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

Hey folks, did you hear the news? The corn that was on the perimeter of our field is now gone. This information will offer mixed emotions depending on who you talk to. For some it means an unobstructed journey to the resting place of your aircraft. For most it means cold weather is upon us but for Mike Raynes it means his landing area has changed dramatically.

The leaves are falling, the talk of frost and snow is in the news and the long awaited Turkey fry of 2011 is history. Our event calendar is over except for the Christmas party, so save the date. I don't know about you but the older I get the faster time flies. I can only imagine how fast time will fly when I get as old as Paul and Cliff!

The flying season is not over, but for some when the mercury doesn't make it to 55 degrees, you won't see them 'till spring. For one individual in particular when the temp stays below 50 degrees he darns his once Khaki colored coveralls... Dan has spent so much time at the field in the winter's sun that his coveralls have been bleached to almost white!

Yes, there are a few hearty souls that continue to fly the year round and why not? We are involved in a great hobby and get to share time with friends. If it's too cold for you to fly you can just come out and sit by the fire and talk about the good times of the

past year, or you may plan for the great times that are yet to come. Here is an idea, bring out the fixings and heat up a cup of hot chocolate in one of the microwaves. Just a small warning though—plan on going home with the smell of campfire on your clothing, so plan on the appropriate attire.

When you read this it will be time to vote for the leadership of Fox Valley Aero Club. This year's voting process will be different in that Tony Sokol, your club secretary, will be mailing out ballots for you to complete and return. The results will be announced at the Christmas party.

In closing, I want to thank the members of Fox Valley Aero Club for their confidence in me to lead the club in 2011. I hope your expectations were fulfilled.

Tom Spriet, President



F-4 Phantom 32 DF
by E-flite EFL8125

Fox Valley Aero Club

Christmas Party

Friday, December 2nd

HILTON GARDEN INN
4070 EAST MAIN STREET
ST. CHARLES, IL

Cash Bar 6:00 P.M.
Hor D'Oeuvres 6:30 P.M.
Dinner 7:30 P.M.
Raffle & Music
8:30 P.M.-12:00 Midnight

SINGLE \$25 COUPLES \$40

R.S.V.P. WITH ENTRÉE CHOICE BY
11/23/11
doriejacobs@att.net

Pan Seared Tilapia Florentine
Set on a tuft of Spinach and Sauced with a Citrus Dijon

Pan Roasted Nut Crusted Chicken
*Brushed with Honey Mustard and Crusted Pecan,
Walnut and Almond Mixture with Soy Maple Glaze*

Herb Crusted Roast Sirloin
with Sherry Sautéed Mushrooms & Cabernet Reduction

**No one will be admitted for dinner at the door
without prior payment and R.S.V.P.**

Dorie Jacobs
1010 Bankfield Ct.
Naperville, IL 60540

or

Fox Valley Aero Club
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St. Charles, IL 60174



FROM THE EDITOR

Doug Swanson—newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com

What are you doing next year? Check out the updated event calendar on page 19 to see when you'll be busy in 2012. Make your plans now and tell your friends to attend one of our signature events next year!

As we enter into the winter building season, please take a few moments to snap some photos throughout your build. We would like to see and read about what you're working on in these pages. Then, bring the completed masterpiece to one of the club meetings for a show-and-tell. If, during your build, you come across, or use a trusted method or trick that the members could benefit from, please tell us about it! Please send your pictures, stories and tips to: newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com.



really is awesome. It is a .90-size model—if you're looking for a smaller version, check out Great Planes' new offering, a .55-size ARF.

My next must-have is an EPO foam Boeing 737 by Gemini RC. It spans 74.8 in., comes complete with motors, ESCs, servos and electric retracts. It has a great scale outline. This baby will look sweet cruising along with the gear tucked up underneath.



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I had the pleasure of attending the iHobby Expo at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center on October 22nd. As usual, I came across several new items that I can't live without. The first on my list is the new

Hangar 9 Christen Eagle. It's a very scale-looking reproduction with authentic 9-color "eagle" trim scheme. I had seen this model on the Horizon web page before the show, and after seeing it in person, it





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The last on my list is a new B-17 from Kondor Model Products. It features bomb bay doors, lights, flaps and electric retracts. It's also constructed of EPO foam and spans 78". There were many other cool and awesome new products, but these were what personally caught my attention.

I hope you made it out to the show this year, as in 2012 they're taking it to Cleveland, OH. Normally I wouldn't wish for something to fail, but I hope they find a way to bring it back to Chicago in the future.

I hope you enjoyed the last issue, which was themed on the AMA's 75th anniversary. Thank you to all of the contributors who made it (in my opinion) a great issue. I have sent our entry in for consideration in the AMA-sponsored 75th Anniversary newsletter contest. The contest information states: "winners will be recognized in *AMA Today*, January 2012 *AMA Insider*, and "In the Air" in the March 2012 *Model Aviation*."

If we're lucky, the Club may receive some national recognition!

Like a many others in the club, my flying season is over due to the weather. My attention now turns to completing the unfinished projects still lying around the shop. It seems like a long time until April, but if I remember correctly, it will be here before I know it!

I'll see you at the Christmas Party or one of the upcoming meetings...

Doug

Attention: Election Nominees

If you were nominated at the October meeting or are nominated at the upcoming November meeting, the membership would like to read a candidate statement from you! Please send your submissions for a special nominee newsletter to newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com by 6:00 p.m., Sunday, November, 13th.

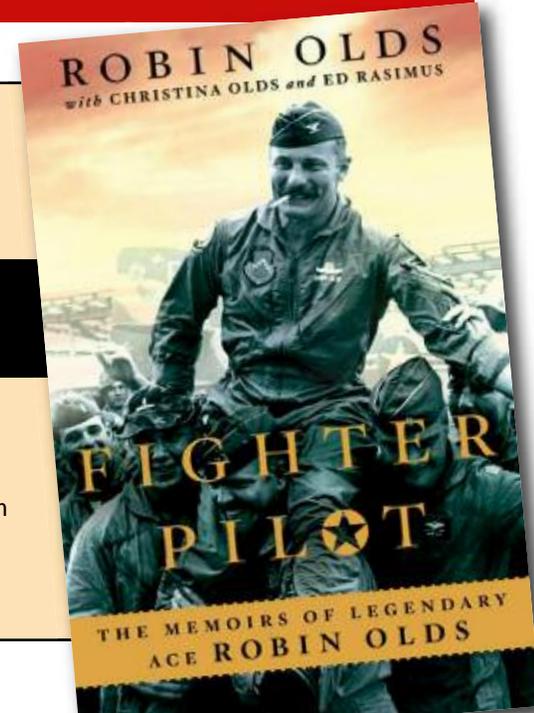
Looking for a good book to read?

Our Swap Shop Chairman, Jim Toth, has a suggestion:

Fighter Pilot: The Memoirs of Legendary Ace Robin Olds

By: Christina Olds, Ed Rasimus, and Robin Olds

It has a five-star rating on Amazon.com
Hardcover: \$17.81
Paperback: \$10.87 (Amazon prices)
Kindle Edition: \$9.99





VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE John Turner-vicepresident@foxvalleyaero.com

Last month, the FVAC hosted their annual family Turkey Fry which continues to be one of the highlights of our association! The morning rains passed with sunshine finishing the day and lots of awesome food and of course, deep fried turkey and my favorite....fried pork loin! Kudos goes out to our chefs Tom Spriet, Karl Griesbaum, and Alan Galle who made sure all the magic ingredients and serving time was delivered on schedule. A big

thanks to Cliff Fullhart using his electric X-acto knife for the carving the "fix-ins" and above all, RoseMary Raynes for setting and preparing the tables (including cleanup). All that was left was to enjoy the food, conversation and flying. Another great day to be remembered in 2011. Now to enjoy the upcoming winter events like our Christmas Banquet in December and SWAP Meet at the Kane County Fair Grounds in February. And for those hardy folks who enjoy flying in the snow, the "all-season" flyers will continue with the

fire pit and conversations during those cold weekends. By the way, if you have firewood that you could donate, please bring to the field over the next few months and join us.

December will be the election of new officers for the 2012 FVAC. I have again volunteered to be

considered for the Vice-President office and continue supporting the activities from the BOD and membership. My passion for the club continues to be successful with promoting new members, interaction within the community, and long-range planning with the City of St. Charles. One of my favorite contributions has been with the Salvation Army Campaign. Over the past years, our members have made donations (gift cards, clothes, and toys) that have been very successful with the St. Charles Chapter. Again, I will be promoting this event and communicating the importance at our meetings and through email communications. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your club and look forward to serving the members again in 2012.

Fly Safe and support the Salvation Army "Toys for Tots".

John "JT" Turner



Great Planes
RealFlight 6
Mode 2
w/Airplane
Mega Pack
GPMZ4460



Shoestring 15e ARF
by E-flite EFL4205

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Jacobs—treasurer@foxvalleyaero.com

This month is starting off with a sad note on the death of long time FVAC member Don Bennish. Don was 80 years young and one of the active members of the club in years past. He was a past treasurer and also the contest director for the Festival of Giants. I last saw Don at the Fond-Du-Lac warbirds event and photographed him as one of the three amigos with Bob Walker and Jack Treadman. He will be missed and may he rest in peace.

The treasury remains strong and we are winding down the field expenses for the year. The Christmas Party planning is going well and I remind everyone to get their RSVP's to me as soon as you can. Remember you can pay for the party, dues, and Big Dog all on one check if you prefer.

Until next month,

Paul



L – R: Jack Treadman, Bob Walker and Don Bennish

A couple of weeks ago my wife's laptop decided it was time to crash and I have been busy getting my new machine up and running. Fortunately, I was able to use backup copies of a lot of documents and have reconstructed the e-mail lists for all but the last few members that have joined. I am hoping to be able to retrieve the rest of the data from the laptop as it has a lot of FVAC history and photos.

FVAC Membership Renewal 2012

Dues are now due

Annual Dues remain at \$100
Family Members are \$25 each.

Must be an AMA member and live in the same household.
Children must be 18 or under.

Make all checks payable to the FVAC and send them to:

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Meet the Members *by Flypaper editor Doug Swanson*



Kevin Kessler

FlyP: How long have you been involved in the hobby?

Kevin: I built and flew control line planes when I was a kid. I started out with .049 when I was in grade school and moved up to .40-sized planes a little later. My interest ended abruptly when I discovered an interest in girls and cars.

FlyP: Please give a history of your R/C Aviation past.

Kevin: Before kids and after college (about 1985) I built and flew my first RC trainer and joined the RC Barnstormers in Fox Valley. The group was very small, under 20 members, and we flew in a field on Rt. 34 just south of Rt. 30. I was forced to quit when the field was turned into a driving range and had to wait 25 years and three kids to fly RC again.

FlyP: Are you forced to work to pay for this hobby? If so, what is your occupation?

Kevin: Engineer, specialize in corporate data storage and protection.

FlyP: Are you married? Have any children?

Kevin: Married, two girls and one boy.

FlyP: How long have you been a member of FVAC?

Kevin: I joined last year and I love FVAC and it's members.

FlyP: What are you flying currently?

Kevin: I just finished and soloed my new Piper Pawnee – same plane that you [Doug] have. I liked yours when you brought it in for show and tell last year. I purchased it

This month we get to know another frequent contributor to the Flypaper – Kevin Kessler. Kevin has helped out on several occasions with event photo coverage or general flying field shots. Thanks, Kevin for telling us about yourself.

back then and just got around to assembling it. I'm also flying a old CAP 21 that Rich Gabrys built. He is truly a master builder. I installed a used OS BGX in it and it is taking my flying to the next level. Look out, I'm getting dangerous.

FlyP: Do you have any current or planned aircraft projects?

Kevin: My next project will be a Great Planes Cessna 182 Skylane. I just need to visit Cindy and order a Saito engine for it. I'm thinking Saito .61 or .72. I recently purchased a Hangar 9 100" wingspan Super Cub ARF—new in the box—that I'm working on. It will be my first gasser. I'm installing a Zenoah g20 in it that I purchased used. Some folks tell me that it will be under powered, but they must not have seen me fly. My goal is to fly scale and low & slow as I can, and do touch and go's like Cliff Fullhart.

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Kevin with
Rich Gabrys





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FlyP: What is/was your favorite model aircraft?

Kevin: Since I'm still flying circles around the field, and happy when I'm not hiking through the corn field, I have limited experience. I fly what I own and love them all. I like the challenge of trying to get my small Cessna C-37 off the runway without hitting someone but it can be stressful even with a 6 mph crosswind. It has a horrible ground looping problem. I have

a few no-fuss .25 size planes with Saito .40's that I love because they fit in the car with no assembly. I can toss them in the looser cruiser (family mini van), flip the prop and I'm in the air. I love these engines. I just started flying my new larger CAP 21, and can't believe how nice it flies! I'm just starting to fall out of the pattern to try to execute some horrible acrobatics that my other planes could never do. Oh, and there's my mini beast, what a blast that plane is to fly.

FlyP: What is your favorite full-scale aircraft?

Kevin: I love so many that I can't decide. I have always loved Cubs, and it was my old 25 year old Carl Goldberg Cub that Dan Compton taught me to fly when I got back into the hobby last year. But now I have seen so many cool planes at the field, I want them all. I do prefer scale and I think my dream plane would be a Beaver on floats.

FlyP: Are there any embarrassing moments at the field you would like to forget—but are now remembering because I asked?

Kevin: I have always loved Cubs and it was my old 25 year old Carl Goldberg Cub that Dan Compton taught me to fly when I got back into the hobby last year. He told me a Cub is not a great trainer. He said, "be careful, keep your speed up, no sharp turns...". I crashed just after he said that while I was on the buddy cord. I was 50 feet over the ground when I tip stalled and there was no way he could have recovered. I love flying low and slow and learned a valuable lesson that day.

FlyP: What are your interests beyond model aircraft?

Kevin: Model trains, guitar, computer, photography, and audio video. My wife says I have too many hobbies... ✈

My name is Steve Fortman, co-director for the **CHICAGOLAND RADIO CONTROL MODELERS (CRCM)** 31st Annual SWAP-N-SHOP and I would appreciate your assistance in getting the word out about our event.

Our event will be held on Saturday November 5, 2011 at St. John Lutheran School, 1101 S. Linneman Rd., Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056. We have a lot of great participants with both new and used equipment for our hobby. Good deals to be had for all.

The Swap doors open at 9:00 AM and we go until 12:00 PM --Admission Adults \$5.00 - children 12 & under \$3.00. There is food available at the event.

Come out to see what is available for that next project.



From the trade point of view it's a whole different show

by Dennis McFarlane

Many radio control enthusiasts from around the Chicagoland area attend iHobby Expo, but as consumers, what you see and what happens behind the scenes are two completely different experiences.

Cindy and I left for the Rosemont on Wednesday morning around 9:30am. Fortunately when we arrived at the Embassy our room was waiting, and we were able to get situated before our show duties began.

Wednesday is setup day. I'm trade, so Cindy set up my booth (and helped MRC with theirs) while I spent the afternoon in meetings. At 6:00pm it was time to join in with others in the industry in a more social atmosphere, and the first of the "bar room" deals were made. I don't get involved with Cindy and her business, but to watch her work in her environment is really fun. Wheeling and dealing continued late into the night, but regardless of how tired we get, it's always entertaining.

Thursday and Friday are strictly trade days. Cindy helps me with my business, while at the same time I do my best to assist her in anyway I can. We have a pre-arranged "code" where if either of us needs to speak



more in private to a potential client the other knows to move on, and we always manage to meet up a couple of booths later. This is also the time when we have a chance to talk informally to some of the celebrities that attend the expo. This year Revell brought in Stacy Dave, from the Speed Network program Gearz. Anyone who watches the program will recognize Stacy. He's a super nice guy, and talks in real-time exactly like he does on his television show.

Saturday and Sunday are the consumer days. This is when the public gets to attend and this is when Cindy gets her "portable store" in operation, and I really start to do some observing. There are always manufacturer's specials that take place during the show, but regardless of how good the deal is on Thursday and Friday, unless there is crowd reaction to the product on Saturday and Sunday it will be a loser in Cindy's store. Sunday had an added benefit for me. Due to a scheduling conflict one of the flying event judges had to leave early, and I was asked to fill in. It's been years since I judged an event, but it was a really good time and I hope to have a chance to do it again next year.



iHobby Expo is about all hobbies, so there is a lot going on in the way of model railroading, plastic kits, slot cars everything a hobby person could imagine. However, when talking about radio control hobbies, aviation is no longer the dominant market. This position is now held by surface vehicles, but there were still some interesting air releases to be seen. Great Planes has a new Cosmic Wind formula-one racer, and Horizon has a really interesting Phantom EDF available.

Hirobo has put together a semi-scale Schweitzer for the helicopter enthusiast, but other than a couple of foamies, not much was really going on. That said; I did pick up a 1/4 scale Piper Pawnee for my personal air force. I've yet to open the box, but from its display perch, it looks like the type of model I enjoy flying.



9:30am Wednesday until 9:00pm Sunday evening when we got the store trailer back to Elmhurst. I don't know what was hurting worse, my knees, from five days of on concrete, or my credit card from \$10 cocktails and \$20 cheeseburgers, but like always, the event was a total blast. **DM**





SECRETARY'S REPORT

Tony Sokol
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President: Tom Spriet called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm

Secretary: Tony Sokol asked for approval of the September minutes as published in the *Flypaper*. The minutes were accepted.

Flypaper Editor: Doug Swanson stated that the last issue was a little late because it will be the one that is entered in the AMA newsletter contest. As usual, Doug is always looking for material for the next issue. (Good luck in the contest Doug!)

Treasurer: Paul Jacobs reported that our treasury is in great shape however it will be coming down with the upcoming Christmas Party expenses. The Board did approve the party budget earlier this evening. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Vice President: John Turner reported that the annual Toys for Tots drive will be starting up next month and donations will be appreciated.

Government Relations Chairman: Alvin Cole reminded us that in light of the plots uncovered in the past couple of months we need to be ever vigilant of suspicious activities in and around the field.

Membership Chairman: Sal Perno introduced John who has been flying a small helicopter and a small Super Cub which has had ailerons added to it. He has been flying around 6 months.

Field Chairman: Greg Bohler indicated that the Porta-Potty will disappear, the dumpster will not be emptied, and blast shields and flags will be stored after November 1st. The Juice Bar power supplies will be removed for winter storage, however the 120v AC will remain on so that chargers can be plugged in if they have an AC supply. The driveway expansion is still waiting for the gravel.

Chief Flight Instructor: Dan Compton announced that Tom Ruthig

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General Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2011 @ Township Hall

soloed and that **Scott and J.Lynne Paley** are still working on soloing.

President: Tom Spriet reminded everyone:

- Upcoming events will be held on the same weekend every year.
- **Ken Kaiser** will take Mel's place as Kid's Event chairman
- We need help for the Swap Shop and we will set up the night before.
- The float (which is ours now) needs to be moved over and covered up with a tarp for the winter. We do plan on displaying it in the Swedish Day parade again next year.
- The Turkey Fry is to be held this weekend
- The farmer will be taking the corn down soon.

Show and Tell:

Dennis McFarlane brought a tiny Flyzone Überlite which can be assembled as a monoplane or a biplane with the parts supplied in the kit. Rare Earth magnets are used in several places to mount the flight module and mounting the battery. The entire package with transmitter cost \$110, and for another \$20 you can have a Flying Wing that uses the same flight module. It flies incredibly well.



Dennis thinks he's at a rock concert

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Park 340 Brushless Outrunner Motor, 1700Kv by E-flite EFLM1155



Eric Karl

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Eric Karl demonstrated a tiny helicopter sporting flashing lights which can be controlled by using a virtual joy stick app. on an I-Phone or I-Pod touch. The tiny 'copter's programming includes a "Fly Home" command. The Heli package costs a mere \$50! (The I-phone is extra.)

Dale Gathman displayed an array of in-flight photos of John Fisher's P-40 Warhawk, Mark Knoppkie's turbine and some other turbine-powered jets using his 100 to 400mm zoom lens. The prints were produced using a Cannon large-format ink jet printer.

Todd Culbertson gave us a report on the Cub Scout rocket fly event. Many scouts and parents attended and all had a great time. The weather was perfect and everyone loved the field. Todd had taught several



Mark Knoppkie, Dale Gathman, and John Fischer

classes on rocket launching and safety and that experience came in handy helping the young rocket scientist learn how to do things right and safely. He was also able to demonstrate some of his rockets which included a rocket powered SR-71. Thanks to Todd and others who assisted with demo flights. FVAC made a huge stride in community relations that weekend.

Bylaw Committee Chairman: Joe Pedone and Tom Spriet answered questions regarding the revised wording of the proposed bylaws which included the rewording of the 18-year old transition to Senior Member. Clarification was also made regarding the disposition of club funds and property in the event of the club being dissolved. This is a standard item which is addressed in the AMA's guidelines for club bylaws. President Tom Spriet then called for a straw vote to accept the bylaw changes as presented which passed unanimously. The new FVAC bylaws will be presented to the club members at the next meeting at which time an official vote of the membership will be taken.



Todd Culbertson

President Tom Spriet then opened the floor for nomination of officers and Board of Directors members. The results are as follows:

Officers:

- President Tom Spriet
- Vice President John Turner
- Treasurer Paul Jacobs
- Secretary Tony Sokol

Directors at Large:

- Cindy McFarlane
- Dennis McFarlane
- Dale Gathman
- Eric Karl
- Mark Knoppkie
- Dave Murray
- Joe Pedone
- David Todd

Nominations will be closed at the November meeting and ballots along with SASE's will be sent out immediately following the meeting.

Cindy McFarlane moved to adjourn and was seconded by Karl Griesbaum. President Tom Spriet closed the meeting at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted, Tony Sokol – Secretary FVAC

SHOTS FROM THE FIELD

Rich Gabrys,
Challenger a.k.a.
Sean Tucker Pitts



Doug Swanson photo



Mark Beezhold
and his Sig Four
Star

Dale Gathman photo

Doug Swanson photo



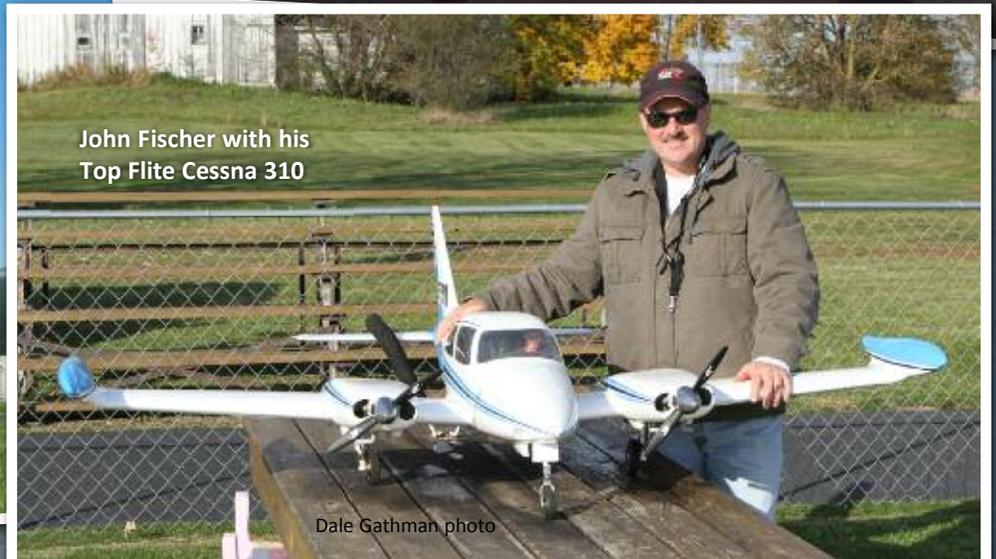
Bob Hesotian, AeroWorks
Yak 54, DA 50, JR X9303

John Fischer, Yellow
Aircraft 1/5 scale
P-40 Warhawk, DA 50



Doug Swanson photo

John Fischer with his
Top Flite Cessna 310



Dale Gathman photo



FIELD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Greg Bohler-gbohler@sbcglobal.net

The flying season for all but the heartiest of fliers is quickly coming to a close. We have run our last official outdoor event of the year and it is time to start buttoning things up on another great season. Thank you to everyone that made the annual turkey fry a spectacular

success again. Once again the weather was not ideal but our pilots proved once again that the planes don't know that it's windy. The food and friendship was second to none. I also want to thank Dave Brustle for his extra effort in helping to patch the pavilion roof the day before the turkey fry. He was bound and determined that we would be eating dry food.

The porta-potties have been called in and will go away the first

week in November. The dumpster is scheduled for its last pick up the same week. These will be reinstated in April. I am going out to the field on November 4th about noon to bring in the power supplies for the winter and put away the grills, blast shields, and flags. I am sure there are a few people that will be out there to help me. Then we turn are field over to the all-weather fliers for a few months.

One last reminder for this season is about snow removal. We do not pay to have anything plowed. Any plowing done is out of the goodness of the plower's heart. My reminder is to please not plow the runway. The winter pilots are used to dealing with the snow either with skis or floats. Any wind rows created by plowing become airplane magnets.

Thank you to everyone that stepped up and made this flying season another wonderful experience. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas party.

Greg Bohler

Katana 50 ARF, .46-.55 by Hangar 9 HAN4170



CHIEF FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

Dan Compton-trainu2fly@comcast.net 630-664-6426

Tom, Tom, Tom

Whenever my wife and I are arriving at the field, I always look around and tell her Tom is here and she asks 'which one?'. It seems as if we have an abundance of Toms in the FVAC(11) and the likelihood that at any one visit there will be a Tom flying is good. Recently, we had our turkey fry which was well attended and everyone there had

great eats, lots of great flying and visiting with great friends. Tom Spriet, Alan Galle and Karl Griesbaum brought deep fryers and each prepared our turkeys for us to eat, and I'm sure at least one of those could have been a 'Tom'. Thanks to all who brought the great dishes and desserts which made the annual turkey fry a great success.

Congratulations go out to one of our newer



members who is a Tom. Tom Ruthig has recently completed all of the requirements necessary to receive a solo certificate and is now able to fly without being tethered to me. Tom learned to fly very quickly, although it took him quite some time to get soloed because he had a great boat stored in Wisconsin that he made several trips to sell. He is now able to fly on his own and also has money in his pocket with which to acquire some new 'ships'. Good job, Tom.

Tom Flint is a very recent addition to the Fox Valley Aero Club roster. Tom is pretty much self-taught. He had been flying at a central grass area in his subdivision and decided that a runway and some open area away from houses was a good move. I have given Tom some pointers and taught him some maneuvers other than just flying around and landing which will enhance his flying experience. Tom is excited to be flying and besides being a fixture at the field, he can be found frequently in the

hobby stores. Congratulations and welcome, Tom.

Everyone should take the time to read the AMA flying rules. One rule which could be of great importance says that you should put your name, address, phone number and AMA number inside your model so that if, for whatever reason, the plane gets a mind of its own and someone finds it you may get it back.

One other tip I have is to identify your equipment with your name in case you 'misplace' it. A great way to accomplish this is to use those return address self-stick mailing labels which everyone has in great abundance.

Dan Compton
Chief Flight Instructor

Yak-52 .91 ARF by Seagull SEA2590



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FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB INSTRUCTORS



2011 Turkey Fry

by Doug Swanson

photos by Dale Gathman and Doug Swanson

I think I'm still full from attending our annual Turkey Fry, held on October 16. The day started out rainy, but cleared up in time to allow this end-of-season event to take place.



I arrived at the field to find many planes on the flight line and a few in the air. After saying a few “Hellos” and “How are ya’s” on my way to the pavilion, I was immediately put to work. Dave Brustle greeted me in the pavilion and said, “Thanks for volunteering to help with the tables!” We quickly had the picnic tables moved around and the banquet tables arranged and ready for RoseMary Raynes to get all of delicious food laid out. There was, of course, turkey—3 birds deep-fried to perfection by Tom Spriet, Karl Griesbaum, and Alan Galle. Cliff Fullhart made quick work of carving the turkeys for all to enjoy. There were all kinds of sides and desserts to complete this warm-up practice meal for Thanksgiving Day.

As the day progressed, the sun made more and more appearances, but the wind also wanted to be a part of it. Despite the somewhat windy conditions, there

were still many successful flights made throughout the day. One that I'll always remember was flown by Cliff Fullhart with his Cub. After many circuits around the field, Cliff decided to bring her in. After his rollout and stop, the wind proceeded to make his Cub go backwards down the runway. Cliff was able to power forward and let it back up again—He's got reverse!

Even though I didn't get in much flying, I had a great time talking to everyone and chowing down on all of the great food. I'll let the pictures tell the rest of the story...



2011-2012 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

November 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 2	Annual Christmas Party	Hilton Garden Inn
January 1	First to Fly Fun Fly	10:00 AM FVAC Field
January 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 25	FVAC Annual SWAP	Kane County Fair Grounds
March 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 14 or 21	Member Work Day	FVAC Field
May 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 26 & 27	Classic Pattern Contest	FVAC Field
June 2 & 3	FVAC Pattern Contest	FVAC Field
June 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
June 9	Kids Day	9:00 AM start, 1:00 PM second round
June 15 & 16	Al's Helicopter Fun-Fly	FVAC Field
July 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
July 21 & 22	Festival of Flight	FVAC Field
August 4 & 5	Chicagoland IMAC Challenge	FVAC Field
August 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
September 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 21	Fun-Fly & Turkey Fry	10:00 AM FVAC Field
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FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB RADIO CONTROL SWAP MEET

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Location: KANE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

525 Randall Rd., St. Charles, Il. 60175

Use Randall Rd. entrance between Rd's # 64 and #38

BUY, SELL and/or TRADE

**RC AIRPLANES, HELICOPTERS, CARS and maybe some BOATS
BIGGEST SWAP in Illinois with 15,000 sq ft. of heated facility, washrooms and
gourmet hot dogs/sausage food service available. 190 plus tables.**

PREPAID TABLE RENTAL

NOVEMBER PAID RENTALS \$10.00 PER TABLE

DECEMBER PAID RENTALS \$12.00 PER TABLE

JANUARY PAID RENTALS \$14.00 PER TABLE

(note- all tables include one FREE PASS)

TABLES \$19.00 AT DOOR AND ONE FREE ADMISSION

Pay early and save some bucks

TABLES READY FOR YOUR SET UP AT 8:00AM

**OPEN ADMISSION AT 9:00AM TO 3:00PM
AFTER 1PM, WE WILL BE OPEN TO FOAMY
ELEC. FLYING INDOORS AND LIGHT ELECTRICS.**

Come and participate or sit and enjoy the show.

**COST \$5.00 ADULTS
(CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE)**

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