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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Festival of Flight. Wings & Wheels – Festival of Flight 2018 is in the history books. We had a great event, with a new format that added antique cars from the Model T Ford

Club. The club brought close to 30 cars, some over 100 years old, and put them on display for our spectators to view and ask questions about. They even used two of the old 'T's to drive our pilots Snoopy (John Howe) and the Red Baron (Cliff Fullhart) to the runway center, where they had words and were interviewed. Then it was on to our classic Snoopy vs. the Red Baron dogfight, with John flying his Sopwith Camel and Cliff his Fokker DR1 Triplane. What a show. Unfortunately, Snoopy lost the battle this year, but with minor repairs I am sure he will be back. Overall, the event was a great success. We had 34 volunteers that were instrumental in putting on the big event, and I appreciate all of your help. All of the pilots were club members this year, and it was fantastic how they kept planes in the air the entire time, even though we had a 15-20 mph crosswind. This is a real testament to the great skill of our pilots. Thanks go to John Fischer and Jim Thompson for organizing the event, and our new co-announcer Katie Howe. She did a great job. Also, special thanks go to all of our pilots who put on a great show all day.

Night Fly. Thanks go to Hillary and Tom Bean for hosting our now annual Chili Dinner & Night Fly on September 15. Also, thanks to the Stampfli family who volunteered to set up the glow sticks in my absence. I was attending a day before the wedding party for my Dad (age 89) and his fiancé, but was able to sneak some peeks of the fun being had at the field. There seemed to be a fairly large number of planes in the air similar to last year. I am sure everyone had fun.

Strength in Numbers. The wide runway cracks have been repaired. This took place on Saturday, September 22, and took a lot of volunteers. I am always thankful when I see the number of volunteers who come out to do this type of hard work in order to maintain our flying site. Thanks go to Jim Gnutek who provided the cold patch and supervised the crew. I received a call from Sal on the way to the field asking if I had a pick ax, and he explained that the old rubber crack filler wasn't coming out as anticipated. When I arrived, it appeared that we would be lucky to get one crack repaired that day. Thankfully, Tom Spriet had a vibrating cutting tool that he had tested out on the rubber earlier in the week, and once he put a longer blade on it, it cut through the old patch very well. Mark Knoppkie went and picked up his tool also so we had two crews cutting, pulling, packing the new cold patch, rolling, and sealing the cracks. Overall, I think we had 17 volunteers and thanks to the awesome crew, we were able to complete all the needed crack repairs by early afternoon. Jim explained that the cold patch doesn't really harden, so it can shift with the changing conditions. If it rises above the runway, all we have to do is roll it back down, and if it sinks, all we have to do is add some more and roll it again. I have tested the runway since the repairs and my planes traversed the repaired cracks effortlessly.

Winding Down. As the 2018 flying season winds down for most, we will have

our end of season celebration, our annual Turkey Fry, on Saturday, October 13. The food will be ready around noon. Make sure to bring you family and a dish to pass as we celebrate the great season we had this year. Of course, bring your planes as well, as the field will be open for flying. Also, make sure to save the date of Friday, December 7 when we will be having our annual Christmas Party at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Hope to see you at the October Member Meeting on the 11th, and remember that we accept nominations for our officers and at large directors during our October and November meetings. If you would like to serve on the board, have someone nominate you.

Happy and Safe Flying,
Dale



FROM OUR EDITOR

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I will not be at this upcoming meeting but will most likely be at the turkey fry coming up on the 13th and I will be bringing some shirts with me if any of the ladies would like one or two. I do have just

one hoodie left in medium so come see me if you would like any of the above-mentioned apparel.

Thought you might appreciate a picture of 3 generations of RC pilots who were also club members - something we don't see often - its the Van Dorpe family - thanks to JT. Here it is:



This edition was short I know and sometimes that's nice (esp. for me).

See you at our next event,
Susan

FROM THE SECRETARY

Debbie Howe

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Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes

Septembert 13, 2018 @ Township Hall



President, **Dale Gathman** welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming. Dale let the club know that we

received a letter from J.Lynne Paley, saying that her husband Scot Paley had passed away and she would be looking at getting a memorial plate to put on our memorial at the field.

Secretary, **Debbie Howe** asked for a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. A motion was made by **Sal Perno** and seconded by **Dave Cotton**. All approved.

There was no treasurer's report due to **Paul Jacobs** being absent, but Dale Gathman assures us we still have some money.

President **Dale Gathman** said that he had received a thank you letter from the Hinsdale Elementary District 303, **Mel Ziska** went and spent time with them talking about airplanes and the characteristics and the science of flight. So if you see Mel, thank him for doing that. (Thanks Mel).

Dale also mentioned that the Woodland Aero Modelers are having a swap shop, October 6th from 8am till 12pm.

Safety Chairman, **Jeff Peca** reminded everyone that if you use anything out of the first aid kit, please contact Jeff so he can replenish it. We want it to be fully stocked at all times.

Jeff Peca went on to talk about the National Model Aviation Day Night Fly. We had 19 pilots show up; they ended up bringing in \$215. He thanked **Orvil Fluharty** for donating all the hot dogs and buns and **Bob and Lynn Littlefield** for donating all the chips. Jeff said everyone had fun and was a great event.

Up next Jeff said that on September 15th we would be having a Chili Fest out at the field. **Hillary and Tom Bean** are going to bring the chili and the grilled cheese and we will have the food ready at 6pm and then enjoy a night fly.

We had one visitor that is a familiar face to many of us; **Eric Karl** said he was just stopping in to see what was going on.

Field Chairperson, **Karl Griesbaum** thanked everyone for helping with the set up and take down last Saturday at our Wings and Wheels Festival of Flight.

President **Dale Gathman** said that we will be fixing the cracks in the runway this Saturday the 22nd at 9am, the more help we can get the better. We will be removing all the old rubber out of the cracks. If you can bring tools, please do. The field will be closed until this job is done.

Tom Spriet said the Turkey Fry will be Saturday the 13th; we do need help storing the turkeys from the day we buy them till the day of the turkey fry. We need refrigerator space to let them defrost properly, so we can safely fry them on the 13th. If you can provide some fridge room please see **Tom Spriet** or **Karl Griesbaum**.

Tom Flint let the members know that a bunch of us go to Rookies after the meetings. He also said the mowing at the field will be moved back to Thursday mornings. We are trying to make sure the price will be same for next year.

Tom Flint said the Cub Fly this year went great and will be donating \$200 to the National Model Aviation day Scholarship Program as well.

Tom Flint said that our Wings and Wheels Festival of Flight went very well and had a lot of great coverage in the newspapers and thanks to **Katie Howe** we also had great social media coverage. Also thank you to **Katie Howe and Jim Thompson** for doing a great job announcing for the event.

Next President **Dale Gathman** informed the members of rule changes at the field. At the board meeting tonight, the board has approved the following changes (in red) to the field rules:

Rule 8 changed to

Before maiden or re-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. All pilots performing a maiden or re-maiden flight of aircraft, equipment or software revision must take off to the west, and attempt to keep the flight pattern on the west half of the field until the aircraft proves to be in control and operating sufficiently for safe flight.

Rule 21 becomes rule 22 and new rule 21 is inserted as follows:

Dress Code – To maintain a family friendly atmosphere all FVAC members and visiting pilots must wear a shirt at all times when at the field.

These rules go into effect immediately. Full text of the Field Rules is available on our website.

NOTE: On October 1, 2018, the board passed a motion to further revise Rule 8 which now adds the text in red below:

Before maiden or re-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. When the gun range is active (red flag posted), pilots performing a maiden or re-maiden flight of aircraft, equipment or software

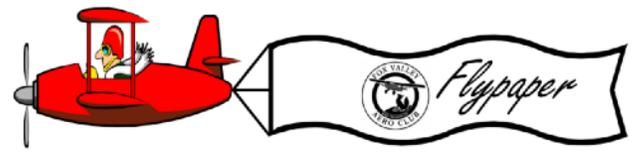
revision must take off to the west, and attempt to keep the flight pattern on the west half of the field until the aircraft proves to be in control and operating sufficiently for safe flight.

John Fischer treated us to show and tell with his Hangar9 P51 Mustang. John said that he and **Sal Perno** got planes at the same time and this has been a labor of love with **Sal and Dave Cotton**. When they got this plane, they stripped all the covering off that the company put on even though it was probably the best covering job John has ever seen on an ARF. John has done a lot of modifications to the plane. He proceeded to glass and paint the plane and install Sierra Gear. They have installed all the recognition lights and IFLYTailies cockpit. They used the Hangar9 drop tanks and bombs that will drop with the flip of a switch. Due to the flaps being split on the plane, the guys decided to make it a one piece 89" wing. The graphics are all from AeroLoft Designs in Arizona. John changed the tail for the elevator and moved the servos all forward for the elevator. Sal 3D printed all the guns and the shroud, great job Sal! This plane has 18 different channels. John said the scale exhausts are functional and are tied into the true exhaust from the engine. John also showed us that he has put a gyro on them from Ifly. John showed us how the gyro moved with the tilt of the plane and that the surfaces move in the same direction of the throws. The pilots head also turns as the rudder turns. The engine is a DA 60. John and the guys have done an excellent job with this plane and said he just has to balance it and it will be ready to fly.

Tom Spriet showed some vinyl logos that he had made that he is willing to cut for club members. He said he can do the club logo as well as names for radios etc....

Kevin Kessler told us about the Retro Fly day and everyone said Kevin was looking the part in all his 70's apparel. There were not a lot of people out there but those that came out had a good time sharing the stories of the good old days. We will look to move the retro fly day to a Saturday from next year, in order to up the attendance.

Tom Flint said the Cub Fly Day was a big success. We had the most cubs that they have ever had at a cub day.



Jim Thompson and John Fischer were up with the Festival of Flight. We had a great event and thank you to everyone who helped. While we did not have great weather in the morning we still had a great group of pilots who flew and the weather settled down for the afternoon and turned out to be a great day. We had great coordination of the flight line and getting names ahead of time and putting the pilots in groups helped. A big thank you to **Katie Howe** for announcing all day and doing some interviews with the model T group.

Thanks to the **Howe family** for doing the candy drop. We had a lot of kids and all got candy.

We had such a great group that did the parking and gate this year and just a special thanks to all.

Tom Flint did a wonderful job of bringing the event together with the car guys and the plane guys. It was a great combination that many spectators came to see. Thanks to all!! We had a profit of around \$800.

October 6th is our next fun fly and will be Timed Rolls. The field will be closed Sept 27th at 5pm for the Cub Scout troop to do a rocket fly.

Next month we nominate for board positions.

The Christmas party will be sending out invites and more information starting next month.

John Howe will be doing the Online Elections for this year again.

Jim Thompson said if we need an anthem singer for the Warbird event next year he will be available.

A motion was made to adjourn by **Bill Suhr**, all approved.

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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 22, 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

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