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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dale Gathman

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Successful Turkey Fry.

We once again had a very successful, well attended Turkey Fry on Sunday, Oct. 15.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who made this event possible, especially Karl

Griesbaum and Tom Spriet (and helpers) who arrive early to get the pots boiling and the turkeys fried so that we can all eat about 12:30. Also thanks to Tom, his wife Karol and Rich Gabrys for carving the turkeys in Cliff's absence. This year we had a strong wind out of the west, so the decision was made to set up the tables in the shed. It blocked the wind perfectly, and worked out great. Only a couple of pilots tried flying in the strong wind, and they were successful thanks to their awesome piloting skill.

Shed Painting Workday. On Saturday, Oct. 21 we had a late year workday to get all of the shed trim painted before winter. Some of the volunteers also cleared the brush behind the shed, and moved the articles that were dumped there to locations on the blacktop so that the city will be able to pick the junk up. It warmed my heart that we had a great turnout for this workday (16 members helped out). When we schedule a workday like this you never know how many will show up, and thankfully we had enough volunteers to get all of the work done in about six hours. It was great seeing some of our newer members as well as lots of our 'old standbys' there, all working together, doing our camaraderie thing.

What a great club. Thanks to Tom Flint and Mark Knoppkie for organizing. Make sure to check out the shed next time you are at the field. It looks fantastic.

New Field Boundaries. Please remember that our current field boundaries are the first gun range berm to the east and the first tree line to the west.

Upcoming Election. We accept nominations for our officers and at large directors during the October and November Member meetings. If you would like to serve on the board, have someone nominate you.

Don't forget. Our fantastic Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn in St. Charles. This is always a great time, and Debbie Howe has been working on scheduling a singing quartet this year. This group is great and our club member Dave Farquhar is one of the quartet members. Debbie is also working with Jeremy from HobbyTown on procuring our large selection of raffle prizes. This party is an event you will not want to miss.

And again, remember Safety. As the flying winds down, many of us will be working in our shops on winter projects. There are many power tools and spinning props that can cause us damage if we let our guard down. Stay alert and stay safe.

Happy Flying,
Dale



FROM THE SECRETARY

Debbie Howe

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2017 @ Township Hall



President **Dale Gathman** Called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. Secretary **Debbie Howe** asked for an approval of the September meeting minutes. A motion was made by **Dave Cotton** and seconded by **Sal Perno**. All approved.

Treasurer **Paul Jacobs** said the checking account is in good shape and only large payments now will be the Christmas Party. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by **Tom Flint** and seconded by **Dave Murray**. All approved

Safety Chairman, **Jeff Peca** thanked **Tom and Hillary Bean** for the food at the night fly, and all the others who brought food to share. Jeff said the night fly was a lot of fun. Jeff brought a rolling chicken stick from www.rollingchickenstick.com. Jeff showed how with the rolling action it will roll right off the end of the prop. He offered everyone that comes out on Sunday to give it a try. Jeff said it runs about \$19.95 - \$22.00 depending on what handle you choose.

Membership Chairman **Tony Bahowick** said we have about 195 members and that we recently lost a member that is moving to Indiana.

Field Chairman **Mark Knoppkie** is absent tonight so **Tom Flint** said we will be having a field work day Saturday Oct 21st as we will be having a "Paint the Shed" work day. We will be painting the end faces of the shed.

President **Dale Gathman** talked about our fun fly we had originally scheduled on Saturday then moved to Sunday and said we had 5 contestants. We had a bomb drop and spot landing as the event. Dale explained the event as everyone had to "drop their nut" in a specific target on the field and then landing in the area as well. Fun fly awards will be given at the January meeting. **Tom Spriet** spoke for the Turkey Fry, Tom explained that Sunday we would be frying six turkeys and they should be ready about 12:30. Bring a dish and your family and enjoy. Rain or Shine. Tom reminded everyone that we use peanut oil so if you are allergic to peanuts, you should probably skip the turkey.

President **Dale Gathman** said that we had final budget results on the Festival of Flight and that we cleared \$1,218.09.

John Fischer brought his Yellow Aircraft Kit Spitfire mark 14, with a DLE 55 with electric start. John said that he bought this about 2 years ago in a different color scheme. John used latex house paint sprayed through a spray gun with techniques that **Armin Weber** and **Chuck Hamilton** and Jeremy showed him including the European Dust Wash that you paint on and then wipe 95% off to give you a great weathered look. All the dry transfer graphics were transfers from Aero Loft design. He did do the Warbird Pilot with turning head and Sierra Gear. He learned to use a product called Splash Mud and it looks great.

Jeff Mrachek brought his ¼ scale clipped wing cub with a DLE 20. It comes in at 12lb 14oz. and will take it on its maiden flight tomorrow. He went with the coverite iron on film, he used a rattle can spray on film taped off and then tape was quickly removed because it sets so fast, if you do not remove quickly then you will pull the paint up with the tape. Jeff said

if anyone recognizes the tires he did dumpster dive at the field to get them. Jeff said he can barely fit it in the car.

President **Dale Gathman** went over the new field rules, main subject that the first tree line on the west is our flight boundaries and the first berm on the east. Dale said they would be doing some burning of the houses out to the west in the next couple weeks. So if you see a big black smoke line, do not be alarmed.

John Howe did say that there is software out there that offers GPS fencing so you will know if you are over the permitted flight area. This would have the radio alert you when you have passed a certain area. He said these programs can be purchased for under \$250 and might be an idea as a training aide.

President **Dale Gathman** went over some small constitution changes that we will vote on at the next meeting. A copy of these changes can be obtained at the meeting. The club will be switching the youth age from 18 years old to 19 years old. The biggest of these changes is that we are going to switch the voting over to electronic voting. **John Howe** has looked into a couple of online voting options that would not cost our club any money and would save us all the money we spend on postage for our current voting system. We would also be adding another board member position. We would look to appointing **Tom Flint** as "Public Relations Chairman".

Dale moved on to opening the floor for Board Positions. Dale said that the 6 current directors at large are all willing to run again, if nominated, as well as the current officer board is willing to run again if nominated. Those nominated tonight are.

Armin Weber, John Fischer, Sal Perno, Tom Flint, Orvil Fluharty, Dale Gathman, Dave Murray, Tom Spriet, Debbie Howe, Paul Jacobs, and Glenn LaRocco. We will have nominations again at the November meeting.

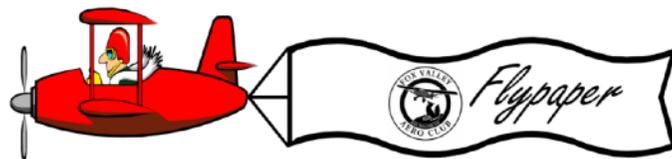
Dale said we did get a letter from the AMA saying that they got our application for the club recognition program and they would like to say "Thank You" for all

your efforts and media relations to help grow our hobby and they have enclosed a \$175 check to our club.

Christmas Party Chairperson, **Debbie Howe** said that the Christmas Party is going to be December 1st at the Hilton Garden in St Charles. The prices have gone up slightly but not bad. The single is going to be \$35 and the couple will be \$60. We will have four food options as Prime Rib, Pasta, Chicken, and Salmon. We will be doing the big dog raffle, please send separate checks for that to Paul Jacobs. The invites will go out to all club members this week so please get your reservations in to me as soon as you can. We will be doing our club raffle through Jeremy and Summer at Hobby Town; our entertainment for the night that I am trying to line up will be our own Dave Farquhar and his singing quartet. Debbie reminded everyone that she will be taking suggestions for the Christmas/Holiday Party raffle. Email her if you have suggestions at rcwife2@yahoo.com.

The members that attended this meeting gave **Katie** a great round of Happy Birthday as today was her 18th birthday.

A motion was made to adjourn from **Tom Spriet** and **Sal Perno**. All approved.



FROM OUR TREASURER

Paul Jacobs

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We will again be having the Big Dog raffle at the Christmas Party. The Big Dog entry is \$25 and winner need not be present. Dues remain \$125 and are due on January 1st. You may pay them both on the same check payable to

FVAC and send it to the P.O. Box 837, St. Charles, IL 60174 or to my home at 1010 Bankfield Ct., Naperville, IL 60540. I must receive the Big Dog payment prior to the Christmas party to be entered. Remember to keep your AMA dues current as you cannot fly at our field unless they are paid. Members not paying their FVAC dues by March 31st are also forbidden from flying at our field until they are paid.



2017 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 12	FVAC Member Mtg	7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 18	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	9:00-1:00 Kane County Fair Grounds
March 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 13	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 15	Field Work Day	9:00 am FVAC Field
April 22	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	9:00 am – 1:00 pm - FVAC Field
May 11	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 20	Fun-Fly –#1 Climb & Glide	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
May 29	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	Time TBD
June 3	Rocket Fest & Kids Fly	FVAC Field
June 4	Pig Roast & Fun-Fly	FVAC Field
June 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
June 9	2017 Media Day	9:00 am – 3:00 pm - FVAC Field
June 22-24	2017 Windy City Warbirds & Classics	FVAC Field
June 25	Open Fly – All Scale	FVAC Field
July 13	Retro Fly FVAC Member Mtg	2:00 pm at FVAC Field
July 13	FVAC Member Mtg.	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
July 22	Fun-Fly – #2 Whiffle Ball Touch & Go	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
August 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
August 12	Cub Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open	9:00 am – 8:00 pm - FVAC Field
August 12	Night Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open	8:00 pm – Midnight - FVAC Field
September 9	Festival of Flight	FVAC Field
September 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
September 16	Night Fly	9:00 pm FVAC Field
October 7	Fun-Fly #3 - Bomb Drop w/Spot Landing	1:00 - 3:00 FVAC Field
October 12	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 15	Turkey Fry	FVAC Field
November 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 1	Annual Christmas Party	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn - St. Charles
December 7	Rookies Christmas Party	7:00 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles

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FVAC Rookies Christmas Party

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ROOKIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 7th, 2017

AT

ROOKIES - St. Charles

7:00 PM

This is our fundraiser for the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Bring gift cards or cash to be donated from the club.

The donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army

and go to provide Christmas Presents

to Families in need in the Tri-City area.

Pizza will be provided, but members will purchase

their own drinks on separate checks.

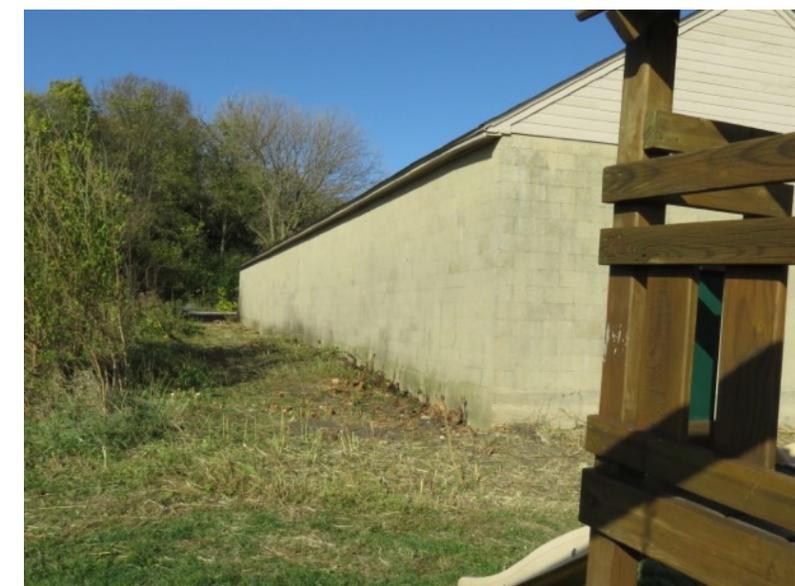












I've owned 41 airplanes. A few of them would talk with me. This little seaplane, though, we've had long conversations in flight. There's a spirit in anything, I think, into which we weave our soul. Not many pilots talk about it, but they think about it in the quiet dark of a night flight.

Richard Bach

I was a mechanic in the Navy. And mechanics in the Navy are like mechanics in airlines. You may have more stripes than I do, but you don't know how to fix the airplane.

Gordon Bethune



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