members who are struggling with any problems that we can help them with and offer that help. I know if those pilots are like me, they will really appreciate it.

I will see you at the field soon, and I hope to see you at the May Member Meeting on the 9th. Don't forget to bring your latest projects to show to the group.

Dale

From our (New) Treasurer

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In the past when I considered ways I might be of help to the Club, one area I never considered was Club Treasurer. Paul Jacobs has held this position for the past 13 years, and in my mind, I could never envision a

time when he would not be

our Treasurer. He's been superb in this role, not only maintaining an accurate accounting of our Club finances, but more importantly helping the club establish a strong financial footing over many years to invest in the beautiful facility we all enjoy today.

However, things changed dramatically over the past few weeks with Paul's recent illness. The treatment regimen was such that he wanted to step down from his role as quickly as possible and "pass the checkbook" on to a successor. I was asked if I was interested in the position, said I was, and then was voted in as your new Treasurer at the April Members Meeting - an unexpected turn of events for sure, but I'm glad to take this on to allow Paul to focus on getting well again.

Despite being active in the treatment process, Paul has been awesome in transferring his knowledge and the club financial information, banking accounts, etc. It certainly helps that he and Dorie are amazingly organized people! At this point I've written my first check, made my first deposit, and used our Quicken software. I no doubt have big shoes to fill, but Paul's

been very helpful throughout the transition. I'm also glad to see Paul remain on as a Director-at-Large for the club, as his insight and guidance are always valued. As I begin this new role, our club treasury and finances are in solid shape, and I am committed to helping keep it that way going forward. I appreciate the confidence by the Board and membership to allow me to take on these additional duties. In the meantime, my thoughts and prayers are with Paul to overcome this battle he now faces.

Joe

FROM OUR SECRETARY

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2019 @ St Charles Township Hall



President Dale Gathman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to state their name so that Debbie can hear it on the recording in order to do the meeting minutes.

Secretary Debbie Howe asked for a motion to approve the March Member Meeting Minutes, A motion was made by **Rob Sampson** and seconded by **Bill Suhr**, all approved.

Treasurer Paul Jacobs was up next saying the checking account was back up to the level at this time last year. Most members have paid dues at this time but Tony will be contacting the ones that have not. A motion was made to approve the treasurers report by

Dave Cotton and seconded by **Sal Perno**, all approved.

President Dale Gathman let everyone know that Paul Jacobs will be stepping down as Treasurer due to dealing with cancer and Paul would much rather be flying than doing treasurer duties so the board has nominated **Joe Pedone** as the new treasurer and now we have to ask the membership to vote Joe Pedone in. The membership took a vote and all approved, thus Joe Pedone will be taking over as treasurer. We thanked Joe for stepping up into this position and since Joe will be stepping into the treasurer position, the board has voted to put Paul Jacobs in a director in Joe Pedone's position. So we thank Paul for stepping into that position.

Safety Chairman Jeff Peca said we have the Berm/Tree Line Orientation day coming up on May 4th. We ask everyone to come and bring any of the different size airplanes you have, we will have people out at the tree line and at the berm and communicating with volunteers on the flight line, to let the pilots know how close they are to going over our fly zone. We will need volunteers from 9am till 1pm.

Vice President and Parade Chairman, **Dave Murray** was up next to say we will be doing the Memorial Day Parade and will be staging the float on Saturday at 10am, May 25th in the Robart MFG parking lot and then we will set up at 9am on Monday May 27th, as the Parade starts promptly at 10am. Dave asked the club members to wear your yellow shirts and come out and walk the parade. The parade is about one mile long. Please come out and represent our club, it's a lot of fun. He will have the F16 on the back of the float and the P51 on the front and we will need some small warbirds on the corners. Dave said if it is a rainy day on the Saturday for set up then set up will be pushed off till Sunday. For those that have not done the float before after the staging on Saturday once we have all the planes on the float we take them all off and store them locked up inside Robart MFG. for the weekend, so they are ready for us on Monday.

Membership Chairman Tony Bahowick said dues are due. Currently we have 154 members paid and 40 members not paid, out of those 40, we have heard from 19 and they have said they will be renewing. Tony will be continuing to contact the rest of the unpaid members. Please make sure your FAA numbers are

turned into the club. **We do have 2 new members - Peter Machacek and Pavel Gabler, Welcome!!!!**

Field Chairman Karl Griesbaum said we have our field work day on April 20th starting at 9am. We understand that is the same day as the Barnstormers Swap Shop, so we ask if you are going to the swap please don't feel you have to be at the work day at 9

sharp, we can always use your help, even if you are getting there a bit later. There is plenty of work to do. We will need as many volunteers as possible to make the work go by faster; the field will be closed until the work is done that day. We will be sanding the peeling paint off the picnic tables and repainting them, cleaning out the pavilion, cleaning the pavilion windows, water sealing the bleachers, replacing wood and stone on the work tables on the east side of the field, bringing chairs out of the shed, replacing some nets, we will be clearing some trees. We will ask everyone to bring tools, weed whackers and loppers for trimming the trees. If you have a chainsaw, that will be helpful, bring work gloves for all jobs. The club will be buying pizza for all the workers. **John Turner "JT"** said that he will be donating the dandelion spray to go in our sprayer for the weeds again this year. Thank you, JT!!!!

Dale Gathman said that **Tom Spriet** said to say Hi to everyone as he is on his way back home now.

Dale showed us the new information about the FAA notice of proposed rule making that they are doing now about drone law. Dale said we all need to comment on that. They are making rules about altitude, air speed, standoff distances, and unmanned aircraft traffic management. We will be lumped into that drone law as of now, so please, AMA has sent out a template letter that lets you put your own wording into as well. Dale will be sending this out to the club again so that all members have it and can reply, the more comments they get the more they will see that it is an issue to be taken into consideration. The cutoff date for this is April 15th, so we have 4 days to get that in to them.

Public Relations Chairman Tom Flint is asking to get people to sign up again for lawn mowing. We have some great mowers and Tom will show everyone how to use it and any one we can ask to help would be appreciated. If we can get 10 or 12 people to help then each person would be once every other month.

Tom will be sending out an email asking for volunteers.

Tom also said that for our Warbird event we have been officially approved for two days for the price of one on the Education Trailer from the AMA. We will have the trailer brought to us by one AMA employee and the Explorer Post Youth will be manning the trailer and teaching public how to use it at the event. Tom then showed us the design that will be on the T-Shirts for the WCWC event this year. We will be featuring the planes of D-Day. The design looks great Tom!! Tom showed us the design both with and without clouds. The board voted for the design with the cloud background. We will try to get the shirts here for the next meeting so that members can buy them in advance and have them ready for the event. **Dale Gathman** said the Norton Creek Stem Club has asked to change their date to Monday the 15th from 1-5pm and we did approve that.

Dale Gathman will now be the one sending out the email blasts to the club, so instead of sending items to be sent to the club to Paul Jacobs, please send them to Dale Gathman instead.

Armin Weber was up with his Sopwith Pup. This plane is about 20yrs old, Mel had purchased this plane from someone and brought it out to the field about 20 yrs ago and asked Armin if he could fly it. It had an OS160 4stroke on it at the time and it was very under powered and did not want to turn. Mel at the time said he was going to take it home and put a bigger engine on it and Armin did not see the plane again for many years. After talking to Mel about a year ago the plane landed in Armin's basement. Armin took everything out of it and reconfigured it and replumbed the fuel tank and then put a G26 on it. Armin was able to tighten up the solartex covering and then used minwax polyurethane on it to get a little shine. Armin found out the reason the plane wanted to turn right constantly is because the plane had a half inch of twist in the wing. He found that none of the struts were attached and set out to fix that by using epoxy to set the struts the wing panels are all right where they should be. It still needs to be balanced and Armin will be doing that soon and flying it soon. Armin showed us the coolest thing he said are the machine gun lights that he installed. Nice Job Armin, Looks Great!!

Dave Murray was up with his Top RC Hawker Hunter. Dave said that a friend of his Bob Oliva and

Dave both bought the plane and are both identical, and they plan to fly them in formation at the WCWC event. Dave's will have the P160 in it. Dave was amazed at the paint job when he took it out of the box and said that he had it together in about 30 hours and it was ready to fly. Dave showed everyone that the plane has speed breaks. Dave has added one feature of lighted gun turrets with lights from electro dynamics. Very cool Dave!!

Next Dave showed us that this afternoon his F16 wings and stabs showed up in the mail and the fuse will be arriving tomorrow. Can't Wait!!

Dale Gathman brought out his J3 Cub and added life batteries and added a voltage regulator and MAH tracker for your receiver battery. Dale also said he got a new battery checker, the spectrum smart battery checker, after going online and updating a firmware update for it, he is very happy with it. **John Fischer** said that he has talked to Andy Low from Electro Dynamics about coming and talking to the club during a meeting about his products and batteries. There was some discussion about talking to Andy and see if he would be able to do a short presentation if we get that bad wet weather, which we won't say the name of during the WCWC event. John said we have 56 pre-registered pilots, and are getting excited. John wanted to thank **Joe Pedone** for all his work with the website and he has gotten great feedback about the website. Thanks to **Tom Flint** for all his work on the T-Shirts, promotions and the AMA trailer. **Katie Howe** for all her work about getting our info out on the electronic super highway and all the sites that comes right into everyone's home. **Dale Gathman** for all his work behind the scenes. Dale will have the volunteer sheet at the next meeting. John also thanked all of his WCWC team that has done a bunch of Skype calls now to get every element of the event planned. John said he spoke to **Rich Gabrys** about reaching out to the local VFW posts to extend tickets to them. The pilot tents, out of the 24 that are ordered 21 are already sold. We have the tickets packets 5 for \$20 available, these tickets are a great way to give extra support to the event, buy these tickets and give the out to friends, coworkers, neighbors, anyone that you would like to see at the event and that might bring others with them and in turn earn the club more money on those tickets for the guests they would bring. Please see **Dave Cotton or John Fischer** for the tickets.

Don't forget Media Day for the event is May 31st. We ask for anyone to bring out their planes and we will have news paper writers out there who will be able to

take pictures of the planes in order to do articles to promote the event.

Mark Knoppkie talked about the new battery that will be solid state; right now what we use is either liquid or a polymer, the new battery with either lithium or sodium on the plates. Instead of the normal 6-8 hour recharge times on cars, these new batteries will recharge in 3-8 minutes. One of the prototypes of these batteries they cycled 1000 times and after 1000 times there was no degradation in the battery whatsoever. These will be available for cars in the next year and Mark is hoping these trickle down into our industry soon after.

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

FROM OUR EDITOR

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I have some wonderful and outstanding news - we now have an official commercial pilot in the house as Alan passed his commercial test this weekend!! I'm so very proud of him and God knows

(and I know first-hand) how hard he's worked for all of this too. I wish the very, very best for him too so when you see him next, please congratulate him on this huge success! Way to go Al! Congrats!!

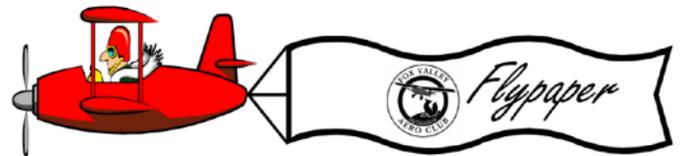
On another very happy and unexpected note, I would also like to mention that **one of our own was mentioned in the FAA Safety Briefing under the Roll of Honor**. This honor is for the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award and is the FAA's most prestigious award for pilots. It is named in honor of the first U.S. pilots, the Wright Brothers, **to recognize pilots who have demonstrated professionalism, skill, and**

aviation expertise by maintaining safe operations for 50 or more years. In 2018 **Dennis Smalley** was recognized for this and I just wanted to give him credit where its due - you earned it Denny - congrats! what an amazing honor! (Fyi, this was in the FAA Briefing - May/June 2019 issue in case you want to see all the others who were named in IL as well.) I'm not aware of any other members in our club who have received this either - if I'm mistaken though, please let me know as this is exciting news and needs to be shared.

Just an fyi - I will not be at the next meeting as I will be at Road America in Plymouth, WI racing - cannot wait!!

That's all I have for now as I think that's enough excitement for one little column - until next time, I remain,

Your faithful editor,
Susan



2019 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:00 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 16	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	9:00-1:00 Swap, 1:00-4:00 Indoor Foamy Fly Kane County Fair Grounds
March 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 11	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 18	Norton Creek Stem Rocket Launch	1:00-7:00 FVAC Field
April 19	NCS Rocket Launch (Rain Day)	1:00 - 7:00 FVAC Field
April 20	Field Work Day	9:00 am FVAC Field
May 4	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	9:00 am–1:00 pm - FVAC Field
May 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 18	Cub Scout Rocket Fest	9:00-12:00 FVAC Field
May 19	Fun-Fly —#1 - ?	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
May 27	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	Time TBD
May 31	2019 Media Day	9:00-3:00 FVAC Field
June 1	FVAC Cookout (formerly pig roast)	12:00 - FVAC Field
June 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
June 20-22	2019 Windy City Warbirds & Classics	FVAC Field
June 23	Open Fly – All Scale	FVAC Field
July 11	FVAC Member Mtg.	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
July 20	Fun-Fly – #2 - ???	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
August 3	Cub Fly - AMA Sanctioned - Open Night Fly - AMA Sanctioned - Open	9:00-2:00 Cubs Only, 2:00 All - FVAC Field 8:00 pm - Midnight - FVAC Field
August 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
August 10	Retro Fly	2:00 pm at FVAC Field
August 24	Family Fly Day	10:00 am – 3:00 pm - FVAC Field
September 7	Festival of Flight	FVAC Field
September 12	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
September 14	Tailgate Swap Meet	9:00 - 3:00 FVAC Field
September 21	Fun Fly #3 - ??	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
September 28	Night Fly & Chili Dinner	7:00 pm FVAC Field
October 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
October 12	Turkey Fry	12:00 FVAC Field
November 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
December 6	Annual Christmas Party	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn - St. Charles
December 12	Rookies Christmas Party	7:00 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles

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A blonde and a lawyer are seated next to each other on a flight from LA to NY.
The lawyer asks if she would like to play a fun game?
The blonde, tired, just wants to take a nap, politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks.
The lawyer persists and explains that the game is easy and a lot of fun.
He explains, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5.00, and vice versa."
"Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep."
The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5.00, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00."
This catches the blonde's attention and, figuring there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game.
The lawyer asks the first question.
"What's the distance from the earth to the moon?"
The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a \$5.00 bill and hands it to the lawyer.
"Okay" says the lawyer, "your turn."
She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?"
The lawyer, puzzled, takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references, no answer.
He taps into the air phone with his modem and searches the net and the library of congress, no answer.
Frustrated, he sends e-mails to all his friends and coworkers, to no avail.
After an hour, he wakes the blonde, and hands her \$500.00.
The blonde says, "Thank you," and turns back to get some more sleep.
The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the blonde and asks, "Well, what's the answer?"
Without a word, the blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep.
And you thought blondes were dumb.





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