



# Fox Valley Aero Club

## Flypaper

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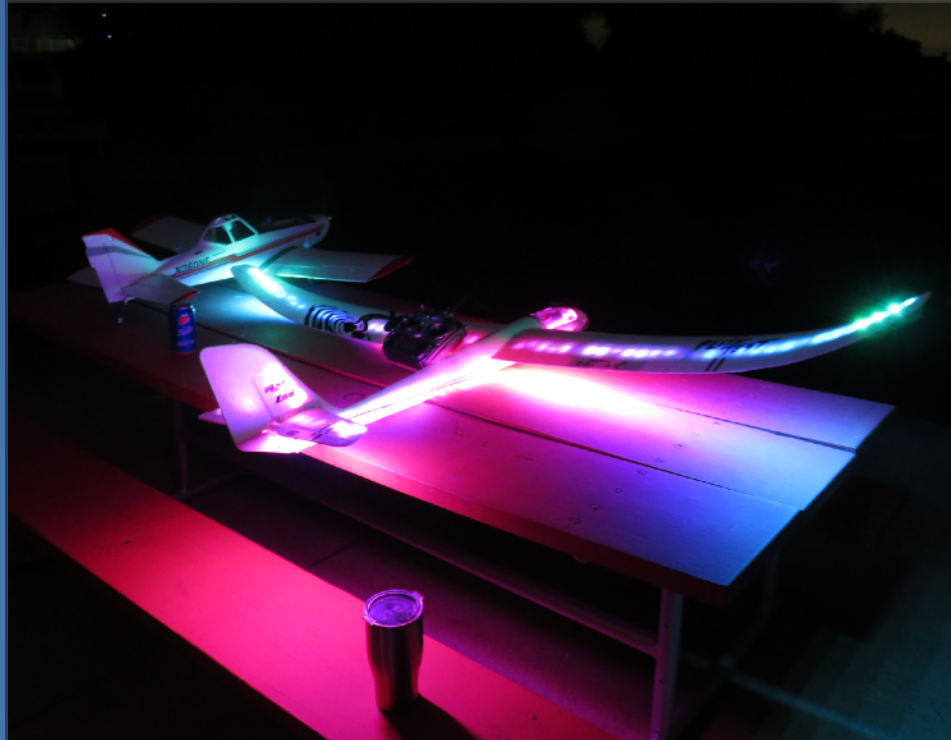
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dale Gathman

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**Summer Winding Down.** So – At this point, we only have one last Flying/Eating event left for the year, the always popular Turkey Fry which is being held on Saturday, October 12. The field will be open all day for flying, and the eating will start

around 12:00 or so. Karl Griesbaum and Tom Spriet will once again be frying our Turkeys. Bring your family, friends, planes and a dish to pass and let's have a celebration of our 2019 flying season. One request – Karl said they need refrigerator space to store the turkeys for the week or so before the event. If you can spare space for a turkey or two in your fridge, please call Karl or Tom as soon as possible. (Karl – 630-707-1438 and Tom – 630-278-9395).

**A Busy September.** We had an event every Saturday in September. The Wings & Wheels – Festival of Flight on September 7 was a fun and successful day. We had good pilot attendance and good spectator attendance, as well as some neat old cars to look at. Thank You to all of the volunteers who made this event possible. The week following, we had our first ever Tailgate Swap Meet out at the field. This first time swap at the field went over very well. We had about 12-15 members show up to sell stuff, and everyone had a good time buying and selling and flying. Then, the next weekend, we had our third Fun Fly, which was called Casino 711. It was rainy and windy, but five of us hearty souls showed up to participate, and it was a fun time. There was an element of chance involved, as once the timer started our official dice roller (thanks Maury) had to roll a seven before the pilot could take off. Then the roller had to keep rolling and had to roll an eleven before the pilot could land. The shortest total time wins. The following

Saturday, we had our Chili Dinner and Night Fly. Hillary and Tom Bean brought Chili and Cheese Sandwiches, and the food and flying was great (a little cool, but Stampfli's brought their fire pit which was much appreciated).

**Upcoming Election.** Every year at our October Member Meeting we open up the floor for nominations for the officer and director at large positions for the next year. 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.

## **A Late Thank You to Glenn LaRocco.**

Following our Night Fly and a discussion with Jeff, I realized that I had never thanked Glenn for welding up the steel bracing that is holding our ceiling fan in the pavilion. I had planned on thanking him at our Meeting following the install, and when he wasn't at the meeting I forgot to email him our thanks. Glenn has done a lot of welding for the club this year including our new trailer hitch. Last year, he also fabricated our awesome speaker stands on top of the pavilion, and they work great. Glenn, I am very sorry for the delay. The club appreciates your great work and skill in doing these projects which take your special talent and equipment that few of us have. You always do a fantastic job. Thank You.

I hope to see you at the October Member Meeting on October 10th, and at the Turkey Fry on October 12th. Don't forget to bring your latest projects to the meeting to show to the group.

Dale

## FROM OUR TREASURER

**Joe Pedone**

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As the 2019 flying season starts to wind down, the checkbook is in good shape, having benefitted from the success of our Club events throughout the year. Thanks again to all our members that contributed to the great success of these events!

Given the good financial health of the club, the BOD approved one more investment in our facilities for this year, which is a new chain link fence and gate to be installed in the end bay of the storage shed. This will help to better secure our lawn mowers and other equipment. This work will be started sometime in October.

In winding down year-end activities and looking forward to 2020, it will soon be time to start the process of collecting dues for next year. I'll be set-up to collect dues starting at the November member meeting, and at that time you can also pay to enter the Big Dog Raffle (\$25). The Big Dog Raffle is held each year at the December Holiday party. I'll have more details on dues and Big Dog in the November Flypaper.

With the days now getting shorter, evening flying for me has now come to an end, so it's down to weekend flying for the remainder of the season. With the all wind and heavy rains lately, flying time has been a bit elusive. I normally really enjoy the fall flying season, so still hoping for some nice weekends ahead, including the upcoming Turkey Fry. But even if the flying is not ideal at the Turkey Fry, the camaraderie is always great, so look forward to seeing you all there. I'm getting hungry just thinking about it

Joe

## FROM OUR SECRETARY

**Debbie Howe**

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### **Fox Valley Aero Club - Member Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2019 @ St Charles Township Hall**



**President Dale Gathman** welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to state their name so that Debbie can do the minutes from the recording.

**Secretary Debbie Howe** asked for a motion to approve the August member meeting minutes, a motion was made by **Mark Knoppkie** and seconded by **Dave Cotton**, all approved

**Treasurer, Joe Pedone** said the checking account was doing great. The festival of flight brought in about \$1600 gross, about \$1200 at the gate, and \$500 from T-shirt sales. So the checking account is just about the same as it was last year at this time. Joe let everyone know that we have done the down payment for the Christmas Party to the Hilton Garden. A motion was made to approve the treasurers report by **Sal Perno** and **Jeff Peca**, all approved.

**Jeff Peca** said the Chili Fest is coming up on the Sept 28th, starting at about 5pm. Hillary Bean will be bringing out the chili and she usually does grilled cheese as well, everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass or some type of side or dessert. Jeff suggested bringing bug spray. Everyone is asked to not park directly around the pavilion so that we do not have any accidents with people getting hit by cars as it does get very dark. This is a very fun event and it is not expensive to get a plane with lights. Jeff will talk to Jason Flowers to see if he would be able to be at the event as his helicopter with the light shows on the



blades and are very cool to see. **Field Chairman, Karl Griesbaum** said all looks good and the members were let know that tonight the board approved the purchase of a chain link fence to be installed in the farthest bay of the shed in order to be able to lock up the mower and field work equipment, this will cost about \$2600.

**Susan Galle** was not there but everyone said she did an awesome job on the fly paper. Looked great!

**Public Relations Chairman, Tom Flint** showed everyone the pre-coverage in the Kane County Chronicle. This was an article that Tom wrote that the Chronicle sent out as well as the Daily Herald and the online calendar. We also got some post coverage with **Alvin Cole** in the Daily Herald and **Armin Weber's** plane and **Rob Sampson** flying in the background. Tom thanked everyone that helped with the event and Scott and Jeff for the control line skit and our flying lawn mower routine by **Cliff Fullhart**.

**Dale Gathman** let everyone know that our Fun Fly #3 will be on September 21st. The event will be Casino Night 7-11. Instructions will be emailed. Retro Fly went great, lots of people brought stuff to look at from old classic planes, radios and of course Cliff brought his club jacket from yester years for all the new members to see. Thanks to all who participated, it was a fun day.

**Dale Gathman** said Family fly day was a big hit. We had 70-100 people take the sticks that day and we were getting great feedback from the people and families as they were leaving.

**Christmas Party Chairman, Debbie Howe** said we have a signed contract for the Christmas Party and the Hilton Garden is working well with us to correct the mix up with the dates. The Christmas Party is now on the DECEMBER 7th (SATURDAY) Debbie also told everyone "IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE, PLEASE CONTACT ME, ALL SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME AND APPRECIATED." We do have a block of rooms reserved and we can call the front desk and let them know we are with the Fox Valley Aero Club Christmas Party and would like the \$99 rate that is reserved for us and that does

come with hot cooked to order breakfast in the morning for 2 people.

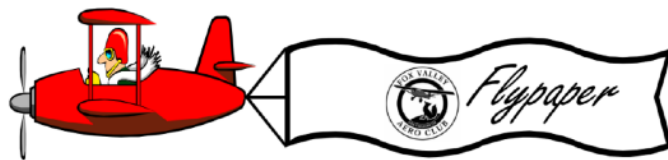
We have the Tail Gate Swap coming up on Sept. 14th, the field will be open that day and people can always set up tables or sell out of their cars and if you want to fly you can always put a sign up saying "*out flying, see \_\_\_\_\_ on the flight line to buy items.*"

**Festival of Flight Chairman, Jim Thompson** thanked everyone for all the help with the event. We had over 33 volunteers. It went very well and Jim also said this was his first year of taking the duties completely from John Fischer and he now knows how much work goes into it and he thanked John for teaching him and all the help. The honor guard we very cool and greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to **Dale Gathman** for getting on the pavilion roof to put up the speakers, we may need to reposition the speakers for next year so that people down the east end can hear as well.

**Dale Gathman** was the only one who brought a show and tell item this month and it was very appropriate. It was a sign that he ordered with a quote from Paul H. Poberezny, the founder of the EAA. The quote is "**We are a family, a family brought together by Aviation.**" Dale said this so fits our club because we are one big family. This will be a sign that will be put up in the pavilion. Dale was asked if he can put the order information in the newsletter, for others to order as well. Great quote for a great group.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Sal Perno** and seconded by **Orvil Fluharty**, all approved.





## 2019 Fox Valley Aero Club Calendar of Events

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

















In the third grade, our teacher, said, "Quit staring out the window, because when you grow up, no one will pay you to sit there and just look out the window"..

Guess I showed her.....





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



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