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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dale Gathman

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**Festival of Flight.** Thanks to our 35 volunteers and 75 pilots, our Festival of Flight 2017 was a fantastic success. Most of the pilots were FVAC club members, although the

weather was great, and the fellowship was fantastic. We were able to fly and see many different plane types, from old to modern. Even a lawn mower and a flying car graced our skies. We had great spectator attendance all during the day. Thank you to John Fischer and Jim Thompson, our co-organizers of the event. Also, special thanks to all of our volunteers, we couldn't have these events without you. Thank you to Todd Culbertson, who year after year selflessly sets up his R/C canopy, where people can learn how R/C planes work. Todd even has an R/C simulator for visitors to try out. What a fun time for all our members and visitors.

**Night Fly.** On Saturday night, September 16th we had our last organized club night fly for the year. This year, it turned into an eating event, as Tom and Hillary Bean volunteered to bring two kinds of chili. A few of the other members also brought food to add to the mix, and we had a great meal prior to the flying. The night fly brought a good number of pilots and spectators. It was awesome when at one point we had eight lighted planes all in the air at the same time. I wish I could have seen it from route 38, as it looked unbelievably cool from my

perspective on the taxiway. Jason Flowers also brought his helicopter with the graphic rotors, and he again was the hit of the evening. Thanks to all who helped organize this event, and those who came out to fly. The night flies get better every year.

**New Field Boundaries** Thanks to you all for trying your best to fly within our new field boundaries. I know some are having a difficult time staying on our side of the first gun range berm, but we can all help each other by both spotting and also watching the berm boundary for our fellow pilots who are having trouble. As we all work together, this new boundary will become second nature.

**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 always well attended and loved Turkey Fry is coming up on Sunday, October 15th. Bring your family and a dish to pass. And again, remember Mentorship. Our club has so many members whose depth of knowledge in R/C is vast. Please share your knowledge with our members who are newer to the hobby. The club will be better for it, and you will get the satisfaction that you were able to help out a fellow flyer.

Happy Flying, Stay Safe!  
Dale

# FROM THE SECRETARY

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2017 @ Township Hall



President **Dale Gathman** opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Secretary, **Debbie Howe** asked for a motion to accept the August Meeting Minutes, a Motion was made by **Cliff Fullhart** and seconded by **Gary Stephens**. All approved.

Treasurer, **Paul Jacobs** said that the checking account was doing well and he has a deposit to make bills to get us through the end of the year. Motion to approve the Treasurers minutes was made by **Jeff Peca** and seconded by **Todd Culbertson**, all approved.

Safety Chairperson, **Jeff Peca** said if you use anything from the first aid kit please let Jeff know so that he can replace it. There has been a problem out at the field with bees, so there is going to be a Benadryl pen for stings in the first aid kit and **Mark Knoppkie** is going to spray again under the tables, in the roof flutes and the pipes. Bee traps were talked about but they would be put far away from the flight area. Membership Chairperson, **Tony Bahowick** thanked everyone for coming. Tony had name tags for new member **Abe Fisher**, **Richie Lingte**, and we had **Richard Lingte** who is the grandfather to **Richie Lingte**.

Richard is a returning FVAC member, he is a sport flyer and now he has acquired some planes from the Ziska hangar and will enjoy flying those at the field. Tony said our third most recent member is **Lucas Vogt**, Lucas is a returning member as well, but was not present tonight. **Tony Bahowick** said we have 191 paying members, 3 honorary members and 2 lifetime members and one new tonight makes 197 members. Let's try to make 200 by the end of the year.

Field Chairperson, **Mark Knoppkie** was up next and said that the field was in great shape. We have the turkey fry coming up and he has the propane needed for that and he will take care of spraying for the bees before that as well. **Mark** said he will also leave a couple cans of bee spray out at the field. Mark said that "Tim" Flint", as Tom Skilling called **Tom Flint**, and the grass crew had done an outstanding job with the field.

Government Relations Chairperson, **Todd Culbertson**, also known as Rocket Man was up next said that the booth for the kid's hangar and flight simulator was a hit and had good flow of people during the festival. Todd also said that there would be new signage to make it clear that we are not allowed to fly over the berm and what the only acceptable flight limits are. Fly Paper Editor, **Susan Galle**, said all was good and that she is looking for hints and tips that we all use that can help each other.

**Dale** asked everyone to look under their chair for a card, two cards were found and these cards were for a free 6 month subscription for an air age publication. **Sal Perno and Jeff Mrachek** found the two cards.

**Tom "Tim" Flint** spoke up for the Cub Fly report and said the brotherhood of cubs had 40+ cubs and as many as 10 at a time. We were happy to have some members from other clubs come and join us. It was also National Model Aviation day and we earned \$325 that we will be donating to the

National Model Aviation Scholarship Foundation.

**Jeff Peca** was up next for our Night Fly that immediately followed our Cub Fly. We had 24 registered pilots and everyone had fun. Jeff thanked **Bob and Lynn Littlefield** for their donation of the Fly Beam night flyer ARF. That was won by **Armin Weber**. **Orvil Fluharty** donated all the hot dogs and buns, **Scott and Jess Stampfli** brought watermelon, **Hillary and Tom Bean** brought a pasta dish and **Armin and Kathy** brought some great brownies. Jeff wanted to also thank **Jason Flowers** for a great show that he put on with the images he is able to put on his helicopter blades. Thanks for the show, Jason!

**Jeff Peca** also said that next Saturday would also be another night fly for club members and that **Hillary and Tom Bean** will be bringing chili and making grilled cheese for everyone to enjoy. Jeff also thanked everyone who worked and helped out with the events. **Jeff Peca** also commented that at the festival of flight, **Sammy Werderich** won the main prize and did a great job of flight demonstration with his foam trainer in some pretty heavy winds, when a lot of the adult pilots were scared to fly; Sammy went out and showed us all how it's done, GREAT JOB!!!

Fun Fly Chairman, **Alan Galle** was up next for the fun fly on Saturday Oct 7th, From 1-3pm as we will be doing a bomb drop with a spot landing. **Jeff Peca** let everyone know that the morning of the fun fly October 7th, Woodland Aero Modelers is having their swap shop down in Burr Ridge starting at 8am.

**Dale** reminded everyone that October 15th will be the annual Turkey Fry out at the field, bring a dish and enjoy some great food, great friends and flying.

**Jim Thompson** was up next with the festival of flight review. We had 74 pilots. Jim said he would be switching places with

**John Fischer** for next year and that Jim would be chair and John would co-chair so that each gets a chance to fly equally. Jim said that there were some changes done to the sound system.

A THANK YOU goes out to **Glenn LaRocco** for donating the welding service in order to put new supports up higher on the pavilion so the sound goes farther. We will also be adding a stationary microphone in the pavilion so that if anyone needs announcements and can't find our regular announcer that station will fill in.

**Mark Knoppkie** said that at the Festival of Flight he was watching on a watch the flight of the FPV racing drone that flew at the event, at the cost of \$30 for the watch, it was a up close view and many people at drone races do have these dialed in to their pilots drone view.

**Debbie Howe** said that at the festival of flight candy drop, we lost count at 68 kids and explained that throwing a lot of candy out by hand helps guarantee that all the different age groups of kids that participate, get enough candy.

**Mark Knoppkie** brought out the "egg" drone from Good Venture Drones, that he purchased at the Festival of Flight to show us. It has an HD camera; it comes ready to fly and said that binding the drone was a little bit of a process but that the customer service was excellent and able to work with him very easily. Mark said it is a lot of fun and it flies really nice. The show special was \$120.00. Mark said that there were three modes to make flying easier and will be able to move to a new setting as he gets better with it in order to make it do more flips etc. and then there is the no hold bar mode or "crash mode" as everyone called it.

**Dale Gathman** brought a battery to show everyone - Hyperian Si Graphene HV Lipo. Dale said this battery is a 5200 High voltage 6 cell, and the voltage per cell is 4.35. Dale said you can use your regular lipo charger. Dale said that he had just

gotten this from **Jeremy** over at Hobby Town USA. **Jeremy** puts the ends on for you and Dale said he would keep us posted on performance.

**Rich Gabrys** brought a park zone sukhoi that was owned by a friend of his and Rich has flown it twice for him and his friend



decided to sell it so Rich has it at the meeting to see if anyone is interested in purchasing it for \$100 ready to fly. It takes a 2200 3 cell battery.

President **Dale Gathman** went over the changes that can be seen in attached files to the club rules. Dale also reminded everyone to look at the flight boundaries on the new signs out at the field and remember we are not to be flying over the berm, and for spotters to help pilots know when they are getting close and be a second pair of eyes. It was also stated that if you have a loud plane and the gun range is active, stay further away from the berm as the noise of the planes goes down in the valley and is too loud when they are doing testing for the officers and their range masters.

**Dale** said we will be charging \$10 for replacement name tags. Dale reminded everyone that we will be opening nominations at the next meeting for the board of directors, if you would like to be on the board, tell a friend to nominate you and we can always use new blood on the board.

Christmas Party chairperson **Debbie Howe** said that the deposit has gone out for the Christmas Party at the Hilton Garden for

December 1st. The Hilton Garden will be working with us again and be donating rooms to our raffle and helping make the event a great party.

Upon multiple requests we will be shortening up the presentations a bit this year and hope to have a great time. Debbie said the Rookies Christmas party would be December 7th. Debbie reminded everyone that if you have suggestions for the raffle at

the Christmas Party, please let her know. **Dale Gathman** explained how the raffle works and explained there can be \$10 prizes and \$250 prizes. Each prize will have a bucket in front of it and you will get tickets as you check-in. Those tickets can be put in any of the buckets that you want a chance to win, but each winner can only win one prize, if you win a prize and then your ticket gets pulled for another prize you can decide which prize you will keep or give up and we will redraw for the other one.

**Dale Gathman** asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm, a motion was made by **Dave Cotton** and seconded by **Alan Galle**, all approved.

Respectfully Submitted  
Debbie Howe - Secretary

## **FVAC Field Rules (rev 20170914)**

### **Fox Valley Aero Club Field Rules**

Fox Valley Aero Club (FVAC) wishes to assure a safe, courteous and fun flying environment for its members, guests and spectators. We require that all member and guest pilots adhere to the following rules. Members failing to willfully comply with the rules will be subject to progressive discipline in accordance with the Club's Constitution. Guests failing to willfully comply with the rules will have their flight privileges immediately revoked. Everyone's cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

1. The Fox Valley Aero Club flying field is open 24 hours a day for flight activity. All aircraft are permitted

to fly from sunrise to sunset. Pilots with loud aircraft should be considerate of our neighbors and use discretion as to how early they start flying. If provided with appropriate onboard illumination, electric aircraft are also permitted to fly between sunset and sunrise.

2. To fly at the FVAC field, pilots must be a current FVAC member and must have in their possession a current AMA Adult or Youth membership card, and if a turbine pilot, a current AMA Turbine Waiver endorsement. FVAC member pilots who do not have a current AMA membership are only permitted to fly on a buddy box with another FVAC pilot that has a current AMA membership. A 'Park Pilot Program' AMA membership is not sufficient to be eligible to fly at the FVAC field.

3. Guests that have a current AMA Adult or Youth membership are permitted to fly at the FVAC field if invited by and accompanied by a current FVAC member who has a current AMA Adult membership. Guests that do not have a current AMA Adult or Youth membership are permitted to fly at the FVAC field on a 'buddy box' if invited by a current FVAC member who has a current AMA Adult membership. The inviting member in this case must be the pilot in command using the buddy box setup. A guest may fly at the FVAC field for three days total, after which they are required to join the FVAC to maintain flying privileges at the FVAC field. FVAC members are allowed one guest flying at a time, as the guest must be under the FVAC member's direct supervision while they are flying (the FVAC member should spot for their guest). The FVAC member who invites a guest is responsible to insure that the guest is knowledgeable of and complies with the AMA safety code and the FVAC Field Rules including field procedures and restrictions. It is also recommended that the FVAC member perform a safety inspection of the guest's aircraft prior to the first flight at our field. **GUESTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO FLY TURBINE POWERED AIRCRAFT AT THE FVAC FIELD EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:** Non FVAC member pilots who are current AMA Adult or Youth members, and have a current 'Turbine Waiver' endorsement if a turbine pilot, are welcome to fly at

all AMA sanctioned and club events where there is an open invitation to guests.

4. Introductory Pilot Program – Student pilots who are enrolled as an AMA Introductory Pilot by one of the FVAC Introductory Pilot Instructors as well as student pilots who are already AMA members may fly at the FVAC field for 60 consecutive days starting from their

first lesson as an Introductory or student Pilot. These student pilots must be under the close supervision of their FVAC Introductory Pilot Instructor. At the conclusion of the 60-day period, the student pilot is required to join the FVAC to maintain any further flying privileges at the FVAC field.

5. At all times, pilots shall adhere to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Safety Code .

6. All pilots not utilizing 2.4 GHz radios shall obtain an appropriate frequency pin from the frequency box. Pilots shall not fly without the pin in their possession.

7. Pitting is to be done at a safe distance from the North edge of the taxiway. Pitting directly in front of the pavilion should be avoided. No models shall be started/energized within the confines of the pavilion at any time when the thrust generating implement is attached (propeller, rotor blades, fan).

8. Before maiden flight, all models shall undergo a thorough pre-flight inspection for airworthiness by the aircraft owner. Thereafter, aircraft owners shall perform a periodic inspection of their models to insure continued airworthiness.

9. Engine tuning other than a brief high speed tweak, and all break-in running is not permitted in the pit area and shall occur only in the designated areas. All engine run-up shall be done with the aircraft restrained.

10. Pilots shall use extreme caution when taxiing in the pit area. Wind can cause an aircraft to weathervane and strike people or other models.

11. Pilots are expected to fly responsibly at all times. If at any time a person's safety or property is at risk, a pilot is expected to sacrifice their model to avoid causing injury or property damage.

12. All pilots must fly from behind the East-West safety nets. Standing in front of the safety nets while flying or spotting for a pilot is not permitted. Spotters are not required for everyday flying but pilots are encouraged to use one whenever possible.

13. Spotters shall be completely focused on their responsibilities. Spotters shall not use their cell phone or take pictures. They must be focused on all airborne traffic and communicating the status of other aircraft to their pilot.

14. All pilots shall call out to other pilots their intentions for takeoff, touch-n-go, low pass and landing. Constant communication between pilots is key to avoiding collisions.

15. Take off is permitted East/West from the paved runway or grass runway; from each taxiway facing in a southern direction and from the grass in a southern direction in front of the pilot stations. Landings are permitted only to the East/West on the paved runway or the grass runway

16. Pilots shall operate their models within the flight envelope. The flight envelope is as follows:

- **North Boundary** - The paved runway
- **West Boundary** - The second tree line to the West.
- **East Boundary** – The west (closest) gun range berm.
- **South Boundary** - There is no boundary line to the South; however, good judgment should be exercised not to go out too far.

17. Pilots who are flying without any other aircraft flying may set their own flight direction and pattern, including aerobatic routines. If two or more aircraft are flying at the same time, all pilots must fly a typical rectangular pattern with the direction down the runway set so that the aircraft are flying into the wind if possible. The direction will be indicated by the pattern direction arrow posted at the center of the

flight station area. If agreed upon between the pilots flying the pattern and the aerobatic pilot, an aerobatic pilot may fly aerobatic routines that do not conform to the pattern being flown. These routines should be to the south and at a much higher altitude than the planes in the pattern being flown.

18. First Person View (FPV) flying with goggles is permitted only when the primary pilot is accompanied by another pilot with a current AMA Adult or Youth membership who is proficient at flying the FPV aircraft. The secondary pilot must act as the spotter for the primary pilot, and must maintain the aircraft within his unaided line-of-sight at all times. If at any time, the primary pilot loses orientation, or the spotter sees that the aircraft is in danger of coming into contact with something that the primary pilot cannot see through the goggles, the spotter is responsible to take control of the aircraft immediately until the primary pilot can safely retake control. The two pilots may use either the 'buddy-box method' or the 'radio transfer method'.

19. Rotary Wing Aircraft pilots may elect to fly from one of the flight stations if able to comply with rules 12-17. If flying the pattern with multiple aircraft, it is very important that rotary wing pilots remain in the pattern while coming in to land. The rotary wing pilot should bring their aircraft down the runway while descending to a few feet of altitude, and then hover land. It is very important that these pilots let all other flying pilots know their intentions before landing, so the other pilots will know that the rotary wing aircraft will be hovering over the runway. THE PREFERRED AREA FOR ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT TO FLY IN IS THE AREA NORTH OF THE EAST/WEST RUNWAY AND WEST OF THE PAVILION. Rotary wing pilots who cannot maintain the pattern direction and approximate speed of other aircraft flying in the main flight area must instead use this Rotary Wing Flying Area. When flying in the Rotary Wing Flying Area, pilots need to be careful to stay North of the runway at all times. Fixed wing aircraft have priority over the main flight area at all times, as hovering aircraft pose a significant threat to fixed wing aircraft. Rotary Wing pilots who see

fixed wing aircraft taking off must immediately enter the pattern or move to the Rotary Wing Flying Area.

20. Everyone at the field should help each other insure that the rules are being followed and that we have a safe, courteous and fun flying environment!

21. Pets are welcome at the field under the following conditions:

- Pets must be leashed at all times and under control of someone, or the leash anchored as to restrict pet access to the area South of the fence line.
- Pets must be kept on the North side of the fence line.
- Pets are not allowed in the pavilion.
- Pet waste must be picked up and disposed of as soon as possible.

*FVAC Field Rules (rev 20170914)*

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## FROM OUR SAFETY CHAIRMAN

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Earlier this year I talked about engine starting. I recommended the use of an electric starter, chicken stick or a glove. Well if anyone read the latest issue of Model Aviation they may have seen an article on page 16 about the Rolling

Chicken Stick. A new

concept of chicken sticks that incorporates a padded roller that rolls along the trailing edge of the prop instead of sliding along the trailing edge. It is supposed to provide a smother action for starting your engine and does not damage carbon fiber props.

It seems like a pretty good deal for about \$20.

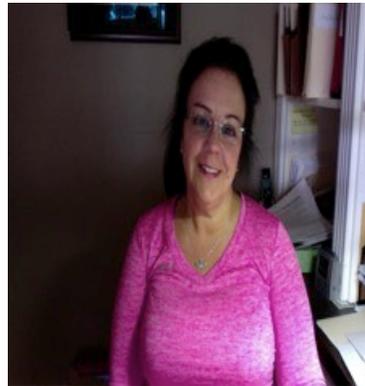
More information can be found on their website, [www.rollingchickenstick.com](http://www.rollingchickenstick.com).

I also would like to thank Hillary and Tom Bean for suggesting and providing the Chili and Grilled Cheese for our first, and hopefully not last, Chili Fest/Night Fly. The attendance was incredible and it seems like more members are starting to get the Night Flying bug.

## FROM OUR EDITOR

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So September flew by and now it's October - (*this is going waaaaay too fast for me*) as I am definitely not ready to don a sweater and warm jacket yet. But in anticipation of the upcoming winter months (*and for those RC pilots who have*

*work to do*), here for your reading enjoyment are some more "How To" tips:

### Handy Sanding Stick:

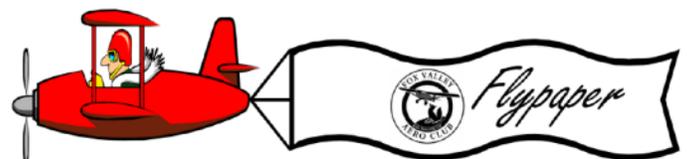
Steal one of our, emery boards (I'm referring to your wife) to keep in your flight box to use as a small sanding stick.

### Hinges:

when installing pinned hinges on control surfaces, sometimes the flue get in the hinges and causes them to bind. Before installing the hinges, simply put a small amount of light oil right on the hinge line. Be sure not to let the oil spread to the part of the hinge you are going to glue. This will ensure that the hinge will not bind after the glue dries.

That's all for now,

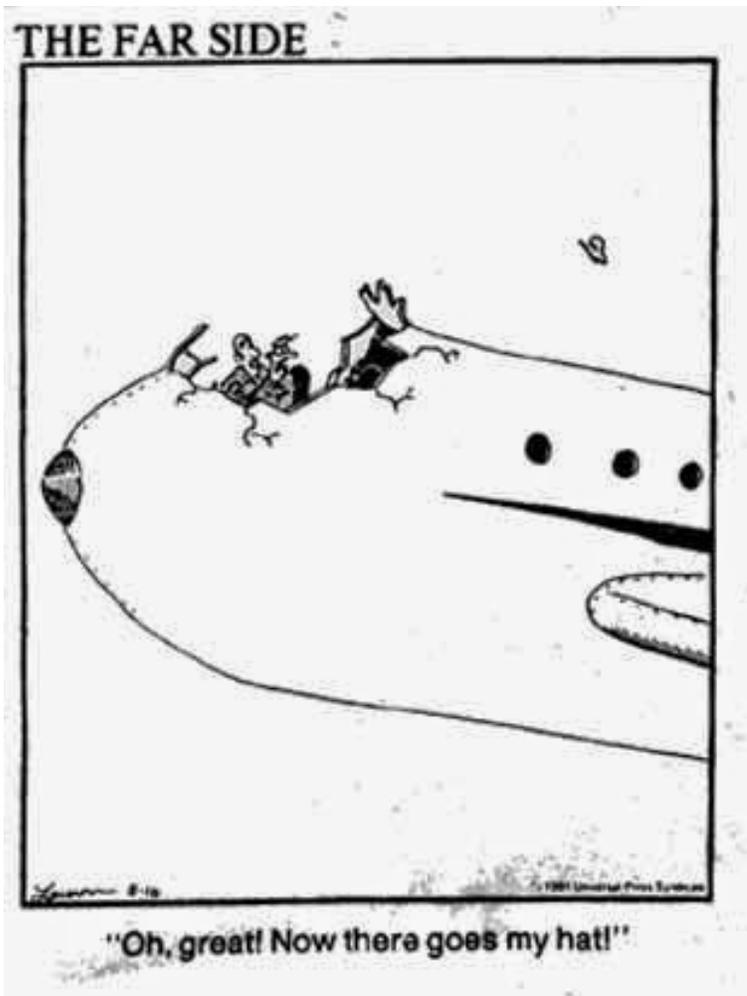
Susan





Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident. Apparently, after every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a 'gripe sheet', which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' Pilots and the solutions recorded by maintenance engineers.

### Exchanges between Qantas Pilots and their Engineers



Pilots: Number 3 engine missing.  
 Engineers: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

Pilots: Aircraft handles funny.  
 Engineers: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

Pilots: Target radar hums  
 Engineers: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

Pilots: Mouse in cockpit.  
 Engineers: Cat installed.

Qantas Pilot: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.  
 Engineers: Took hammer away from midget

## 2017 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

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

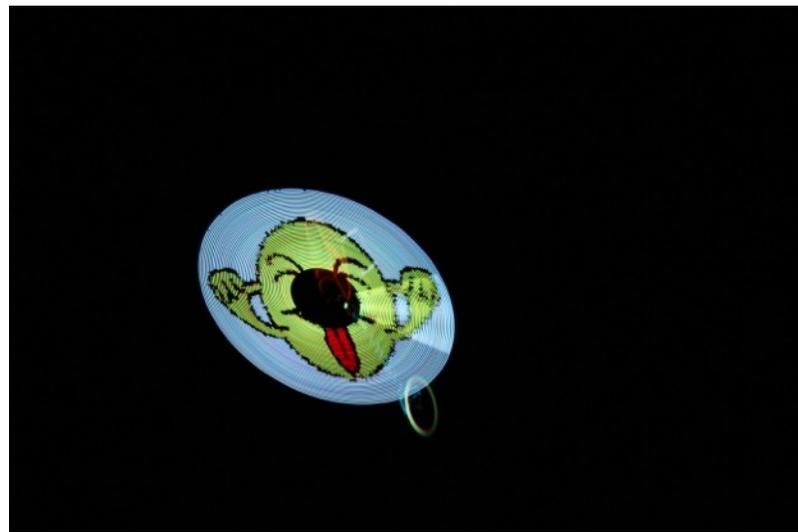
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Interested in joining our club?? Go to [foxvalleyaero.com](http://foxvalleyaero.com) and download the FVAC New Membership Form.

