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## Workday 2021

Field Chairman, Mark Knoppkie (L) and Carl Will work to refresh the bleachers out at the field Workday in April.

Dale Gathman photo

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## President's Message

**Dale Gathman**

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### Heartwarming Turnout to Field Workday

– I am impressed every year at how our members come out to field workday and get a large amount of work done in a short amount of time. This year, our members far exceeded my hopes both in numbers and in work completed. We had over 40 members and even one spouse show up on Saturday, April 17, to handle a long list of projects. I am happy to report that the group completed all of our projects, and

the field looks fantastic. Thanks go out to Mark Knoppkie and Tom Flint for organizing and getting everything prepared for the workday. As you will see, Mark and Tom decided that we should do something different with the bleachers, starting tables, and kid's playset this year. In years past, we have just water-sealed them. Take a look at the photos and workday article elsewhere in this issue for complete details. And, make sure to check it out in person next time you get out to the field. My sincere thanks go to all who helped out - Great Job!

**Field Restrictions Update** – We decided at our meeting in April to remove the guest pilot restriction from our Temporary Field Restrictions. What that means is that our members may once

again invite guest pilots to come out and fly at our field. If you do host a guest pilot, remember that you must explain our field rules and flight boundaries, and you must spot for them whenever they are flying. You may invite a guest pilot to fly with you up to three times (days). After that, they will have to join the club to continue flying at our field. Please review our Field Rules and Temporary Field Restrictions in this issue. Also, Doug has created our new Flight Boundary Map. It is printed in this issue, and a copy will be posted in the pavilion for all to review. This will eliminate any questions about what our flight boundaries are. These boundaries are in effect at all times, whether the gun range is in use or not. Your diligence in keeping your aircraft within these boundaries is required and appreciated.

**Covid Vaccine** - I am pleased that many of our members have been fully vaccinated already. The availability of vaccine is plentiful now,

and anyone that wants to get vaccinated should be able to find a site. The sooner we all are vaccinated, the sooner life goes back to somewhat normal. The board is following progress data and guidelines from the state as we make decisions on our events and restrictions. I am optimistic that before too long our outdoor events will be able to go back to normal. Let's hope and pray that is the case.

I hope that you can make it to our Member Meeting via *Zoom* on Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 pm.

Also, if you have been working

on any winter projects, please have them ready to show to us during our Zoom meeting during show-n-tell.

Dale



Dale Gathman photo

## From the Editor

Doug Swanson

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Come on, Horizon Hobby, you're killing me! Recently the Draco, and now comes the 80mm F-16...

I just spent the day at the field for our Tree Line/Berm Orientation day. It was a good day, and the weather cooperated for us to get the event in. We had to re-schedule due to the crazy-high winds last weekend, but today was great, comparatively. It was on the cool side, but the winds were low, and much flying was had by all.

Two weeks after I picked it up on 'Draco Day' (release day), I was finally able to maiden my E-Flite Draco. Soon after its announcement, I called Jeremy at St. Charles Hobbytown, and he was able to set me up with one of his pre-order units. It flew great, I just need to tweak the Flap/Elev. mix, and then get used to its flight characteristics.



Dale Gathman photo

Thank you to the contributors this month. Dale Gathman submitted photos for, and Mark Knoppkie prepared a write-up on, the Field Workday in April. See them on page 6.

Steve Gawlik has shared some photos of a P-40 build he has in progress. See those on page 14.

See you at the field,

Doug

As Dale noted in his President's message, there are three items of special note in this issue. They can be found on the following pages:

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<b>Field Rules:</b>	<b>page 15</b>
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## Safety

Jeff Peca

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At the last BOD meeting we voted to relax the Covid Field Restrictions. Flying Guests are now allowed at the field as long as Rule #3 of the Field Rules is followed. In general the rule is the Guest must be an AMA member, the inviting FVAC member must be present and spot for the Guest, and the Guest cannot fly turbine aircraft. It is the inviting member's responsibility to make sure the guest is aware of the field rules. If you have questions about our Guest policy please read Rule #3 of the Field Rules printed elsewhere in this Newsletter [page 15].

As a reminder, the "Starting Tables" are for starting your airplane. When you are not flying, please set your plane on the ground or secure it to the table. A gust of wind, even on a calm day, can quickly take your plane and move it to the ground, or worse, into another airplane. Don't ask me how I know.



Three of the newly-refinished starting tables available for use at the field.

Dale Gathman photo

## REVISED May 4, 2021 - TEMPORARY FIELD RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

Due to the current COVID-19 virus situation, the Board members of the Fox Valley Aero Club are concerned for the safety and health of all our members and their families and friends. Because of this, we have decided at this time to keep the field open subject to the following rules and restrictions:

- Spectators/Visitors are welcome provided that they practice social distancing rules. Only AMA pilots are allowed south of the chain link fences.
- We will have two Porta Potties available for use. Please sanitize your hands before and after using one.
- Flight tables may be used. We recommend sanitizing the table before using it.
- Face Masks at the field are optional but social distancing is expected. Try to stay at least 6 feet away from other persons at all times. Fly only from the flight stations, which will provide separation between pilots. Do not get closer than 6 feet from any pilot who is flying, even if you are spotting for them. Face masks are highly recommended any time you cannot maintain the recommended six feet of separation from another person.
- The following CDC recommendations must be followed by our members and visitors:
  - If you feel sick, stay home. Do not come to the field.
  - While at the Field:
    - Avoid touching your face.
    - Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow. Properly dispose of tissues in the trash receptacle.
    - Remember that water is not available at the field, so bring water, hand soap, and sanitizer with you. Wash your hands with soap and water regularly. Sanitizer does not work well if your hands are dirty, so soap and water is the best.

Please remember that we take this virus very seriously, and all members are expected to follow these rules. We need to set an example for our fellow members and visitors. By following these rules, you are being considerate of yourself and others. Thank you for your cooperation. It is our hope and prayer that we can further relax these restrictions soon.



## Treasurer's Report

Joe Pedone

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The only significant financial activity beyond our normal monthly expenses in April was putting some funds to good use sprucing up the field for the flying season. And I must say, after our Field Workday, everything looks amazing! Spending for Field Workday included many of the items you would expect

such as paint, rollers, brushes, etc, but this year also included asphalt patch for cracks in the runway, grass seed, new flags, a battery for our roller, and new safety (tennis) nets. It wasn't until we put the new safety nets up that I realized how bad the old ones were getting. They are a real improvement both in looks and pilot protection. The final expense, and possibly the most important (😊) was some pizza for all that helped out. Well deserved!

I just want to also pass along my thanks to Mark Knoppkie for planning and coordinating all the Field Workday activity, and to all our members who came out to lend a hand. The old saying "many hands make light work" comes to mind. The field looks great and ready for the flying season. Hoping by the time you read this we are back to some warmer temps and lighter winds to get the flying season moving in earnest. Joe

# FUN FLY #1

May 23, 2021

11:00am – 1:00pm



May 23rd is the date of our first FunFly of the season. The biggest change is the time for the event is now 11:00 am to 1:00pm. Due to Covid, all of last years FunFly events were canceled. This year the board approved the same incentives as we were going to use last year. That includes food for all of the participants and workers and a raffle drawing that anyone can win regardless of the placement in the contest. Keeping the values of Safety, Mentorship and Camaraderie, we are going to have events that are relatively easy and anyone can participate with any plane. We encourage novices and pilots still on a buddy box to participate and have fun. If you are novice or still flying on a buddy box and concerned about not doing well and coming in last, I can assure you that you will probably NOT come in last. As with all FunFlies, heckling is encourage.

Our first event will be a 1 minute timed flight. Timer will start when wheels leave the ground and stop when the wheels touch the ground the first time during landing. (Hand launch planes are perfectly fine) A 10 point penalty for a touch and go. Scoring will be 100 points minus 1 point for every second under 1 minute and minus 2 points for every second over 1 minute. If you have any questions please contact Jeff Peca at 630-772-7246.



Past President, Tom Spriet checks in from Florida: "Logo, boat and tree!! I'm out advertising for the club! 😊"

# Workday 2021

Report by Field Chairman, Mark Knoppkie

Thank you very much for all the hard work on our work day. I thought the most people that would come out that day might have been 25. Much to my surprise, we had more than 40 people. We were able to do everything on my list and then some. I had only planned on fixing a few cracks in the runway then I turned around and one of the club members had a wire brush on a grinder and the asphalt was flying out of the cracks. That was the number one thing on my list and we were able to fix all of the cracks. Along with painting the bleachers, the tables, the play area, these are some of the things that were on my and list and with all the help we had were able to get them all

done. Also, thanks to the volunteers who cleaned up the shed and pavilion, trimmed the errant trees out near the manhole in the field, trimmed the brush and trees behind the shed, cut up downed trees, replaced the safety nets, installed the new flags and spruced up the flower bed. Thanks to all the members that came out to help that day, the field looks great. Come out and enjoy your good work. Thanks again to all the members who came out.

Your Field Chairman and Head Grass Gopher, Mark

PS We need some more volunteers for mowing.











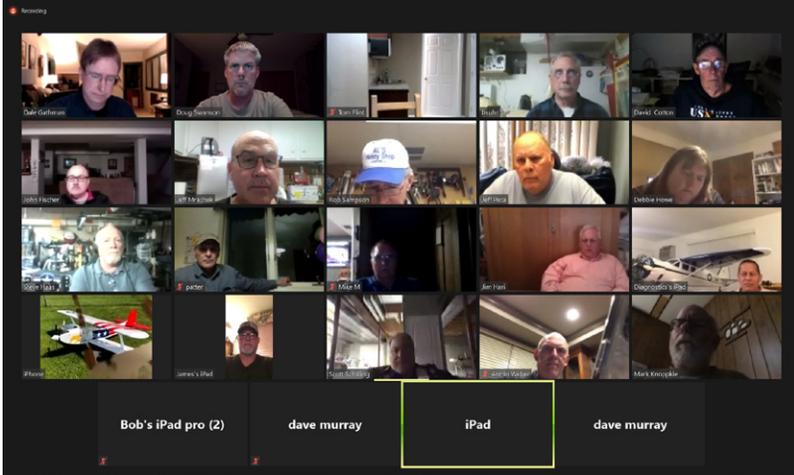


## Secretary's Report

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Fox Valley Aero Club  
Member Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2021 via Zoom

**President, Dale Gathman** welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to state their name when speaking so that Debbie can do the minutes off the recording easier.



President, **Dale Gathman** asked for a motion to approve the March Member Meeting Minutes, a motion was made by **Bill Suhr** and seconded by **Dave Cotton**, all approved.

**Treasurer, Joe Pedone** was not at the member meeting so President, **Dale Gathman** said the checking account is in good shape, we

have the normal bills expected. The field lease has been paid. We will have some expenses from the upcoming Field Work Day that is coming up on April 17th. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by **Dave Cotton** and seconded by **Jeff Peca**, All approved.

**Safety Chairman, Jeff Peca** said that the guest pilot restriction has been removed by the board tonight, but we still ask that everyone still practices social distancing, and if the field is crowded please wear masks, and wash hands. If you use anything from the first aid kit please let a board member know so that they can contact Jeff in order to restock it. Jeff said the board had decided to replace the tennis nets and to get those on order immediately and we hope to be able to install them at field work day.



Jeff said that Fun Fly number one would be May 23rd and the time has been changed to 11am-1pm.

**Vice President, Dave Murray** said that the Saint Charles Memorial Day Parade has been canceled and we are waiting to hear more information on the Swedish Days Parade.

President, **Dale Gathman**, thanked the Constitution Review Committee, **Dave Cotton, Dale Gathman, Debbie Howe, Jim Hari, Mark Knoppkie** and **Rob Sampson**. After the final draft is finished we will be sending it out to the membership before the next meeting so that we can make a motion for approval.

**Membership Chairman, Dave Cotton** reminded everyone not to park on the grass surrounding the pavilion, so that the grass can grow there. Dave also said as a reminder with the guest pilots being allowed, please remember if you have a guest, you have to be with the guest and make sure you are spotting for your guest at all times.

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**Field Chairman, Mark Knoppkie** said Field Work Day is April 17th; we will be starting at 8am so that we have enough time for the roller to be out there. A new full set of flags are going to be ordered as well, after Mark can check and see what we currently have. We will be focusing the field work day on the runway cracks but we will be stain/sealing the bleachers, swing/play set, and the bases of the starting tables, as well as cleaning the pavilion and trimming trees so bring your painting equipment and tools and come help out. The more help we have, the faster the field will be open again.

We will be setting up the handicap porta-potty to be out there and set up before the field work day. Our hand wash station is out at the field but not full yet—we will be waiting for a bit warmer weather so that we don't take a chance of cracking the pipes in it, in case of freezing weather.

**Flypaper Chairman, Doug Swanson** said he is looking for content, if you are building something, or have finished any winter projects send him pics and any information you would like to share. Doug would also like a few people to do any reports on events and any pics from the field, please send them to Doug so that he can put them in the Flypaper.

**Public Relations Chairman, Tom Flint** said doing good!

**Jim Hari** suggested a part of the *Flypaper* that could have a sentence or two from members about their likes and hobbies, so we can learn about each other, outside of the field, Jim says he has learned that a lot of people play guitar and he was very happy to find members that play guitar.

**Carl Will** had a beautiful Stinson Reliant that he showed that has a DLE 35RE and Navy decals. It is a Phoenix Models 12 done in a blue and



Carl Will

white color scheme. The model is new to Carl and he is excited to see it fly. Beautiful Plane Carl! Carl also showed us a new ARF that he got that is going to be a very fast plane, E Flite V-900.



Steve Haas

**Steve Haas** showed his hangar 9 20cc Mustang that he maiden last weekend as well as his 60cc Hangar 9 Mustang that he dulled up the finish and applied panel lines. It has a DLE 55 for power.



Dale Gathman

**Dale Gathman** showed his E-flite T-28 that is now able to carry a 4-cell pack so it should be able to climb straight vertical.



Scott Schilling

**Scott Schilling** showed his Carf P51 Mustang with DA100 Strega along with his Nick Ziroli P38 113" Wingspan project that he is working on. The P38 will have a pair of DA50 and real fowler flaps, very impressive, can't wait to see. Scott also showed his Focke Wulf 190 done in the Butcher Bird scheme and his P51 done in the Old Crow scheme from Top RC. Pretty Planes!!

**Rob Sampson** was up with an interesting metal framed Breezy, he is doing the covered surfaces in a cub yellow color and

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showed the seat setup and pilot. Very Unique!! Members told Rob about the full scale Breezy that is on the ceiling at Pilot Pete's in the Schaumburg Airport.



Rob Sampson



Mark Knoppkie

**Mark Knoppkie**, after seeing Carl Will's Stinson, showed us the Stinson he is in the midst of building

**Devin Tornow** from SAC Club sent us the offer of a project. A family

member of his club showed a TWIN CUB with offset engines that would need a lot of work to get it in flying condition but they thought of our cub event and wanted to offer if anyone was looking for a project to contact them. They also are having their annual auction on April 22nd and have a bunch of Float Fly Friday and Saturday events coming up. The schedule can be found on their website at 'suburbanaeroclub.com'.

**Windy City Warbirds Chairman, John Fischer** said we have restricted the number of pilots to 65 and as of right now we have 65 pilots pre-registered. We have put up a wait list and as of now there is no one on it. Club members are welcome to come as

spectators but we still need to make sure we are being socially responsible as we do not want any problem with the city or county officials.



John Fischer

**Festival of Flight Chairman, John Fischer** said that there is no real news about the Festival of Flight at this time.

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

## In Memoriam Michael Cannata

Mike was a member of our club from 2012 to 2018.

*Reprint of obituary:*

Michael Cannata born July 18, 1938 died Tuesday April 13, 2021.

Michael was loved by his family. His daughter Lisa (Steve Williams), Sons: Michael D. Cannata and Charles Cannata, Daughter in-law Shannon Cannata, Grand Kids: Tristan Hood, Lauren and Ryan Cannata, Brother in-law and wife Joe and Barb De La Van, Cousin Andrew Dina and wife Mary Ann, along with the many others that made up his family and friends.

Dedicated Father, Pharmacist, Business Owner, RC Pilot, dog lover. Michael was not only a great provider, but he assured his adult children's future with hard work and ingenuity. This to him was his most important achievement.

Michael knew how to have fun too, from an accomplished hobbyist, fisherman, lover of cannellonis, turkey legs, pizza (most food really), beer, vodka and cranberry juice, and casinos! There are many stories of his fun side, including trying to paint the garage with brother in-law Joe while drinking beer. Needless to say the garage did not get painted that day, but my dad's shoes did!

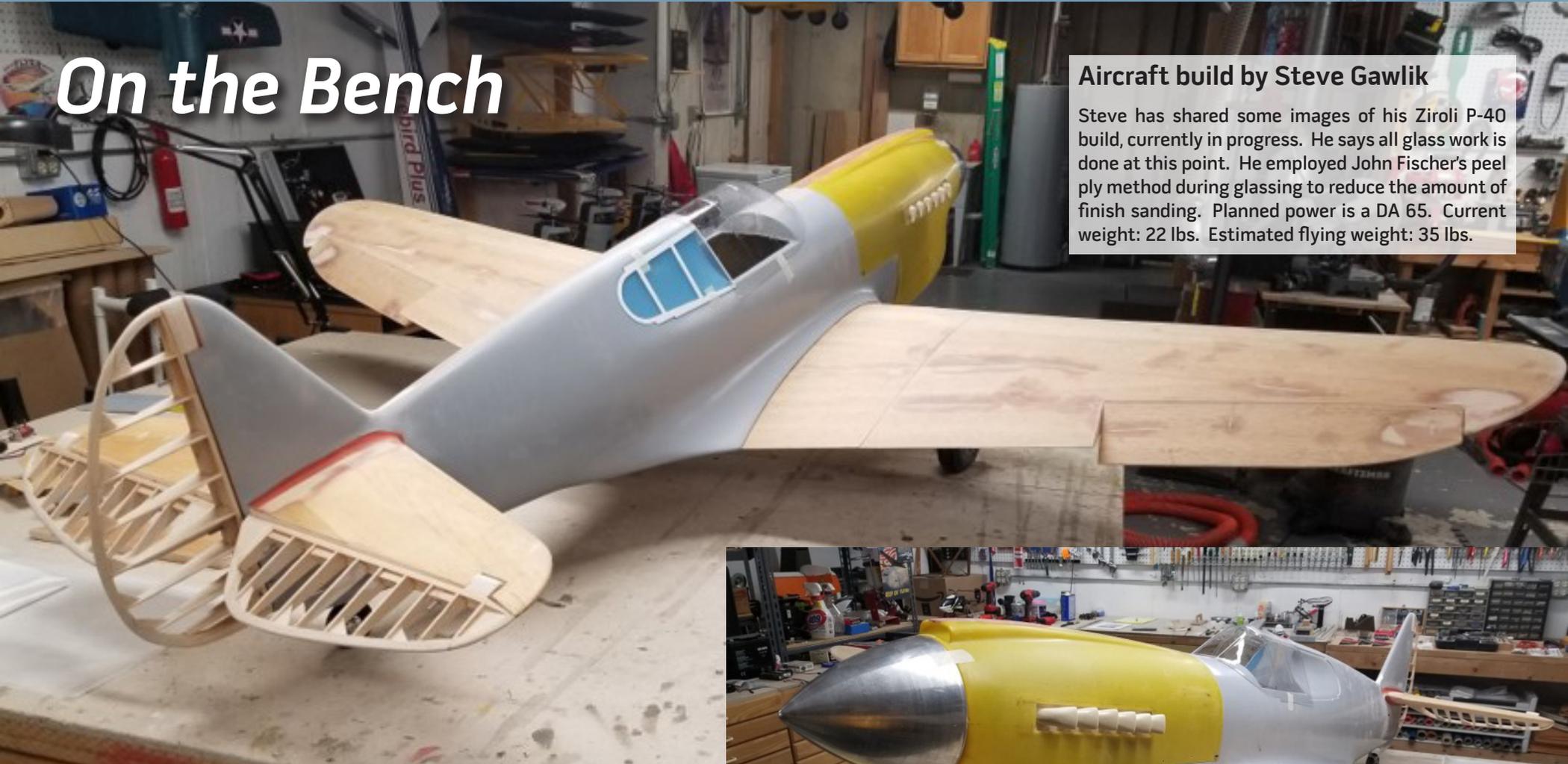
Visitation and services were held on Saturday, April 17th 2021 at the Salerno's Rosedale Chapels (450 W Lake St, Roselle, IL 60172).



# On the Bench

## Aircraft build by Steve Gawlik

Steve has shared some images of his Ziroli P-40 build, currently in progress. He says all glass work is done at this point. He employed John Fischer's peel ply method during glassing to reduce the amount of finish sanding. Planned power is a DA 65. Current weight: 22 lbs. Estimated flying weight: 35 lbs.



## Fox Valley Aero Club Field Rules

(rev 20200613)

Fox Valley Aero Club (FVAC) wishes to assure a safe, courteous and fun flying environment for its members, guests and spectators. We require that all member and guest pilots adhere to the following rules. Members failing to willfully comply with the rules will be subject to progressive discipline in accordance with the Club's Constitution. Guests failing to willfully comply with the rules will have their flight privileges immediately revoked. Everyone's cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

1. The Fox Valley Aero Club flying field is open 24 hours a day for flight activity. All aircraft are permitted to fly from sunrise to sunset. Pilots with loud aircraft should be considerate of our neighbors and use discretion as to how early they start flying. If provided with appropriate on-board illumination, electric aircraft are also permitted to fly between sunset and sunrise.

2. To fly at the FVAC field, pilots must be a current FVAC member and must have in their possession a current AMA Adult or Youth membership card, and if a turbine pilot, a current AMA 'Turbine Waiver' endorsement. FVAC member pilots who do not have a current AMA membership are only permitted to fly on a buddy box with another FVAC pilot that has a current AMA membership. A 'Park Pilot Program' AMA membership is not sufficient to be eligible to fly at the FVAC field.

3. Guests that have a current AMA Adult or Youth membership are permitted to fly at the FVAC field if invited by and accompanied by a current FVAC member who has a current AMA Adult membership. Guests that do not have a current AMA Adult or Youth membership are permitted to fly at the FVAC field on a 'buddy box' if invited by a current FVAC member who has a current AMA Adult membership. The inviting member in this case must be the pilot in command using the buddy box setup. A guest may fly at the FVAC field for three days total, after which they are required to join the FVAC to maintain flying privileges at the FVAC field. FVAC members are allowed one guest flying at a time, as the guest must be under the FVAC member's direct supervision while they are flying (the FVAC member must spot for their guest). The FVAC member who invites a guest is responsible to insure that the guest is knowledgeable of and complies with the AMA safety code and the FVAC Field Rules including field procedures and restrictions. It is also recommended that

the FVAC member perform a safety inspection of the guest's aircraft prior to the first flight at our field. GUESTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO FLY

TURBINE POWERED AIRCRAFT AT THE FVAC FIELD EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS: Non FVAC member pilots who are current AMA Adult or Youth members, and have a current 'Turbine Waiver' endorsement if a turbine pilot, are welcome to fly at all AMA sanctioned and club events where there is an open invitation to guests.

4. Introductory Pilot Program – Student pilots who are enrolled as an AMA Introductory Pilot by one of the FVAC Introductory Pilot Instructors as well as student pilots who are already AMA members may fly at the FVAC field for 60 consecutive days starting from their first lesson as an Introductory or student Pilot. These student pilots must be under the close supervision of their FVAC Introductory Pilot Instructor. At the conclusion of the 60 day period, the student pilot is required to join the FVAC to maintain any further flying privileges at the FVAC field.

5. At all times, pilots shall adhere to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Safety Code.

6. All pilots not utilizing 2.4 GHz radios shall obtain an appropriate frequency pin from the frequency box. Pilots shall not fly without the pin in their possession.

7. Pitting is to be done at a safe distance from the North edge of the taxiway. Pitting directly in front of the pavilion should be avoided. No models shall be started/energized within the confines of the pavilion at any time when the thrust generating implement is attached (propeller, rotor blades, fan).

8. Before maiden or re-maiden flight, all models shall undergo a thorough pre-flight inspection for airworthiness by the aircraft owner. Thereafter, aircraft owners shall perform a periodic inspection of their models to insure continued airworthiness. When the gun range is active (red flag posted) pilots performing a maiden or re-maiden flight of aircraft, equipment or software revision must take off to the west, and attempt to keep the flight pattern on the west half of the field until the aircraft proves to be in control and operating sufficiently for safe flight.

9. Engine tuning other than a brief high speed tweak, and all break-in running is not permitted in the pit area and shall occur only in the designated areas. All engine run-up shall be done with the aircraft restrained.

10. Pilots shall use extreme caution when taxiing in the pit area. Wind can cause an aircraft to weathervane and strike people or other models.

11. Pilots are expected to fly responsibly at all times. If at any time a person's safety or property is at risk, a pilot is expected to sacrifice their model to avoid causing injury or property damage.

12. All pilots must fly from behind the East-West safety nets. Standing in front of the safety nets while flying or spotting for a pilot is not

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permitted. Spotters are not required for everyday flying but pilots are encouraged to use one whenever possible.

13. Spotters shall be completely focused on their responsibilities. Spotters shall not use their cell phone or take pictures. They must be focused on all airborne traffic and communicating the status of other aircraft to their pilot.

14. All pilots shall call out to other pilots their intentions for take-off, touch-n-go, low pass and landing. Constant communication between pilots is key to avoiding collisions.

15. Take-off is permitted East/West from the paved runway or grass runway; from each taxiway facing in a southern direction and from the grass in a southern direction in front of the pilot stations. Landings are permitted only to the East/West on the paved runway or the grass runway.

16. Pilots shall operate their models within the flight envelope. The flight envelope is as follows:

- North Boundary – The paved runway.
- West Boundary – The first tree line to the West.
- East Boundary – The west (closest) gun range berm.
- South Boundary – There is no boundary line to the South; however,

good judgment should be exercised not to go out too far. Pilots who have difficulty flying within the flight envelope should fly with an experienced spotter.

17. Pilots who are flying without any other aircraft flying may set their own flight direction and pattern, including aerobatic routines. If two or more aircraft are flying at the same time, all pilots must fly a typical rectangular pattern with the direction down the runway set so that the aircraft are flying into the wind if possible. This rectangular pattern will have minimum east and west boundaries of the far edge of the east and west taxiways. Pilots must fly parallel to the runway whenever they are inside of these minimum boundaries. The direction will be indicated by the pattern direction arrow posted at the center of the flight station area. If agreed upon between the pilots flying the pattern and the aerobatic pilot, an aerobatic pilot may fly aerobatic routines that do not conform to the pattern being flown. These routines should be to the south and at a much higher altitude than the planes in the pattern being flown.

18. First Person View (FPV) flying with goggles is permitted only when the primary pilot is accompanied by another pilot with a current AMA Adult or Youth membership who is proficient at flying the FPV aircraft. The secondary pilot must act as the spotter for the primary pilot, and must maintain the aircraft within his unaided line-of-sight at all times. If at any time, the primary pilot

loses orientation, or the spotter sees that the aircraft is in danger of coming into contact with something that the primary pilot cannot see through the goggles, the spotter is responsible to take control of the aircraft immediately until the primary pilot can safely retake control. The two pilots may use either the 'buddy-box method' or the 'radio transfer method'.

19. Rotary Wing Aircraft pilots may elect to fly from one of the flight stations if able to comply with rules 12-17. If flying the pattern with multiple aircraft, it is very important that rotary wing pilots remain in the pattern while coming in to land. The rotary wing pilot should bring their aircraft down the runway while descending to a few feet of altitude, and then hover land. It is very important that these pilots let all other flying pilots know their intentions before landing, so the other pilots will know that the rotary wing aircraft will be hovering over the runway. THE PREFERRED AREA FOR ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT TO FLY IN IS THE AREA NORTH OF THE EAST/WEST RUNWAY AND WEST OF THE PAVILION. Rotary wing pilots who cannot maintain the pattern direction and approximate speed of other aircraft flying in the main flight area must instead use this Rotary Wing Flying Area. When flying in the Rotary Wing Flying Area, pilots need to be careful to stay North of the runway at all times. Fixed wing aircraft have priority over the main flight area at all times, as hovering aircraft pose a significant threat to fixed wing aircraft. Rotary Wing pilots who see fixed wing aircraft taking off must immediately enter the pattern or move to the Rotary Wing Flying Area.

20. Everyone at the field should help each other insure that the rules are being followed and that we have a safe, courteous and fun flying environment!

21. Dress Code – To maintain a family friendly atmosphere all FVAC members and visiting pilots must wear a shirt at all times when at the field.

22. Pets are welcome at the field under the following conditions:

- Pets must be leashed at all times and under control of someone, or the leash anchored as to restrict pet access to the area South of the fence line.
- Pets must be kept on the North side of the fence line. Pets are not allowed in the pavilion.
- Pet waste must be picked up and disposed of as soon as possible.

January 1	<b>Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers</b>	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:00 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
February 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
February 20	<b>FVAC Annual Swap Meet</b>	CANCELED
March 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
April 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
April 17	<b>Field Workday</b>	9:00 – FVAC Field
May 8	<b>Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day</b>	9:00 – 3:00 – FVAC Field
May 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
May 23	<b>Fun-Fly – #1 –</b>	11:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
May 31	<b>St. Charles Memorial Day Parade</b>	<b>CANCELED</b>
June 5	<b>FVAC Cookout (formerly pig roast)</b>	12:00 – FVAC Field
June 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member Zoom
June 17-19	<b>2021 Windy City Warbirds &amp; Classics</b>	FVAC Field
June 20	<b>Open Fly – All Scale (TBD)</b>	FVAC Field (TBD)
July 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member - TBD
July 11	<b>Fun-Fly – #2 –</b>	TBD – FVAC Field
August 7	<b>Cub Fly – AMA Sanctioned – TBD</b>	9:00 – 1:00 Cubs Only - FVAC Field
August 7	<b>Electric Only – AMA Sanctioned – TBD</b>	1:00 – 6:00 Electric Only – FVAC Field
August 7	<b>Night Fly – AMA Sanctioned – TBD</b>	6:00 - Midnight - FVAC Field
August 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member - (TBD)
August 14	<b>Family Fly Day</b>	9:00 – 1:00 - FVAC Field
August 28	<b>Retro Fly</b>	9:00 – 3:00 - FVAC Field
Sept 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member – (TBD)
Sept 11	<b>Festival of Flight</b>	FVAC Field
Sept 12	<b>Fun-Fly – #3 –</b>	TBD – FVAC Field
Sept 18	<b>FVAC Tailgate Swap Meet – Sanctioned</b>	9:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
Sept 19	<b>Plane Search Corn Walk</b>	9:00 – 11:00 – FVAC Field
October 9	<b>Turkey Fry</b>	12:00 – FVAC Field
October 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member – (TBD)
November 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member – (TBD)
December 4	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn – St. Charles
December 9	<b>Rookies Christmas Party</b>	7:00 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill – St. Charles

# Fox Valley Aero Club Flight Boundary Map

Rotary-wing  
Aircraft Only  
Area

Forest  
Preserve  
Property

Western Boundary - First Tree Line

Flight Area (unshaded, red boundary)

Eastern Boundary - Base of  
Police Gun Range Berm

Police  
Gun Range

9-1-1  
Dispatch  
Center

Red shaded area =  
No-Fly Zone

# FVAC NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

**New Member Assessment Fee: \$300.00** (For new memberships only. Does not include dues.)

- Dues for Senior Members (19 years and over) ..... \$125.00 per Member
- Dues for Junior Members (18 years and under) ..... \$ 25.00 per Member
- Family Membership ..... \$125.00 1st Member  
(*\$25 for each additional family member with an AMA card, either a spouse or a child under 19 years old.*)

PLEASE PRINT

Your Full Name:

AMA Number:

Birthdate:

Dues Amount:

Include me on the club email list.

_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Your Complete Mailing Address:

Please list the R/C channel(s) you use:

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Your Phone Number/s:

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Home:

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Your Work Mailing Address:

Work:

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Cell:

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What is Your Occupation: (Please provide details)

Your E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment Enclosed:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Make checks payable to:  
"Fox Valley Aero Club"**

**Complete and mail this form to:**

**FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB  
P.O. BOX 837  
ST. CHARLES, IL 60174-0837**



Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_