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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We have had a great flying season from the frozen fingers fun-fly to the Christmas party, we do things right. Thank you to the board as well as the entire FVAC membership for all of your hard work. We can only get better from here.

I look forward to our holiday party to just enjoy friendships. See you at the field.

-Alvin

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Congratulations to Tom Flint on the excellent coverage FVAC received in Model Aviation magazine this month. His perseverance and patience really paid off as you just can't buy advertising like that. It will be interesting to see how much more attendance there will be as a result of this in 2017. My guess is we are going to need that bigger parking lot to the north.

At the November meeting nominations will be taken for the at-large board positions and the officer positions. If you are interested in being more involved in the club affairs, now is the time to throw your hat in ring.

It is party time for FVAC so get your reservations in to John "JT" Turner for the excellent Christmas Party. I have already heard several members are getting a room for the night for a little before and after libations. Also, don't forget at our regular Thursday night meeting date in December (the 8th) we will gather at Rookies for pizza and beer. The club will pick up that tab while JT collects those toys and gift cards for our annual donation to the local Salvation Army. They really look forward to those gift cards for the older kids so try and be as generous as you can towards this effort.

Dues for 2017 remain at \$125 for senior (full) members and \$25 for junior and/or other family members with an AMA card. Send the dues and "Big Dog" entry to the P.O. Box 837 in St. Charles or to my home. The raffle in 2015 was won by Cliff Fulhart who took home a prize of \$875. Entry into the raffle is \$25 per member and can be paid before or at the Christmas Party.

Until next year,  
Paul

# Three Generations

By Tony Bahowick

Many of you know Dr. Ross VanDorpe. He's a regular member of the "dawn patrol"- you'll often find him flying at first light. At one time a sponsored R/C pilot, Ross puts on quite a show with both fixed wing and rotary aircraft.

During a recent evening of warm weather Ross, his son Tom, and Ross's father Ralph all came out to the field. I caught this shot of grandfather and grandson fully engaged in a WW2 electric they recently renovated. (Tom was at the controls and is himself a proficient pilot).

It made me feel good to see Ralph, Ross and Tom: three generations and all are active members, out together enjoying a great hobby.



**Tom and Ralph VanDorpe**



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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# Fox Valley Aero Club

### Member Meeting Minutes

**October 13, 2016**

**@ St. Charles Township Hall**

*Photos by Jason Boettcher*



Alvin Cole

**President Alvin Cole** called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm and welcomed everyone.

**Christmas Party Organizer John Turner** announced that we have a special guest tonight. JT said that when he joined the club about ten years ago, our previous president **Dominic** was very passionate about the **Salvation Army**. The club members would support the Salvation Army (SA) every year at our Christmas Party by donating money to the organization

in the form of gift cards to local stores. The cards would be distributed to mostly teenagers of families who are in need in the tri-city area of St. Charles, Geneva and Batavia. These donations by our members have been ongoing and increasing every year for many years. JT expressed thanks to all of our members for their past donations. JT then introduced special guest **Lt. Betsy Clark** from the Salvation Army. He stated that she is from Kalamazoo Michigan, and is a



John Turner

graduate of Michigan State University. Over the last several years, she has served as an officer at the Salvation Army. She currently serves as Commander of the Tri-city Salvation Army located in St. Charles. Betsy is very passionate about people, families, and the love of Christ. JT said that he learned that the Salvation Army is about family and faith. In times of need, the Salvation Army is there to help people out. He said that Betsy believes that 'when people together can meet the needs of others that is when the world is changed for the good'.

The club welcomed Lt. Clark with applause.

**Lt. Betsy Clark** opened by thanking us for having her here. She said



Lt. Betsy Clark

it is always great to be able to see the people who partner with them. Betsy said that she has been in the Tri-city SA for just over a year, and as soon as she arrived it 'just felt like home'. She expressed that it has been a joy to see the ministry of the Salvation Army in the Tri-city area. Betsy said that she knows we are familiar with their Christmas Program, and wanted to let us know about the other services that Salvation Army provides during the year. The SA has a food pantry that is open five days a week and currently serves just under 300 families through the

food pantry every month. This is in addition to food distribution to between 50 and 100 families that are served weekly every Tuesday and Friday as well. The SA also offers emergency financial assistance to those struggling to make ends meet, helping with utility bills and rent and mortgage payments where needed. They work with a number of agencies to make sure they are able to help these families beyond the immediate crisis, by helping these families in need move to sustainability so they are not put in the place of need again. Through these agencies they can provide budgeting counseling, education opportunities, job opportunities and child care services so that the parents can work. Betsy has found that housing is one of the hardest things for families. People can control how much they eat and how much they have the lights on, but the rent or mortgage payment is pretty much the same. The Salvation Army feels honored that they are able to step in during moments of crisis and help out with the immediate need as well as providing the tools needed to help families move past that and get back on their feet. In addition to that, the SA is a fully operating community center. She said that there is always 'something going on' at the Salvation Army. They provide things like computer classed and exercise classes. They also provide an after school youth program that runs Monday through Friday from 3:00-6:00 PM, and they are the lowest rate in town. They only charge for the actual cost of the staff, and the SA covers all of the overhead costs. There are currently about 30 kids participating in this program. Betsy said in the summer this program is expanded into a summer day camp, which offers care from 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM. About 70 kids participate in the Summer Camp. This year, the charge for the day camp was only \$135.00/week.

The Salvation Army Christmas program toy drive served over 2000 children last year. Applications are being taken now right up till Christmas, so that the SA can make sure they meet the need of anyone who has need of this program. Betsy said that when people come through, they are either adopted specifically by an organization or family so that one person can take care of all of the needs of that particular family, or they will receive toys through the Salvation Army's toy shop. Betsy said that the toy shop is a great way for families to receive their help, as they are able to go through the shop and hand select the gifts for their children. The SA does collect wish lists and puts together Angel Tree tags so that they can make sure that the donations they receive reflect what the kids are asking for each Christmas. The SA makes sure that each child will receive at least two large items, and well as books, a coat and other clothing items as well as a board game for the family. They make sure that each child leaves with many many items. Each family is also given a gift card for food to assure the family can have a nice holiday meal. Lt. Clark invites anyone who wishes to come see their toy shop. They start setting it up in mid-December and they love to show people what they are doing. She said it is amazing what the Salvation Army can do for the community, and it is because of groups like the Fox Valley Aero Club who recognize the need and responds to the need above and beyond the call of duty. Betsy said it is a real blessing when they see single parent families, or families who have lost jobs come through with a lot of stressors. The donations that the SA receives allow the SA Angel Tree program to take that one burden away from these unfortunate families and offer a glimpse of the love that God has for them. The Salvation Army feels blessed and honored to be able to provide this service and they take it very seriously. They try to do their very best to show families the love of God, and treat them as very deserving and dignified. Betsy then fielded questions from the members. Some of the key answers follow.

1. *The biggest need (that our club has helped provide in the past) is the gift cards to local stores. 16 year old boys are very hard to shop for. Some of the favorite gift cards have been for local theatres and restaurants so the kids can go to a movie or go out to eat with their friends. Gift cards to stores like Target, Wal-Mart, and Best Buy are also favorites.*
2. *Betsy explained that the Thrift Stores like the one next to Hobbytown are an extension of their adult rehabilitation center. The adult rehabilitation program offers work therapy and a*

*twelve step program to those who are battling drug or alcohol addiction. This service is provided through regional centers, and while there is not one located in St. Charles, they can take people to regional centers in the Chicagoland area. There are four adult rehabilitation centers in Illinois; one is in Rockford, one in Waukegan, and two in the city of Chicago. When a donation is made to one of the thrift shops, the items are sold and the money supports the rehab program. Some of the people employed at the thrift stores are clients of the rehab program, and the store 'job' is a way to help them get back on their feet. The Tri-city SA also has a relationship with the store so that if anyone comes to their facility in need of clothes or furniture, they are able to issue them a voucher to pick up the needed item at the store for free. Through this rehab program, the Tri-city SA facility is able to offer rehab services to people in the Tri-city area who are in need of these services.*

Betsy finished by explaining that the Salvation Army has a special campaign going on right now to raise funds as their fiscal year comes to an end. Zimmerman Ford has offered to match any donations received by October 31st, up to \$10,000. Alvin Cole thanked Betsy for joining our meeting tonight, and the group showed their appreciation with applause.

**Secretary Dale Gathman** asked for any additions or corrections to the September 08, 2016 Member Meeting Minutes. None were voiced so the minutes were accepted as presented.



Dale Gathman

**President Alvin Cole** next welcomed **Paul Jacobs**, who Alvin said 'had his Evolution engine changed out for an OS engine' (Paul had open heart cardiac bypass surgery last month, and is recovering nicely). It is great to have Paul here tonight.



Paul Jacobs

**Treasurer Paul Jacobs** reported that the checkbook balance is in pretty good shape. The main expenditure last month was the parking lot and driveway seal coating and re-striping. No further extra expenditures are expected this year except the Turkey Fry, and the Christmas Party and Rookies Christmas Pizza Party. Sal Perno moved to accept

the treasurer's report as presented. Rob Sampson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Paul Jacobs** reported that long time member **Merlyn Graves**, who has since moved to Florida, passed away yesterday morning. He was a great club member, and most everyone but the new guys know him. **Bob Boen** stated that **Doug Swanson** sent out a nice photo piece covering Merlyn to the members. Bob forwarded it to Merlyn's son. The members observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Merlyn.

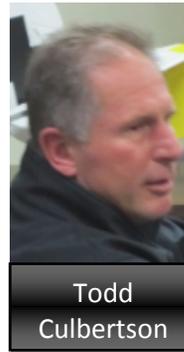
**Safety Chairman Jeff Peca** reported that the season is winding down, and it has been a good season as far as safety is concerned. Jeff then reminded everyone that the rules state that the flying area is 'south of the runway centerline'. Jeff said that the runway centerline actually extends to infinity to the east and west, and all flight should be kept south of this extended line. Jeff recognized that there will be times when there is a strong cross-wind from the south and a plane may stray over the line at the east and west corners off the field and that is acceptable, but otherwise, we need to keep all of our flights south of the runway.



**Field Chairman Mark Knoppie** reported that the field is looking good. Mark talked to **Greg Bohler** about the possibility of running power to the shed and they decided it is possible. Mark said the hole in the ground behind the pavilion will be filled in soon. There is not much more that needs to be done before the end of the year. Most of the flags have been taken down for winter. **Alvin Cole** announced that the board made a very though provoking decision tonight, that being we will keep two Porta Potties through the winter this year.

**Flypaper Editor Jason Boettcher** reported that he is doing good. The crowd showed their appreciation for his efforts with applause.

**Government Relations Chairman Todd Culbertson** (Rocket Man) reported that Model Aviation just reported a letter that the AMA received from the FAA confirming its status as a community based



organization, and as such clubs under AMA charter are not held to the 400 foot altitude limit recommended by the FAA. Todd then mentioned that we no longer have neighbors to the west, but we still have to be respectful of our neighbors to the east, both the gun range and the 911 center. There was an incident not long ago where one of our turbine pilots flew over the 911 center. The director of the center emailed Todd right away, and he responded to her immediately, apologizing for the intrusion. Todd was able to determine what was taking place through our field cameras, and took care of the situation immediately. Todd reminded everyone that the gun range raises a red flag when the gun range is active, and we need to not fly over the range when it is active. We are never to overfly the 911 center under any circumstances. Todd then announced that he is 'back in Nitro', which garnered applause from some of the members. Todd has the Stinger that he won at the Christmas party and he installed a 60 Nitro engine in it. He is now learning tail dragger flying. Also, today Todd took up his Corsair 60 for the maiden flight. The Corsair is powered by an OS .91. During the flight, the canopy flew off, and the pilot's goggles flew off. Everything was retrieved and all is good.

**Land Use Exploration Committee Dale Gathman** read a voicemail he received from Kane County board member **Drew Frasz** in response to his call regarding the land to the west of the field and the county's future use of the land. The voicemail transcription of September 9, 2016 follows: *The restoration division is the ones who go around and clear woods and plant prairie. They typically have a small barn, an office, and some barn storage. They will not have a real big facility, probably less than five acres of the 94 total acres. They were originally going to try and save the barn, but it is not savable in their architect's opinion, and is not historic. Drew cannot say for sure, but says that it appears that they will be putting the new facility close to Brundidge Road. So, the future will have the big barn and the houses gone. The big pine tree line will remain. The facility will be on the back side of the pine tree line or a little south of it. He has to confirm this, but that is the preliminary thinking. Drew said that he does not see a problem with over flight. The preserves out this way seem to be*



very passive. The land will probably be farm for years to come. The county is years behind, and is more interested in acquiring land now faster than they can turn it into prairie. It is not as if there are going to be picnic tables there. Possibly on the high spot, but looking over FVAC's site would be sort of a neat thing. Considering the county has one or two aero clubs operating in forest preserves at present, he doesn't see us flying over the land to be a big deal. The deal is closing on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

Dale explained that this is all good news, and that we can now overfly the tree line to the west if necessary. He also reminded everyone that it is risky flying over the tree line as it is easy to fly too low to the trees when your plane is farther away.

**Dale Gathman** then announced that the FVAC board has been



Dale  
Gathman

working with the University of Illinois to obtain a Land Use Agreement from the university allowing us to use the land between the shed and the trees east of the shed, from our drive all the way to Rt.-38. Dale explained that the University owns all of the land to the north of our driveway, from the west tree line to the sewer plant. The university leases the corn field land to the farmer, who evidently has an agreement with the City of St. Charles to use the asphalt pad behind the shed. The prospect of getting the agreement is very

good. The university is planning on tearing down the barn and planting grass where it was. We will be responsible to roof the shed and to maintain the grass between the shed and the trees east of the shed, from our drive to Rt.-38. This will give us much needed parking for our events. We still plan on closing in the shed and using that for storage of the planes during the events so we will not have to rent a tent. **Greg Bohler** recommended that we have a structural engineer check out the roof trusses in the shed to make sure they do not have dry rot. **Dave Cotton** volunteered to check them out.

**Membership Chairman Tony Bahowick** thanked everyone for coming out tonight and for being part of this great club. Tony reported that we currently have 192 members, and seven have already paid their dues for 2017.



Tony  
Bahowick

**Turkey Fry – Tom Spriet** reminded everyone that we have our annual Turkey Fry coming up this Sunday, October 16. The turkey will be ready to eat at noon. Everyone should bring a dish to pass.

**Dale Gathman** read an email he received from **Tom Flint**. The email said "Can you please mention that the lawnmower mowing deck broke, but because of the skills and tools of **Tom Spriet**, he and I were able to install \$256.00 worth of new parts that he picked up from Elburn and probably saved the club about \$500.00 in labor costs. We only put one pulley in upside down but got it turned over before starting. No mowing was missed". **Thank you - Tom Spriet and Tom Flint** for your efforts. The crowd showed their appreciation with a round of applause.



Allan Galle

**Fun Fly – Alan Galle** reminded everyone that we will be having our Fun Fly Limbo contest at 1:00 pm during the Turkey Fry on October 16. All planes must have a 36" minimum wingspan.

**Alvin Cole** next said that now is the time that he gets to talk about nominations for the new administration. Alvin said that even though he has had so much fun as President, he has decided that it is time to let someone else take over for 2017. Alvin then opened the floor for 2017 board nominations and nominated Dale Gathman for President. **Dale Gathman** reported that **Dave Murray** and **Paul Jacobs**, as well as all the directors at large with the exception of **Kevin Kessler** have agreed to serve again if nominated. The following board nominations were made and accepted:

- Dale Gathman** for President (currently Secretary)
- Dave Murray** for Vice President (incumbent)
- Debbie Howe** for Secretary
- Paul Jacobs** for Treasurer (incumbent)
- John Fischer** for Director at Large (incumbent)
- Tom Flint** for Director at Large (incumbent)
- Tom Spriet** for Director at Large
- John Howe** for Director at Large
- Sal Perno** for Director at Large (incumbent)
- Rob Sampson** for Director at Large (incumbent)

**Armin Weber** for Director at Large (incumbent)

**Show and Tell** – **Tom Spriet** showed his new Hangar 9 ¼ scale J3 Cub. He had a sign in front of it saying “This is not a Zero” so that **Alvin** would not mistake it for one. Tom installed the Evolution 33cc engine in the plane. He also pointed out that similar to Alvin’s R/C car, he also installed a fuel dot in the plane. The unique thing is that he installed it in the dash area, so it is not visible from the outside. Tom also explained that he has two switches installed, one for the ignition battery and one for the receiver battery. At one point, after plugging the battery into one of the switches, the switch started smoking. Tom discovered a short in the switch, and quickly unplugged it. He suggested that we may all want to unplug our batteries from our switches after flying in case we might have the same problem of a shorted switch.



**Tom Flint** showed his new Hangar 9 ¼ scale J3 Cub. Tom said that one of the members found a great price on the J3 Cub through a Horizon coupon, and Tom spread the word. Within hours, there were nine of our members who went in on the order and bought ¼ scale Cubs. Tom said that he always wanted to fly like **Cliff**, and now he has the plane to do so. To differentiate his Cub from all the others, Tom ironed on checkers, which he said were guaranteed not to bubble. He said they must also be guaranteed not to be seen in the sky, as they are too small for him to see them while flying. Tom suggested that if we are going to place checkers on our planes that we make them large and of a darker more contrasting color like black, blue or red. Tom has a pilot installed, and he said that when he was flying during a 20 mph crosswind, ‘his pilot’ broke two propellers and hit a steel post. He said other than that they are doing pretty good. Tom then displayed the modifications he made to the pilot. He did some surgery so that the pilot’s arm is now attached to the throttle stick that Tom added and his arm moves with the throttle. Tom also said that the recommended location for the switch is under the back seat which would be difficult to access. Tom instead installed the switch in the floor of the cabin. Tom also sprayed stone finish Krylon

paint on the floor. **Alvin** said that he can't wait to retire and do all this stuff.



**Rob Sampson** jokingly said that his new plane is a Zero, which got a laugh from the crowd. He then told us that his plane is a Balsa USA 1/4 scale Fokker DVII. Rob explained that he built it pretty much as designed. He said there were a few things that were problems with the construction, but nothing that a kit builder couldn't figure out. He covered it with Solartex, and it was the first time he used it. Rob said he loves it. The kit took him 21 months to build, and Rob started it in January of 2015. The top wing is built upside down. The top of the wing is flat, and the bottom gets thinner towards the tips in order to give the wing dihedral. The paint is Rustoleum, semi gloss for the black that is painted over the yellow and on the engine block, and flat black for the exhaust system. The insignias are all painted on with Rustoleum. The struts are made of 1/8" steel rod backed with balsa and covered with Solartex. The aileron servo lead goes up one of the struts and Rob covered that with Solartex to hide it. The engine is a Zenoah G38 with Magneto. It has a spring start, and Rob said it works pretty well. Rob had to have a custom muffler made by B&B muffler, as the original one was designed for an inverted mount. A lot of the dummy engine is the original kit, but Rob added the rocker arms, pushrods, springs valves, nuts on cylinder heads, and intake manifolds on sides. Rob installed Hitec 645MG servos.



He painted the wheels with a starburst pattern, and he said you can see the wheels spinning in the wind in flight. Rob said that the plane wants to climb like crazy, and he was told by other pilots who have the same plane that that is the way it flies. Rob built some positive angle into the horizontal stabilizer to try to counteract this climb, but it still climbs. Rob has added ½ pound of lead to the nose to see if that will counteract some of the climb tendency, but hasn't flown it since adding the weight. Rob stated that the plane does fly very stable otherwise. The combing around the cockpit is a purse handle Rob purchased at the Salvation Army store. The machine guns are Williams Brothers ¼ scale. The wingspan is 86 inches. Rob changed the tail skid in the back to a Sullivan tail wheel.



**Kevin Hersey** displayed his Balsa USA ¼ scale Fokker DVIII. He said that there is a lot of similarity between Rob Sampson's DVII and his DVIII. The DVIII has a flat top wing with dihedral on the bottom just like the DVII. Kevin said that the instructions called for a 1/8" washout on the wing tips. Kevin said he was thinking that his building tolerance is usually about a quarter inch, so the 1/8" washout was going to be difficult. He said that he made sure his building table and

everything was level and flat and he believes he was able to maintain the required 1/8" washout. The powerplant is a Saito 180 four stroke, and he installed Hitec hi torque servos. **Cliff Fullhart** flew it and said it flies and lands good. Kevin flew it around for a couple of laps. Kevin was measuring his Chevy Impala and he thought that the plane should fit in the trunk. When he got the plane done, he went to put it in the Impala, and even though the back seat folds down, it wouldn't go into the trunk. He ended up fitting it into the driver's side passenger door, and it fits in that way. The color scheme of the plane is the color of the original planes which were built at the end of WWI in 1918. Germany only made about 85 of the DVIII airplanes. Because of this, there was not a lot of variation in color schemes. Kevin painted his cowl, and the insignias are vinyl. Kevin had difficulty with paint seeping under the covering. He said that the plane weighs about 15 pounds. The wing is completely sheeted top and bottom. Kevin started construction in February of 2016, and the plane was maiden about four weeks ago.





**Walt Thyng** showed his new B26 Invader. Walt said that these bombers were called A26 during the Vietnam War because Thailand did not want any bombers at their airports. The US hence named them A26 (for attack) to get around the problem. The A26 planes were somewhat modified as well. Walt's B26 is a VQ ARF, and Walt thinks it should be an 'Almost ARF'. It is powered by two G32 Easy Max Turnigy motors. These are controlled with two 80 amp ESCs. The battery is one five cell LiPo. Walt said he is getting about 120 watts per pound, which is okay for a bomber. Total weight is 10.5 pounds. It has standard servos, and three retract servos. Walt went to fly it this afternoon, and when he taxied it out and made a right hand turn the landing gear collapsed. The wingspan is 68". The plane is built-up construction, and Walt was satisfied with the fit-and-finish. Walt then said jokingly that everyone is having a tremendous over-reaction to the issue of taxiing behind pilots in the taxiway. He said that all we have to do is require a dead-man throttle. Walt then showed his 'terribly expensive and complicated' dead-man throttle, made by putting a rubber band on his throttle stick so that the throttle goes to zero if he lets go of the stick.



Hearing no further business, President Alvin Cole asked for a motion to adjourn. Sal Perno moved to adjourn. Dave Cotton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dale Gathman – Secretary FVAC



Right:



The Limbo Fun Fly winner few inverted for several passes.



Find out who won later in the Fun-Fly section of this issue.

A blue-bordered box containing text and two images. The top image shows a white and red model airplane flying over a green field. The bottom image shows a person from behind, wearing a black hoodie and red shoes, kneeling on a white surface.

# Turkey Fry 2016



Dale Gathman Photo



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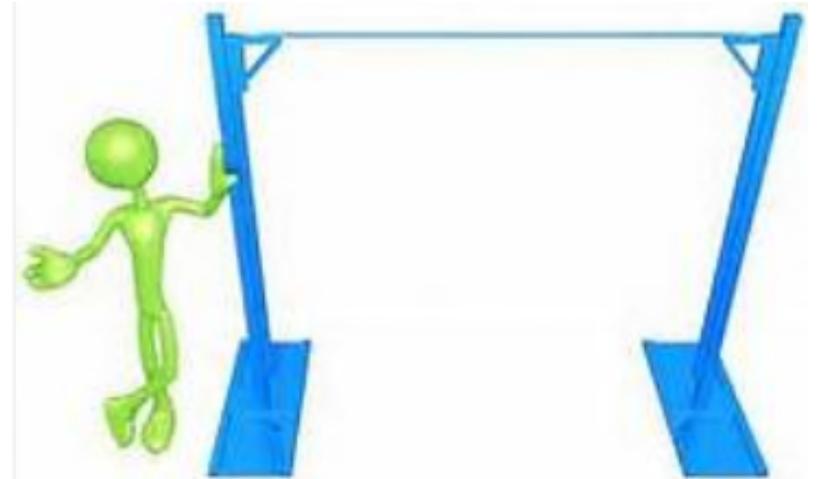


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Dale Gathman Photo

In case a Turkey Fry Party is not enough for one day, we hold a fun fly event as well.



# Limbo Fun-Fly



*Photos by  
Doug Swanson  
and  
Joe Pedone*













Left: Dave Brustle hand launches for his son Matt who took the win the year.

Matt flew under the line inverted for the first four passes (36" level), with Rich Gabrys 2nd and Tom Flint 3rd.

Fun Fly Results Courtesy of **Dale Gathman.**











# FROM THE EDITOR

Jason Boettcher

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## Will you be our next Editor ?

The time has come to pass the pen. I've enjoyed being Editor for the past three years. To make the position easier for the next Editor I'll make previous Flypaper issues available. You will receive a thumb drive full of the Microsoft Word documents, images, etc. used to put together this newsletter. We can sit down and I can show you the ropes by sharing tips and techniques I've picked up along the way.

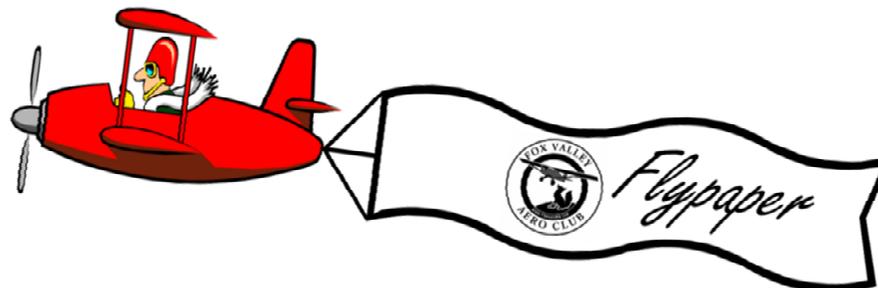
Did I go overboard some months? Certainly, the simple fact is once I got going on an issue sometimes it was hard to quit working on it. The reason is because it was fun!

Since the baby arrived it is getting much more difficult to carve out time to fly, let alone put in time on the newsletter. I'm ready to shift my time more towards family.

### About the cover

This shot struck me because it captures the character of our Club. It just seemed to be one of those pictures that was shot at just the right moment.

-JB



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Tom Bean Photo



Tom Bean Photo

On Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> Tom Bean, Tom Spriet, and others cleared trees from the backside of the Barn. FVAC is looking into renovating the barn so it can be used for storage and extra space during events. Stay tuned for more...



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## SHOTS from the Field



Sal Perno, Joe Pedone, and Dale Gathman with their new E-Flite P47 1.2m planes

E-mail Submission Photo

# SHOT OF THE MONTH

War Birds and Classics line the tarmac on Media Day. More coverage in next month's issue.



Dale Gathman photo



**Fox Valley Aero Club**  
**Annual Christmas Party**  
**Friday, December 2, 2016**

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4070 EAST MAIN STREET  
ST. CHARLES, IL

Two Cash Bars 6:00 P.M - ??

Hor D'Oeuvres 6:30 P.M.

Dinner served at 7:30 P.M.

Music provided FVAC President: Alvin Cole

Raffle Prizes from Hobby Town and Hilton Garden including "best girl" gifts and "Big Dog Drawing"

Bring an unwrapped toy for the St. Charles "Toys for Tots" sponsored by the Salvation Army

**SINGLE: \$30.00**

**COUPLES \$50.00**

**R.S.V.P. with ENTRÉE CHOICE(s) BY 11/21/16**  
[itgrassroots@yahoo.com](mailto:itgrassroots@yahoo.com) or call (630) 443-7807 or (630) 215-6110

*Payment: Cash or check payable to **Fox Valley Aero Club***  
*Send payment to: John Turner's address in Elburn, IL (Below)*

***FOUR DINNER CHOICES***

-Slow Roasted Prime Rib (New)

Or

-Pecan Crusted Breast of Chicken with honey Dijon sauce topped w caramelized pecans

Or

-Penne Pasta with Portabella Mushrooms

Or

- Grilled Salmon grilled in Champaign Dill Sauce

Salad: Mix Greens w Cranberries, Mandarin Oranges, Feta Cheese & Candied Walnuts

Soup: Tomato Bisque

Broccoli Vegetable w twice baked potatoe

Rolls & Butter

Desert: Carmel Apple Pie

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemon Aid

**John Turner    40W 665 Campton Woods Dr.    Elburn, IL 60119**

# 2016 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	<b>Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers</b>	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 14	FVAC Member Meeting	7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 20	<b>FVAC Annual Swap Meet</b>	9:00-2:00 Kane County Fair Grounds
March 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 16	<b>Field Work Day</b>	9:00 am FVAC Field
April 23	<b>Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day</b>	9:00 am – 5:00 pm - FVAC Field
May 1	<b>Batavia Loyalty Day Parade</b>	Time TBD, Parade Begins at 1:30
May 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 21	<b>Fun-Fly – 30 Second Climb/Target Land</b>	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
May 30	<b>St. Charles Memorial Day Parade</b>	Time TBD
June 4	<b>Rocket Fest &amp; Kids Fly</b>	FVAC Field
June 5	<b>Pig Roast &amp; Fun-Fly</b>	FVAC Field
June 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
June 23-25	<b>2016 Windy City Warbirds &amp; Classics</b>	FVAC Field
June 26	<b>Open Fly – Small Scale</b>	FVAC Field
July 14	<b>Retro Fly</b> and FVAC Member Meeting	Retro Fly 2:00; Meetings- 6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
July 16	<b>Fun-Fly – Bomb Drop</b>	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
August 6	<b>Festival of Flight</b>	FVAC Field
August 11	<b>Cub Fly</b> and FVAC Member Meeting	Cub Fly 2:00; Meetings- 6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
August 13	<b>Night Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open</b>	8:00 pm FVAC Field
September 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
September 17	<b>Night Fly</b>	9:00 pm FVAC Field
October 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 16	<b>Turkey Fry &amp; Fun-Fly - Limbo</b>	FVAC Field
November 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 2	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn-St. Charles
December 8	<b>Rookies Christmas Party</b>	Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles



# FVAC NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

- Dues for Senior Members (18 years and over)** ..... \$125.00 per Member
- Dues for Junior Members (17 years and under)** ..... \$ 25.00 per Member
- Family Membership** ..... \$125.00 per Member  
*(\$25 for each additional family member with an AMA card, either a spouse or a child under 18 years old.)*

**Yes** Include me in the member only phone book       **No** Do not publish my information

PLEASE PRINT

Your Full Name:	AMA Number:	Age: (Junior Members only)	Dues Amount:
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
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Your Complete Mailing Address:

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

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Your Work Mailing Address:

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Your Phone Number/s:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-mail Address:

**Total Payment Enclosed:**  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Complete and mail this form to:**

**FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB**

**P.O. BOX 837**

**ST. CHARLES, IL 60174-0837**



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

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Signature

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Date