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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Another Awesome Turkey Fry.

Many thanks go out to Tom Spriet and Karl Griesbaum for once again frying up a bunch of fantastic turkeys for our

annual Turkey Fry. This year, we shifted the event to Saturday, and we had a great turnout, especially considering that it was cold and windy. It was great seeing so many of our members and families there, and I believe that everyone enjoyed the day. We had an awesome spread of food, and thanks go to everyone who helped carving the birds and set up the tables and food. Following the feast, we had our third Fun Fly for 2018 which was 60 second timed rolls. My initial thought when Alan announced this topic was that it would be impossible to roll for 60 seconds, but after discussing the rules with him, it turns out that we were allowed to stop in between rolls, and could turn around, climb, or whatever. We just had to get in as many 'full' rolls as possible in the 60 second allotted time. Even though the wind was strong, we had ten courageous pilots fly the event. We flew three rounds, and by the third round, only six planes were still flyable. My plane broke during my second round take-off, but it was easily repaired when I got it home (foamies are great in this regard). The event ended up being a load of fun, as all of our fun flies are. The individual Fun Fly winners will be announced at our January Member Meeting and our 2018 Fun Fly Champion will be awarded at the Christmas Party.

Board Election. We will again be accepting nominations for officer and board

positions at the November Member Meeting. If you have always wanted to be involved with the day to day operation and planning of the club, there is no better way than to get elected to the board. Following the meeting, we will be publishing a Special Election Edition of the Flypaper, where the candidates will submit statements about themselves and their experience in an effort to make your selection of the best candidates easier. About a week after the meeting, Debbie and John Howe will be sending out the voting link via email, just like last year. All voting is done via Survey Monkey, so watch your email inbox for the link. We also will be accepting nominations for your Members Choice Award for 2018. Be thinking about who you feel deserves to be awarded this honor for their efforts this year and nominate the member you feel is deserving using the same ballot on Survey Monkey. If you have any questions about the election, please contact Debbie or me.

The End of 2018. As the weather will soon prevent most pilots from flying, we have two last events to look forward to in 2018. We will be having our annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 7 at the Hilton Garden Inn. This party is a great way to celebrate the flying season with fellow members and their spouse/date. We will be projecting photos from our 2018 events throughout the night, and the evening wraps up with our fantastic raffle, where we have around 30 R/C 'Christmas Presents' that get raffled off to the members. See the flyer on the web or in this Flypaper for details (Please note that this party requires pre-registration). We also do not have a meeting in December, but instead will meet at Rookies on Thursday evening December 13 for a Christmas Pizza Party. The club provides the pizza, beer and wine. We collect donations for the Salvation Army of St. Charles' Angel Tree Program, which provides gifts for families in need in the area. This year, they are most in need of gift cards to local stores, which work best for families with teenage kids. Please bring your gift card donations or cash donations to either party. Our club has been a major

supporter of this program over the past several years, and they greatly appreciate our help.

Hope to see you at the November Member Meeting on the 8th, and at the Christmas Parties. Also, don't forget the Frozen Fingers Fun Fly on January 1st at 10:00 am. If you are not familiar with this event, ask me or look for details on the website soon.

Happy Flying and Building (and Repairing)
Dale

FROM OUR TREASURER

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The price for dues will remain the same for 2019 at \$125 for regular members and \$25 for each additional family member living in the same household and under 19 years old or a spouse. Junior members also remain at \$25.

The Big Dog drawing will also be held at the Christmas party and costs \$25 to enter. For those new members the Big Dog raffle returns all money collected from members and usually runs from \$800 to \$1,000. Only one entry per senior member allowed.

You can send both items on one check to the PO Box 837 in St. Charles, IL 60174 or to me at my home address at 1010 Bankfield Ct., Naperville, IL 60540.

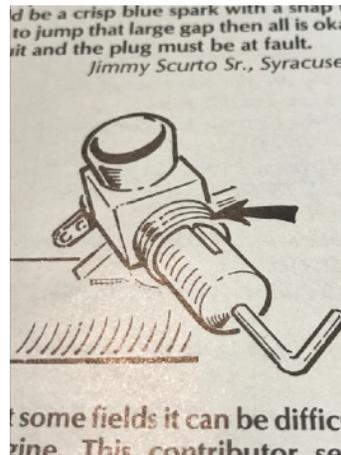
FROM OUR EDITOR

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Well for me, Halloween pretty much marks the beginning of the next 8 and sometimes 9 months of cold - Brrrrr - something I do NOT relish

but winter has arrived although I know I didn't put the welcome mat out for this.



I know you've missed these so here are some more hints & tips:

This is in regards to the "tune" of an engine. Sometimes it can be difficult to hear the "tune" of your engine. Set your needle somewhere quiet. Then place washers behind the needle as shown.

After starting the engine with a rich setting, screw the needle in until it stops against the washer - the result being the same needle setting each flight.

Pull old nylon hose over balsa fuselages then dope in place. This adds lots of strength and gives smooth, seam-free covering.

Hope these help and you find them useful.

Your loyal editor,
Susan

FROM OUR SAFETY CHAIRMAN

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As I mentioned at the last meeting the change in weather is a good reason to give your models a little TLC. If you plan on flying a model through the winter check the tightness of the fasteners. Check props, wheel collars, horns and clevises and anything else that may come loose due to change in temperature.

Remember also in cold weather the batteries will drain quicker.

If you are storing a model for the winter make sure to put a little after run oil in the engine and all fuel has been removed from the tank. There are a lot of pages on the web discussing how to store batteries so I won't tell you how you should store your batteries but I do suggest you follow manufacturers recommendations.

Please be aware of our neighbors and keep your model between the first berm to the east and the first tree line to the west. As far as the noisy props going supersonic are concerned, try a prop of the same diameter but slightly more pitch to slow the prop down. It is also good to remember that when the prop tips go or approach supersonic speed, drag increases and efficiency plummets.

FROM OUR SECRETARY

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2018 @ St Chalres Township Hall



President, Dale Gathman welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to state their name when talking, so we have it on the recording for making the minutes.

Secretary, Debbie Howe asked for a motion to approve the September meeting minutes, a motion was made by **Pete Regnier** and seconded by **Tom Flint**, All approved

Treasurer, Paul Jacobs said the checking account looks good and that we should have about another month of mowing for \$1000, and then the upcoming expenses of size are the Christmas/Holiday Party and the Rookies Christmas/Holiday Party. We are on budget to do what we need to do. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by **Sal Perno** and seconded by **Bill Suhr**, All Approved.

Safety Chairman, Jeff Peca was up next, Jeff reminded us to put your AMA number and FAA number on all your airplanes. Jeff also explained with the change in temps, to check on the small things, in the cold metal changes size and wood props can dry out so remember to go over your planes and check that everything is still tight and in good shape.

President Dale Gathman reminded everyone of the change on rule 8, that we are now able to

maiden in either direction as long as the gun range flag is not up. If the range is not active then we are allowing everyone to maiden either direction. If the flag is up then we are still restricted to West take offs for maidens. Dale also reminded everyone to go online and check their FAA registration as he noticed his had automatically renewed. A link for the website will be sent out by Paul. FAA registration is required. Dale said that the FAA rule has now passed and is in law and has deleted the special rule for model aircraft. AMA's recommendation at this point is, keep doing what we have been doing, business as usual.

There are a lot of issues the AMA will be pushing back on, one of which is the 400' ceiling. Right now we do not know how that will be judged or policed. The club is asking that if there is a full scale in the air, notify everyone on the flight line by yelling "FULL Scale" to give everyone a heads up so we can bring our planes out of that area and lower. There has been talk of taking a written test for the FAA and AMA certification. The board will keep the membership notified on any changes.

Membership Chairman, Tony Bahowick said we have just under 200 members. We have a new member, **John Anzalone**. John introduced himself and said that he had been in R/C planes for over 35 years and had gotten out of it for awhile; he was previously a member of the Suburban R/C Barnstormers in the Giant Scale Group and has been getting back into it and looking forward to flying again.

Field Chairperson, Karl Griesbaum said that we may be moving the blast shields into the shed for winter either before or after the turkey fry. The flags will be left up for the season.

Tom Spriet said he asked our 911 center to change the flag outside their building because it is looking faded and tattered.

Tom Spriet also reminded everyone that the Turkey Fry is this Saturday. Turkeys should be ready around noon and everyone is reminded to bring a dish to pass. The turkey fry will be done in the shed, same as last year, this helped shelter from wind and cold and any bad weather, as the

turkey fry is on, no matter the weather. If anyone has any folding tables, please bring some so we have extra tables.

Tom Flint was up next and said that the national model aviation day, first the cub fly and then the night fly was a big success. We collected \$415 in landing fees that will be donated to the AMA scholarship fund. A big thank you to everyone who donated food to the night fly dinner and to everyone who participated.

Tom Flint reminded everyone that if you use the mowers please make sure to cover them with the brown side up and lock them up again when you are done with them.

Dale Gathman asked all the members in the room to stand up if you helped fix the cracks in the runway. A bunch stood up and a large round of applause was had by all and the runway looks great and everyone seemed happy with the repairs.

Jeff Peca was asked to talk about our night fly, Jeff said a big thanks to **Tom & Hillary Bean** for making Chili and grilled cheese for everyone and a lot of other people brought extra food and sides and desserts. There was a ton on food and a lot of fun night flying. Jeff said it is very inexpensive to get into night flying. You can buy many of the planes for around \$120.

President Dale Gathman said that after final expenses were in, we ended up making about \$723 on the Festival of Flight, Wings and Wheels Festival. Thank You to **Tom Flint** for his visionary and to all the members who helped make the event a success.

Dale Gathman said that the third fun fly of the season has been moved to after the turkey fry. Once everyone is done eating we will be holding the MOST ROLLS in one minute.

Christmas Party Chair, **Debbie Howe** said the first invites have already gone out via email for the Club Christmas Party. The menu will be the same as last year, Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, Penne Pasta with Portabella Mushrooms and Vegetables, or Grilled Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce. These dinners will come with soup, salad and dessert. The cost once again this year is

Single \$35 and Couples are \$60. Checks can be made payable to Fox Valley Aero Club and mailed to Debbie Howe at 6204 Stable Rd, Woodridge IL 60517. We will be doing our large raffle where everyone will get 15 tickets when they check in, and will also be holding the Big Dog Raffle for \$25 per ticket, one ticket per member, and that is a winner takes all raffle with most years the prize being over \$1000. Please send the Big Dog raffles to Paul Jacobs at the PO Box for the club. Please send in your reservations. Just a reminder that the club's first Christmas Party is on Dec 7th at the Hilton Gardens in St. Charles and then the second one is at Rookies on the 13th.

Donations of cash or gift cards are appreciated for the Salvation Army and can be donated at either of the Christmas parties. At the Rookies Christmas party the club will be paying for the Beer and Wine and Soda and the Pizza, all additional items ordered will be paid by those ordering it. A hat will be passed for donations at that time. If you have any requests that you would like to see in the raffle, please feel free to email me. I will be putting a night flyer on the list.

A big Thank You to **Doug Swanson** for getting all the event pictures loaded on our web page, this is a lot of pics and a lot of work "Thanks Doug"

Rob Sampson was up next showing off his Kyosho PT-17 Stearman, Rob said he found this kit at an estate sale from a gentleman who had passed away and the wife was clearing out the basement. Rob said when he looked at the kit, it seemed like everything was there, but after starting to go through it and starting the building process he found he was missing many of the large bagged items. Rob has put a Saito 56, 4 stroke engine in it and was able to build up all the missing parts. When going through the kit he found the price tag back from 2002 and it was purchased from Al's Hobby. Rob found that the instructions were missing but was able to find them online. After finding building threads online Rob said he put some plywood backers on some of the screw points that were originally just put into balsa and he put some flying wires on the horizontal stabilizer due to some of the threads that he was reading said without it, they have seen them just snap off in flight. Rob said the manual did not list the CG for the plane and after

looking at 3 different options listed on the internet he used the old biplane CG method of 25% of each cord and took it out with Cliff to fly and found it was very tail heavy, but landed it safely, once the CG was adjusted Rob said it flew great. The plane looks GREAT, Thanks Rob.

Tom Spriet showed us some vinyl club logos that he had cut out and said that if anyone was interested he would charge \$10 and could also do any wording as well. People have put these on car windows, trailers, planes, flight boxes and even the garbage cans at the field are personalized with our logo.

Jim Thompson said that he and some other club members, had found a jet in the bean field and it had no FAA or AMA number or name in the plane. He also thanked everyone who did the repairs on the runway, the little tires on his jet are happy. Jim also asked if anyone would be interested in doing an electric fly event.

Board Nominations for Board members opens tonight for 2019.

There are 6 directors at large and the officers are; President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

All current officers and directors at large have agreed if nominated to accept nomination.

Nominations open,

Jim Thompson, John Fischer, Mark Knoppkie, Armin Weber, Joe Pedone, Orvil Fluharty, Sal Perno have been nominated for directors at large

Paul Jacobs as Treasurer, **Debbie Howe** as Secretary, **Dave Murray** as Vice President and **Dale Gathman** as President.

Dave Cotton asked to close the nominations until next month.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Jeff Peca** and **Sal Perno**, All approved.

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FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

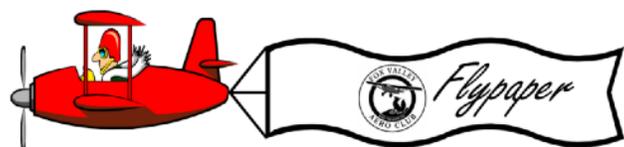
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Meet our newest member - John Anzalone.



Please welcome John Anzalone. John joined our club the first of October and came to the 10/11/18 meeting. He is currently from West Chicago and he's been flying R/C since 1983. John was a member of the Barnstormers for

many years and served in various leadership positions. He has a large stable of planes including trainers, warbirds, giant scale and ducted fan jets. John brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the club. Please extend a warm welcome.



2018 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 11	FVAC Member Mtg	7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 17	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	9:00-1:00 Kane County Fair Grounds
March 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 12	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 21	Field Work Day	9:00 am FVAC Field
May 5	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	9:00 am – 1:00 pm - FVAC Field
May 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 19	Fun-Fly –#1 Whiffle Ball Touch-n-Go	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
May 28	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	Time TBD
June 2	Rocket Fest & Family Fly	FVAC Field
June 3	Pig Roast & Fun-Fly	FVAC Field
June 8	2018 Media Day	9:00 am – 3:00 pm - FVAC Field
June 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
June 21-23	2018 Windy City Warbirds & Classics	FVAC Field
June 24	Open Fly – All Scale	FVAC Field
July 12	FVAC Member Mtg.	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
July 21	Fun-Fly – #2 - Limbo	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
August 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
August 10	Retro Fly	2:00 pm at FVAC Field
August 11	Cub Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open	9:00 am – 8:00 pm - FVAC Field
August 11	Night Fly – AMA Sanctioned - Open	8:00 pm – Midnight - FVAC Field
September 8	Festival of Flight	FVAC Field
September 13	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
September 15	Night Fly & Chili Dinner	7:00 pm FVAC Field
October 6	Fun-Fly #3 - One Minute Timed Rolls	1:00 - 3:00 FVAC Field
October 11	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 13	Turkey Fry	FVAC Field
November 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 7	Annual Christmas Party	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn - St. Charles
December 13	Rookies Christmas Party	7:00 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles

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**Fox Valley Aero Club
Annual Christmas/Holiday Party
Friday, December 7, 2018
Hilton Garden Inn**

4070 East Main Street, St. Charles IL

Two Cash Bars 6:00pm-11:00pm
Hors D'oeuvres 6:30pm Dinner Served at 7:30pm

Music provided by FVAC Past President Alvin Cole

Raffle prizes from Hobby Town and Hilton Garden including "Best Girl" gifts and "Big Dog Drawing"

Bring an unwrapped Toy or Gift Card for the St. Charles "Toys for Tots" sponsored by the Salvation Army

Single : \$35.00

Couples: \$60

**R.S.V.P. with Entrée Choice(s) by November 25, 2018
Rcwife2@yahoo.com
or call 630-541-3054**

Four Dinner Choices:

1. Slow Roasted Prime Rib
2. Sautéed Chicken Marsala
(Sautéed chicken breast topped with rich wine sauce garnished with mushrooms)
3. Penne Pasta with Portabella Mushrooms and Vegetables
4. Grilled Salmon w/lemon dill sauce

Salad: Garden salad with tomato and cucumber (Ranch and Italian)

Soup: Creamy Roasted Red Pepper with Chicken and Salad

Vegetable, Potatoes and Rolls and butter

Dessert: Dutch Apple Pie

Send Payments to: Debbie Howe - 6204 Stable Rd, Woodridge, IL 60517











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