



The Fox Valley Aero Club Monthly Newsletter		
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The above was witnessed at the field recently.
 The names are withheld to protect the guilty...

Editor's Message

Tom Siwek – tsiwek@sbcglobal.net



Wanted...

The time is coming to “pass the pen.” It’s been my honor and pleasure to have put together the Flypaper the last two years. With that said, it’s time for me to move onto other pursuits. I hope to contribute to the club in other ways going forward. The newsletter is an important part of our club’s history and is something the members look forward to each month. It needs a good caretaker going forward.

It’s not hard to put this thing together. It takes a little time. It’s also a great thrill to see this finished product come together each month. You don’t need to be a journalism major to do this job. You need a little computer savvy and the desire to share the club happenings.

The Flypaper Editor is a board position. In addition to preparing this publication each month, you’ll help with the ongoing decision-making and help shape the future of the club. Anyone who’s interested in the position and wants more information, let me know. I’ll take whatever time you need and we’ll talk about it. Ultimately, this position selected by the incoming President. So, now is the time to give the position consideration so you’re prepared to make your interest known.

I’ll be preparing one more issue this year. It will be in mid-November and will include something important – candidate statements for the elected positions. At this point, it’s unclear if any of the positions will have multiple candidates. This will shake itself out over the next 60 days. Preparing something for the Flypaper will give each candidate the opportunity to share their vision and make their case to widest possible audience. If you’re interested in a position and end up in a race, give strong consideration to taking advantage of this opportunity.

Ciao for now,
Tom

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President's Message

Dominic Saverino – dominic@teamsaverino.com



Editors Note – As was communicated this past month, Dom has stepped down as President. On behalf of the membership, I thank Dom for his service, especially in the face of the health challenges he has endured over the last two years. If you have the opportunity, take the time to personally thank Dom for all he has done for the club.

Pursuant to the Club Constitution, when an officer steps down, candidates who are interest in completing the term of the outgoing officer need to make their interest known to the Board. The Board will then vote for the candidates. The candidate with the most votes will then be confirmed by a vote of the general membership at the regular meeting.

If you have interest in the position, please make your intentions known to the board and plan to attend the October 8th board meeting that precedes the general meeting. Note that whoever is selected will be completing the term that runs through December 4th. The candidate would then have to be re-elected by regular vote for the 2010 term.

Vice President's Message

Dennis McFarlane – highpd119@aol.com



October is Upon Us

What a season it has been! It seemed that I had no free time at all. The hobby industry, at all levels, to include manufacturing, distributing and dealing has been hit particularly hard by our economic recession. With that being said exposure was the name of the game this flying season. Cindy and I attended events every weekend. Frequently to include Friday's also. That didn't mean one event all three days either. We were constantly on the go. One recent weekend involved a boat race on Friday, a flying event on Saturday, and a car race on Sunday. I didn't mind, in fact, for the most part I really enjoyed myself. I used the opportunities to talk with fellow modelers. I've learned a whole bunch about boats. Honestly other than a pile of miles on our pickup and a couple of worn out Al's Hobby Shop polo shirts I've had a pretty darn good season. Flying hasn't come to an end in 2009, but the season is winding down. Most clubs have brought their events to an end. Other than a few fall picnics and similar club events I'm not aware of anything major in our area happening in October.



To change things up a bit; those of you who attended our Festival of Flight on Saturday noticed I was having a problem with my 1/3rd scale clipped wing Piper Cub. The airplane seemed to be out of bind and no matter what I tried refused to accept a signal from my transmitter. A lot of good meaning advice was coming from the gallery, but frankly started to become annoying. I've had between 75 and 100 flights on this bird at various venues over the past two years so I knew that generally speaking there was nothing wrong internally with the airframe. Later the following week I began to set up for another club event, with another model, but the airframe I was preparing to take was demonstrating the same symptoms. A detailed note was prepared for customer support; my JR9303 DSM was packaged, and then shipped to Horizon for repair. I thought the problem most likely involved the bind button as the symptoms were that of an airplane going in and out of bind. When I got my transmitter back service had replaced the transmitter antenna! Evidently the JR two transmitter case I use was putting a load on the antenna during transport and this had caused the antenna to fail. I have cut out a pocket in my case for the folded antenna to rest in during transport, and will most likely ask Cindy Claus for one of the new release transmitter cases this coming December. If you are using a similar setup be forewarned. At least my antenna failed on the way to Fest last July and not during a flight. That could have been a real problem.

That's about my news for October. Tom loves photos so I attached a photo of my 1/4 scale J-3 on floats. Cliff was flying while I snapped the pic. The event was SAC's Labor Day weekend Float-Fly held at Twin Lakes in Midlothian.

Dennis

Secretary's Report

Tom Spriet – tom@etglass.com



Minutes of the September 10, 2009 General Meeting

President Dominic Saverino called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Committee Reports

Secretary – Thomas Spriet: Dennis requested a motion to accept the minutes as published in the Flypaper. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer – Paul Jacobs: Presenting the Treasures report, Paul reported a balance of approximately \$28,000 in the club treasury. A motion to accept the report as presented made, seconded and the report was approved.

Membership Chairman – Dan Morgan: Dan was installed as Membership Chairman replacing Paul Jacobs. Congratulations Dan!

Field Chairman – Greg Bohler: We are coming up on the end of warm weather flying. The field does not close for the winter. We have a number of cold weather fliers as well. It was requested that Greg wait to have the porta-potty removed until after the Turkey fun fly.

Safety Chairman – Karl Griesbaum: It has again been reported that a member has been flying well north of the runway. Our safety rules state that normal flight operations remain south of the runway and or safety nets!

Government Relations/Fun Fly Chairman – John Turner: We will be having a fun fly with Chicagoland at their field this Sunday, the 27th. Next month will be at our field with Prop Masters. Recent fun flies have been poorly attended. Come out and participate regardless of your skill level. Send me an email with any suggestions regarding your ideas for future events. I would also like to move the time back to 9:00am.

Flypaper Editor – Tom Siwek: Nothing new to report.

Chief Flight Instructor – Dan Compton: Nothing new to report.

Event Reports

None.

New Business

A letter by Charlie Bauer was read "New Associates VP's are needed." Please contact Mr. Bauer if interested.

Mel Z and Cliff Fullhart hosted 45 Glenwood kids today at the field by themselves. Great job gentlemen considering you had 2 airplanes and one buddy cord between you!!

Dominic's final note was to say he will not seek reelection next year. He mentioned that you can submit your intentions to run as a club officer to his e-mail.

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Nominations for Club Officers are open in October, closed in November and voted on in December.

Show & Tell

None.

President Saverino adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Treasurer's & Membership Chairman's Report

Paul Jacobs – paul_jacobs@att.net



Paul does not have a report for this month. Paul has transitioned his Membership Chairman duties to Dan Morgan. Dan will start to submit committee reports for upcoming Flypaper issues.

Field Chairman's Report

Greg Bohler – gbohler@sbcglobal.net



I have been getting to fly on a regular basis this summer. It's the first summer in quite a while that I have really gotten to enjoy our field. Flying has gone well. (no major mishaps) and spending time with so many great people has been a ball.

The field is in the best shape I have ever seen it. I hope everyone has a chance to get out and get some more flights in and enjoy the field and nice fall weather before it changes.

As I mentioned last month, the amenities will be going away in November. I have been asked to hold off until after the turkey fry this year so I am planning on putting everything away after November 14th. This doesn't mean that the field is closed because it is not. The field is open all year round for the hearty people that trade their wheels for skis or floats. Sometimes you have to be a little creative on how you get to the field. Some people have found it easier to use the boy's home drive in the winter as we don't contract plowing. If any member donates their services in that capacity, we appreciate it but don't expect it. And as a reminder, we never plow the runway. Wind rows and piles are plane magnets. I will run these same comments in the newsletter again as we get closer to winter.

For now, get as many flights in as you can and I hope to fly with all of you before the end of season.

Greg Bohler



Fun-Fly Chairman's Report

(A.K.A. John Turner) – jtgrassroots@yahoo.com



**September Fun Fly Results –
Competition between the CRCM and FVAC**

(Rolling Meadows, IL) The annual fall interclub competition between the Chicagoland RC Modelers and Fox Valley Aero Club was a great day for testing all types of flying skills and model aircrafts. Contest Director Dan Knippen began with a pilots meeting to discuss the day's events and allow each team to gather a strategy for capturing the winning trophy. The FVAC was recognized with 10 pilots that included Danny Knippen and Terry Danko. Team Chicagoland had 16 pilots who were poised to defend their 2008 title with home court advantage! Two events; multi tasking with spins, loops, spot landing and then a limbo created some interesting aerial assaults as wind gusts increased by the hour.

Details of the event

Round One: Multitasking event for lowest time.

*Pilot will take off; Time starts when wheels leave the ground.*Pilot will do a 5 second climb out. Pilot will then perform 5 rolls, and 5 Loops.*Pilot will then do One Touch and go spot landing for Spot landing points will be added to your time.

Off the field 20 seconds
On the field 15 seconds
Big circle 10 seconds
Middle circle 5 seconds
Center circle 0 seconds

*After spot landing Pilot will do a 360 degree turn and land ON the field and taxi back to starting block and time ends.

Round two: Best 5 pilots of each club (Timed Event)

*Pilot will draw a number (1-6) and use the number to perform that number of spins and loops in that order.*Pilot will then set up for one attempt at the limbo. If you make the limbo time will end. If you go over or miss add 5 seconds *Time ends when you pass over or under limbo.

*If your wheels touch the field before the limbo, crashes into the limbo or cut the string 10 seconds will be added to your time.

After the first round, all pilots and their planes survived with only a few minor scratches from hard landings or engines leaning out where the grass provided a safe refugee. The top 5 lowest scores from the first event allowed pilots to move into the Limbo Event. A pair of dice was requested by our CD, but somehow misplaced or left at the Casino. Therefore, 6 numbers was placed in a hat and pilots drew numbers that required their plane to perform various tasks with a final "under the deck" limbo.

John "the fish" Fischer made a great flight picking the number 1 and flew under the limbo to max out his score. Danny K and Terry D worked their magic, and scored the limbo with cross-winds making it more difficult to fly under the limbo. JT Turner positioned his yellow twist with 4 spins and loops but flew above the limbo line by inches. Veteran pilot and instructor Dan Compton borrowed Cliff's yellow twist for a final run, but missed the needed points to win the event. Tom Berry was our only electric flier and made a great attempt to do 6 spins in 1 second with his high performance biplane!

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During the finally tally, the CMRC served lunch and beverage while everyone watch the wind sock stand straight up from the afternoon winds. Dan Knippen gathered all the pilots and announced the winner of this year's event stands with the Chicagoland Team for a second year.

Congratulation to the winning team and thanks to everyone who participated from both clubs! Big thanks to Sal, Steve Armin, and Bob H. who provided support and flight safety during the event.

Next month, the FVAC will host the Naperville Prop Masters on Saturday, October 10th.
Time: 9:00 a.m. (board approval).

Contest: Attach a small altimeter to your plane and determine altitude and speed. Lunch provided by the FVAC. Awards: 1st 2nd, and 3rd.

See you at the field. Fly Safe!

JT

2009 Calendar of Events

October 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 10	Fun-Fly Event	4:00 PM, FVAC Field
November 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
November 14	Last Fun-Fly & Turkey Fry	11:00 AM, FVAC Field
December 4	Annual Christmas Party	Hilton Garden Inn

Chief Flight Instructor's Report

Dan Compton – trainu2fly@comcast.net



Here we go again! Summer is rapidly coming to an end and so is flying for most of the FVAC club members. Sure, there are a few die-hard individuals who will venture out in about any type of weather and for those, there is the all-season-flyer award. This award is presented to those pilots who fly at least one day per month, every month of the year. If you meet the criteria for the all-season-flyer award, let Karl Griesbaum know and he will see that you get your award.

Training has been slow lately. Jim Floeckher, Emily Glazier and John Dickenson have been out honing their flying skills on the buddy boxes. I am happy to report that John Dickenson (11 years old) has been flying his Tiger-60 on the buddy box with me and as of Saturday September 26th, John received his solo. John loves flying and is currently practicing inverted flight. A job well done for John. John's dad (John Sr.) flies for American Airlines and wondered how he would do on the buddy box and so I gave him a go at it. He did very well and so maybe we will have an R/C convert soon.

Get out the warm weather gear and come fly with us!

Dan Compton - FVAC Chief Flight Instructor

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