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From Our Christmas Planning Committee

Hi Everyone: We are about a month out from our annual Christmas/Holiday Party at the Hilton Garden Hotel. The invitation is in the newsletter this month and all the information on how to RSVP is on the invite. Please let me know as soon as you get this invite in the newsletter. I need to know how many people, their names and what each person is having for dinner. The hotel has also put aside a block of rooms for us, for anyone that would like to stay the night. The room rate is \$99 and that comes with 2 cooked to order breakfasts the next morning. The hotel rooms have been all updated and are very nice.

To RSVP for the party please call the house phone at 630-541-3054 and if we don't answer please feel free to leave a message. You can also reply by mail at: Debbie Howe, 6204 Stable Rd, Woodridge, IL 60517. Please make all checks payable to: Fox Valley Aero Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dale Gathman

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Celebrating a Great Year with FVAC. We got together and celebrated another successful year at Fox Valley Aero Club on Saturday, October 12 at our much-anticipated Annual Turkey Fry. Thanks go to Karl Griesbaum and Tom Spriet who

organized the event, obtained the turkeys and frying oil, and prepared the turkeys for our enjoyment. As the Howes (Debbie, John and Katie) who have done the table set-up and food organization the past few years were out of town this year, I was wondering who would handle that job. When I arrived, I realized that I need not worry about it, as a group of men were moving the picnic tables from the pavilion to the shed, and other members and their families were getting the food donations set up and organized. As usual, this club and its fantastic members and

families step up and do whatever is needed, not just at this event, but all year long. I think again about how this club is really our extended family, and it warms my heart that we are blessed by your membership and commitment.

Working on Becoming a Better Person. Hard to believe, but at the age of 63, I still learn things every day. One of the things I strive for is to become a better listener, and to be slower to offer my opinion on things (this one is hard for me). What I am learning to do is to really be careful and review in my mind what I am about to say or type before I say or type it. During the year as club president, I get involved in many details of the club that most are not aware of. Some of these are disagreements or hurt feeling between members. Many are member's complaints about other members breaking the flight boundaries or doing something else that they may not think is right. My wish for us all is that we try to live by the Golden Rule – "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". A big part of this is taking the time to think about what we are going to say before saying it. Contemplate on how that statement is going to affect the other person if they hear it. Maybe say it in a different way so as to make the statement less offensive? If complaining about another, consider whether we have done the same thing or something similar in the past? Always remember – and this is extremely important in this day and age - if we email or text something, there is no taking it back. It is on the net forever. And remember – Nobody is perfect. Living by the Golden Rule makes our club family stronger.

Upcoming Election. At our November Member Meeting we once again open the floor for nominations for the officer and director at large positions for the next year. This will be the last opportunity to get nominated for one of these positions. Once the floor is closed at the November meeting, nominations are done. If you want to be part of the planning of our club, and experience the goings on behind the scenes, please consider asking someone to nominate you for one of these positions. We take nominations during the October and November meetings, and then we have the election through electronic ballot about a week after the meeting. Debbie Howe (with John's assistance) will be running the

voting through Survey Monkey again, and you will be informed on the details shortly following the meeting.

I hope to see you at the November Member Meeting on November 14th, and at the Christmas Party on December 7th. Christmas Party details are available on the website, and pre-registration is required.

Don't forget to bring your latest projects to the meeting to show to the group.

Dale

FROM OUR TREASURER

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As we wind down another year-end flying activities and look towards 2020, it is time to start the process of collecting dues for next year. We will be set-up to collect dues at the November Member meeting. The price for dues will remain the same

for 2020 at \$125 for regular members and \$25 each for additional family members living in the same household and under 19 years old, or a spouse. Junior members also remain at \$25.

Also at the Member meeting you can pay to enter the annual Big Dog Raffle. The Big Dog drawing will be held at the Holiday party, and costs \$25 to enter. For those new members, the Big Dog raffle returns all money collected from those members who enter, and typically results in a nice payout of \$800 to \$1,000. Only one entry per regular member. You can pay for both dues and the Big Dog raffle with a single check either at the November meeting, or to the club PO Box, which is Fox Valley Aero Club, P.O. Box 837, St. Charles, IL 60174.

Joe

FROM OUR SECRETARY

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2019 @ St Charles Township Hall



President, Dale Gathman welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to state their name before talking at the meeting.

Dale asked for a motion to approve the member meeting minutes for the September meeting. A motion was made by **Dave Cotton** and seconded by **Orvil Fluharty**, all approved.

Treasurer Joe Pedone said the bank account is looking good and we have just put a deposit down for the fence to be installed in the shed to secure our lawn equipment, that is going to be done this month. November meeting we will take the dues for next year. We will also be collecting for the Big Dog Raffle at the next meeting and payment for the Christmas party as well.

Dale let everyone know that the board discussed and we have decided that we will not be raising the dues for next year; it's because of our events that we have not had to raise dues for over 10 years. We have 187 members with 160 adults, 15 kids and 9 honorary members and 2 lifetime members. Our total dues income from those members is \$20,375. These dues put together with our events revenue we have been able to keep the dues the same, so thank you to all that participate with the events.

Safety Chairman, Jeff Peca talked about the Chili Cook Out/Night Fly we had about 25 people. The Chili was

great and **Hillary and Tom Bean** did a lot of work. The weather was a big factor on turn out but those that came had some great chili and a lot of fun. So if you see Hillary or Tom make sure to thank them for all they did with the Chili and Grilled Cheese Cook Out and Thank You to **Lynda Peca** for cooking the hot dogs.

Membership Chairman, Tony Bahowick said no new members.

Field Chairman, Karl Griesbaum had nothing to report with the field. We will be looking for someone to organize the mowing crew for next year. Tom Flint has been doing it but Tom does so much for the club and it keeps him very busy so we are looking for someone to take over for him in that job. Please talk to Tom to see everything involved or talk to Dale Gathman.

Fly Paper Editor, Susan Galle was not there tonight, but the fly paper looks great, Thanks Susan!!

Government Relations, Tom Spriet said all is good and reminded everyone to bring their family and friends out for the TURKEY FRY! Tom and Karl are going to be frying up 6 turkeys and everyone can bring a dish and come and enjoy, serving turkey at noon.

Dale Gathman said the when the AMA is talking about controlled air space they are most likely talking about airport controlled airspace. The AMA is asking us to contact our congress to say not to put more restrictions on our planes and clubs. The AMA will be coming out with a test that our members will have to pass, we do not know a lot about it yet but it should be very easy, and we will keep everyone posted as we find out more.

Public Relations Chairman, Tom Flint said one of the things that he wants the club to know is that one of our members **Glenn LaRocco** has been great and done welding projects out at our field and one of his most recent projects has been to weld the base for the fan in the pavilion but he also put the hitch on our float and last year he did the speaker stands on the pavilion. If you see Glenn please be sure to thank him for his hard work. A nice round of applause and many thanks to Glenn.

Tom Flint will also be writing an article and submitting it to the AMA about building youth membership in the hobby. Our club is happy to say that we have 15 youth members and two of which are here at the meeting

today and we have been fortunate enough to have had their help working the gate at the Festival of Flight. Thank you for all you help.

Dale Gathman said our tail gate swap went well and there is a possibility to have it a sanctioned event and make it bigger next year

Our Casino 7-11 Fun Fly went well, we had about 5 pilots even though it was a cruddy weather day, it was rainy and windy and yet pilots still flew. We are going to continue to have our fun fly events and next year we are going to try to structure them for all levels of skill from newbie to skilled.

Tom Spriet and Karl Griesbaum will be doing the cooking for our annual Turkey Fry on Oct 12th Turkeys will be ready at Noon, Come out and bring family and friends, bring a dish, stay warm and Fly

Dale Gathman reminded everyone that our Christmas Party is coming up December 7th (SATURDAY) and Debbie will be taking money at the next meeting or you can mail it to her. Please keep an eye out for emails about the Christmas party.

Up next was **Dave Murray** with his Top RC Sport Jet or as Dave so said an Odyssey on steroids. The Fuse is 128" long and 110" wing span and has a 52lb thrust turbine. After trying to get it out of the shop today Dave realized it was too big to go up the stairs without taking it apart. Dave has the first of these planes to fly in the United States, they have been flying these in Europe but this is the first to fly in the United States and it is ready to go. He will hope to fly it this Saturday. Five of these airplanes were shipped to Robart, Dave got the first one and Dave has sold 3 more for them and so there is still one over at Robart if you are interested. This plane has 4 batteries and has a removable canopy area that way all the electronics are accessible. Due to the taper of the plane Dave showed us that it has to have two different size pilots, one 14" guy and one 12" guy. The plane does not come with gear or servos, it is just the airframe out of the box, but Top RC does make the gear for it and it is massive. For anyone that did not see Dave put this together, Dave showed us that the Fuse comes apart in three sections. This is Dave's new toy!!.

JT was up next with his sundowner that he bought from Al's Hobbies back in the days about 6-7 years ago

with the intent of putting a 46 OS in it and after it was sitting for a couple years John decided to make it electric and put a Rimfire 46 and a castle speed castle speed control and battery pack . He had it out last weekend for a maiden and with just a little trim it flew great. This is JT's new toy. This plane is built for speed.

The next gentleman stood and showed us a 1/5 scale P51 Aerotech landing gear, this kit/arf is no longer made and this project became a mess for him. He started with the gear and decided he had to go electric gear with the original Down and Lock system. He purchased Sierra struts for it and now had to look for breaking system and nobody made them. He was able to find a guy that had made a breaking system but it looked nothing like a P51 wheel so he took a Robart Wheel and reworked it so he made it work for him. As he got more and more scale with the plane he worked with 4 blade prop and then fuel mixtures and then could not get the power out of the motor that he was looking for due to overheating. He was able to change the plane over to electric and realized that the project got out of hand financially real quick. He has been working on getting some custom spinners made to match the profile of the full scale and Bob from Tru-Turn worked with him to do a couple of custom spinners. He is looking to put this plane in perfect scale condition. He has not flown it yet but as he said he has a lot of money invested in this little 1/5th scale P51.

President Dale Gathman showed us a letter from Sammy Werderich's mom for an event that is a fund raiser for Type 1 Diabetes. The event is called Rocking for a Cure, and is Saturday Oct 26th. Fliers have been sent out to every club member via email with all the information. We hope you can come and join in the fight.

It is that time of year when we nominate board members for 2020: at this point the officers who have agreed to run again are as follows:

Dale Gathman as President
Dave Murray as Vice President
Debbie Howe as Secretary
Joe Pedone as Treasurer

Past President is an automatic Alvin Cole
The above members have been nominated as well

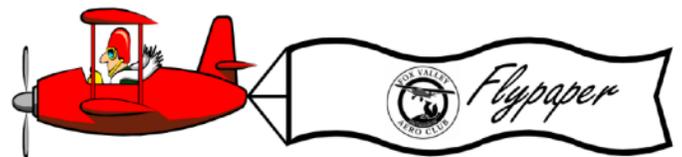
We currently have 2 directors' at large positions open and some that have agreed to run again this year and those are: **John Fischer, Mark Knoppkie, Sal Perno, Armin Weber, Jim Thompson, Dave Cotton, and Steve Haas.** All candidates should write a message about who they are and why they want to be on the board. We will open nominations again at the next meeting.

Product warning: Dale asked how many of us use the Proflex Yellow tubing from Sullivan Products, Dale has been putting it in all his planes and has had 2 dead sticks due to the tubing splitting off the muffler connector split on the tubing. When he called Sullivan and asked if it was good for high temp and they said it is good for 500 degrees but not when stretched. When stretched the temp rating goes way down. They suggested to use the little, big to small tubing adaptors and run that out of the muffler then use the small tubing on the other end to taper down again.

Mark Knoppkie said he forgot to bring it with him tonight but his niece's husband works for a company that installs IT stuff in a building and they got a bunch of batteries in that were the wrong size and he has two of them right now but can get a whole bunch more if anyone wanted them. They are 12volt 12amp lead acid batteries, sealed.

Just an FYI - **Cliff Fullhart** got a new silver van, so if you see it on the camera at the field you know it is his.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Sal Perno** and seconded by **Dave Cotton**, all approved



2019 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:00 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 16	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	9:00-1:00 Swap, 1:00-4:00 Indoor Foamy Fly Kane County Fair Grounds
March 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 11	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 18	Norton Creek Stem Rocket Launch	1:00-7:00 FVAC Field
April 19	NCS Rocket Launch (Rain Day)	1:00 - 7:00 FVAC Field
April 20	Field Work Day	9:00 am FVAC Field
May 4	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	9:00 am–1:00 pm - FVAC Field
May 9	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 18	CANCELLED - Cub Scout Rocket Fest	9:00-12:00 FVAC Field
May 19	CANCELLED - Fun-Fly –#1 - ?	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
May 27	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	Time TBD
May 31	2019 Media Day	9:00-3:00 FVAC Field
June 1	FVAC Cookout (formerly pig roast)	12:00 - FVAC Field
June 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
June 20-22	2019 Windy City Warbirds & Classics	FVAC Field
June 23	Open Fly – All Scale	FVAC Field
July 11	FVAC Member Mtg.	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
July 20	Fun-Fly – #1 - ???	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
August 3	Cub Fly - AMA Sanctioned - Open	9:00-2:00 Cubs Only, 2:00 All - FVAC Field
August 3	Night Fly - AMA Sanctioned - Open	8:00 pm - Midnight - FVAC Field
August 8	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
August 10	Retro Fly	9:00 - 3:00 pm FVAC Field
August 11	Fun Fly - #2 - ???	1:00 - 3:00pm FVAC Field
August 24	Family Fly Day	10:00 am – 3:00 pm - FVAC Field
September 7	Festival of Flight	FVAC Field
September 12	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
September 14	Tailgate Swap Meet	9:00 - 3:00 FVAC Field
September 21	Fun Fly #3 - ??	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
September 28	Night Fly & Chili Dinner	7:00 pm FVAC Field
October 10	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
October 12	Turkey Fry	12:00 FVAC Field
November 14	FVAC Member Mtg	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
December 7	Annual Christmas Party	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn - St. Charles
December 12	Rookies Christmas Party	7:00 Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles

Fox Valley Aero Club Annual Christmas/Holiday Party

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Hilton Garden Inn
4070 East Main Street
St. Charles IL

Cash Bar 6:00p 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 "Angel Tree" sponsored by the Salvation Army

Single: \$35.00
Couples: \$60

R.S.V.P. with Entrée Choice(s) by November 25, 2019
rcwife2@yahoo.com or call 630-541-3054

Four Dinner Choices:

1. Slow Roasted Prime Rib
2. Asiago Chicken with a Lite Broth
3. Penne Pasta with Portabella Mushrooms and Vegetables
4. Grilled Salmon w/lemon dill sauce

All Dinners come with:

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

Soup: Cream of Chicken Wild Rice

Vegetable, Potatoes and Rolls and butter

Dessert: Chocolate Cake

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





"I like to steal my son's toys and take pictures of them in random places when I fly... He loves it!"



"I shore feel funny. You feel funny?"



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the joy of model glue and poor ventilation.**



Jeremy Dale

HobbyTown USA

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