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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Alvin Cole
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We have had an awesome time this year. The events at FVAC have been lots of fun. Thanks to all of the members for their hard work and commitment. Our next event is the turkey fry. This event is for all, family and friends are welcome. I look forward to sharing more good times with all of you.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Jacobs
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The treasury is in great shape due to beautiful weather for our Festival. It was a great day and everyone had fun even me despite some minor damage to the DC-3.

Our next event coming up is the Turkey Fry on October 18th so plan on attending this fun fly as well.

There are still some great flying days coming up for the fall so let's get out there and use this beautiful field.

Until next month,

Paul

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dale Gathman
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Fox Valley Aero Club Member Meeting Minutes August 13, 2015 @ FVAC Field

Photos by Jason Boettcher

President Alvin Cole called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm and welcomed everyone. He then asked **Tom Flint** and **Cliff Fullhart** to join him up front, after which he acknowledged them for organizing today's Cub Fly. We had 17 Cubs lined up on the runway for the photos, and a total of 20 Cubs during the day. Alvin then announced that **Todd Culbertson** printed up business cards for Tom Flint, which state that Tom's new title is "Club Graphic Designer and Great Guy".



Alvin Cole



Secretary Dale Gathman asked for any additions or corrections to the July 09, 2015 Member Meeting Minutes. None were voiced so the minutes were accepted as presented.



Dale Gathman

Treasurer Paul Jacobs was absent, and Dale Gathman reported that the checkbook balance is back in great shape after the proceeds from the Windy City Warbirds & Classics event were deposited. Sal Perno moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Dave Cotton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

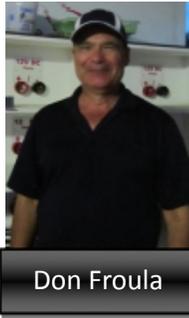
Safety Chairman Alvin Cole reminded everyone that Tom Siwek is no longer the Safety Chairman due to his impending job change and move. Alvin is in discussion with a potential new appointee to fill the position for the remainder of 2015.

Field Chairman Mark Knoppie reported that everything is ready for the Festival of Flight. He announced that we are going to get a Handicap Porta-Potty delivered for the Festival. He also announced that the board has voted to keep the Handicap Porta Potty at the field year around and return the regular Porta Potty after the Festival. Mark also mentioned that one of the new club members, **Jim Gnutek**, told him that he can get us as much chipped asphalt as we would need to create a chipped asphalt paved area to the west of the pavilion. This could be just a driveway or include parking similar in size to the east side lot. The 'ground' asphalt packs down over time, and forms a surface better than gravel. The material can be donated to the club free of charge. Alvin Cole mentioned that Mark and **Steve Baker** will come up with a plan for the driveway/lot expansion, and we will probably have to have a fall workday to provide the labor we will need to complete this project. Mark said that we also need to paint the pavilion roof during the fall workday. Mark also said that he and Steve Baker plan to fix the new hole in the field that has popped up near the west line between the short and regular grass runway.

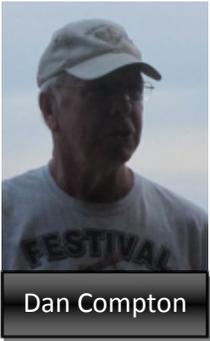


Mark Knoppie

Membership Chairman Tony Bahowick was absent, and Alvin Cole asked if any new members were present. **Don Froula** introduced himself. He was a member back in 2002, and has been active off and on for the last 10-15 years. Circumstances now permit him to return to the club. He has been flying for the last couple of weeks, and is glad to be back. Welcome Don.



Don Froula



Dan Compton

Chief Flight Instructor Dan Compton next announced that he has been flying with **Don Froula** on the buddy box for the last few weeks, as Don regained his confidence. Dan said that Don has successfully soloed, and then awarded him with a Solo Certificate. Congratulations Don.



Flypaper Editor Jason Boettcher announced that the Flypaper is doing great, and he was shown appreciation through a rousing round of applause and whoops. Alvin announced that the August Flypaper was 43 pages long. Alvin then told the crowd that **Jason and Todd Culbertson** (Rocket Man, Printer Extraordinaire) teamed up to print a bunch of copies of the June Flypaper which they made available to pilots and attendees at the Windy City Warbirds & Classics. Alvin thanked

them for doing that, and the members showed their appreciation with another round of applause.

Government Relations Chairman Todd Culbertson (Rocket Man) had to leave early, but asked **Alvin** to express that the biggest thing Government Relations does is to make sure we have a viable club that the community wants to have in their community. The way we remain viable is by being a good neighbor. Alvin relayed that a group of people from Yorkville came to the club today to see the Cub Fly. They drove around a long time trying to find the field, but finally did. They said that the members made them feel very welcome. They took the time to show them how the planes and the radio worked to control the planes. Alvin said that these guests will most likely go back home and tell friends and neighbors about our club and how they enjoyed their visit. Alvin reminded everyone to be courteous to other members and visitors when they are at the field, as every member represents the club while they are at the field whether flying or socializing.



Alvin Cole

Mike Cannata brought up an issue of a pilot who was flying a loud airplane a few weeks ago. Alvin assured him that this issue is being addressed at the board level, and reminded everyone that we need to self-police, but must remember that none of us have badges.

Festival of Flight – John Fischer announced that the Festival of Flight will be from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm, with a night fly following. Dale Gathman passed around the volunteer sign-up sheet. Dale mentioned that we need more volunteers for most positions. John said that he will handle the noon airshow. The flight line crew will again be **Sal Perno, Dave Cotton, Dale Gathman** and **Bill Suhr**, along with any additional volunteers who sign up. There will be a pilot meeting at 9:00, and it will be very important as we will be trying to keep like planes in the air at the same time. If groups of pilots want to fly together, they should let the flight line crew know. With such a diverse collection of planes that will be present, this is important to avoid mid-air collisions. **Paula Fischer** will be managing shirt and hat sales, and she will be selling the WCWC 2015 shirts and hats as well as



John Fischer

the remaining Festival of Flight shirts from last year. There will be no pilot fee, and spectators will be charged \$5.00 for adults, kids 12 and under are free. All pilots who fly as well as all volunteers get in free. John expressed that we want all members to either be working the event or flying their planes, as we need to keep planes in the air the whole time. There are no size restrictions at this event, so all aircraft are welcome. Alvin said that **Todd Culbertson** will be once again setting up his R/C Demo Booth, where he has a lot of demos set up to teach people how R/C works. Todd has asked for volunteers to help man the booth so that he can get some flights in. John asked any pilots who have a specific plane that they want to fly in the noon show to contact him.

Dale Gathman then announced that **Carl Denuty** from the Batavia VFW contacted him and said that they are awarding the club a Plaque and certificate for our float which was in the Batavia Loyalty Day Parade. The announcement was followed by applause. The award ceremony will be Monday night at the Batavia City Council meeting, and Dale asked for a few members to accompany



Dale Gathman

him to receive the award. **Brian Wituk**, Parade Chairman said that he would attend, along with **John Fischer** and **Sal Perno**. Great job of organizing the float, Brian.



Brian Wituk



John Fischer



Sal Perno



Tom Flint

Dale next announced that the club has received an additional \$125.00 for submitting two additional articles covering the WCWC event. That brings the total award received from the AMA to \$175.00, which is the yearly maximum. Thanks were given to **Tom Flint** for the great job he did in getting our event out to the news media. Tom received applause for his efforts.



Dale announces the club earned a Plaque and certificate for the Batavia Loyalty Day Parade.

Alvin Cole announced that National Model Aviation Day is August 15, and asked us to remember to talk about our hobby to everyone especially on that day.

Show and Tell – **Greg Bohler** announced that he had worked with a gentleman who loved to build RC airplanes, but was afraid to fly them. He passed away a couple of years ago, and his son asked Greg to help him find homes for his planes. The last one is a trainer, which Greg brought to the field tonight. It is mostly built, and Greg offered it to any member who would finish it and asked only that the pilot contact the family once it is finished so that they can see it fly.



Greg Bohler



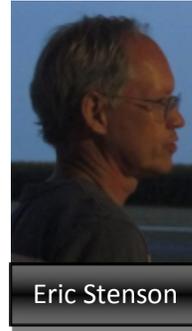
Tom Spriet

Tom Spriet recently rebuilt his garage, and while doing so ran out of floor space for his planes. He showed a unique rack he built out of 1/2" copper tubing and covered with pipe insulation. The rack can be hung from the ceiling, and it can be made to hold three or four planes. The planes are supported at their CG, so

they stay well balanced. The rack can also stand on the floor.



Alvin then had Dale show his official Piper Cub hat and shirt, which he wore to coordinate with the Cub Fly Day.



Eric Stenson announced that there is going to be a big soaring contest at the sod farm down at the intersection of 111th and Rt. 30 on August 29 and 30.

Hearing no further business, President Alvin Cole asked for a motion to adjourn. Sal Perno moved to adjourn. Dave Cotton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Dale Gathman – Secretary FVAC



FROM THE EDITOR

Jason Boettcher
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I hope you enjoy this issue! Special thanks to Dale Gathman & Brian Wituk for all the photos and information you continue to submit. The Festival of Flight is featured on the front cover. **-JB**

CUB FLY 2015



Dale Gathman photo



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Festival of Flight 2015



Wituk Photography



Brian Wituk photo

Matt Brustle



Brian Wituk photo

Armin Weber PT19



Brian Wituk photo

Chris Gini flying Dan Rocha's Extra



photography

Brian Wituk photo





Dale Gathman photo



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John Howe won the transmitter that was donated to the raffle by Team Futaba through Rusty Dose.



Dale Gathman photo



Brian Wituk photo

Tom Dose



Brian Wituk photo

Chris Gini



Dale Gathman photo

Paul Martin

The flying lawnmower entertains during the Festival. It is not possible to not smile when you see this sailing through the air.



Rusty & Tom Dose



Brian Wituk photo

Jason Flowers Goblin 770



Dale Gathman photo

Mel Ziska at the Microphone



Dale Gathman photo

Bob Boen (Bucker Jungmeister?)



Brian Wituk is ready to get another shot.
Dale Gathman photo

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Jeff Peca flying a "car"



Dale Gathman photo

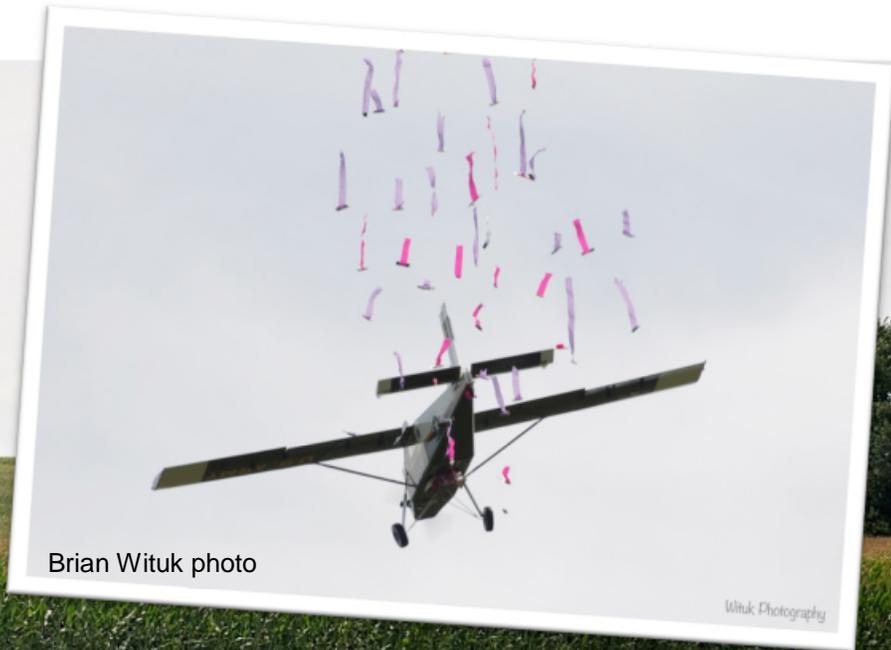
Tom and Rusty Dose



Dale Gathman photo



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Brian Wituk photo

Wituk Photography



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Pilatus plane and pilot which was used for the candy drop



Dale Gathman photo



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Todd Culbertson and family



Dale Gathman photo



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Paul Martin tells the crowd about his flying lawn mower.



Brian Wituk photo



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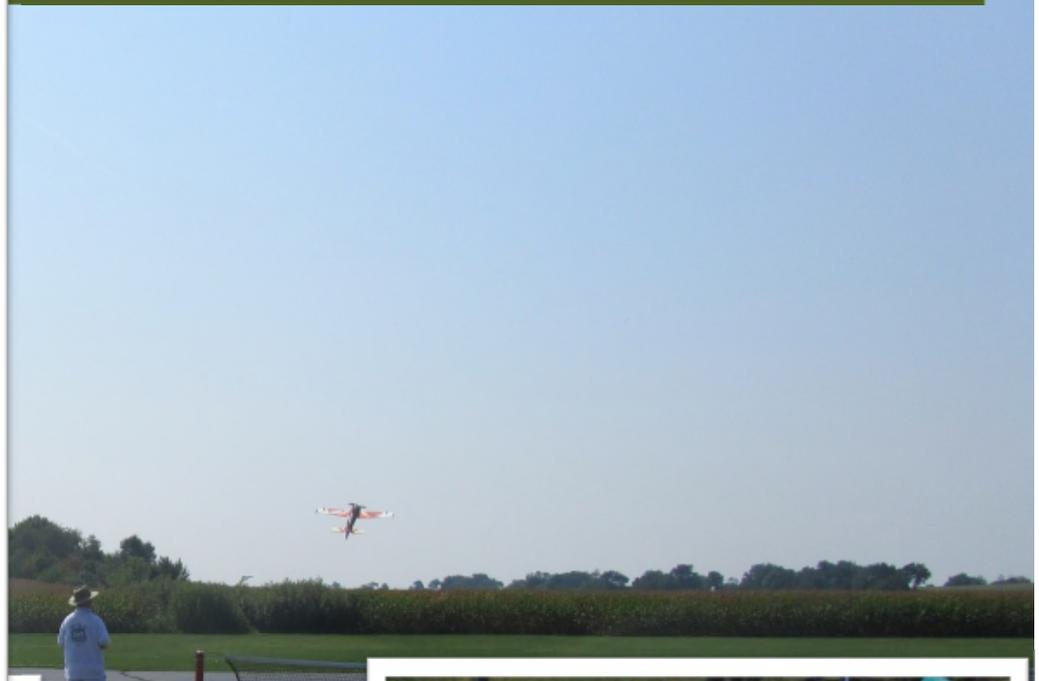
Chris Gini and Dan Rocha

SHOTS from the Field



Tom Flint
Super Stearman
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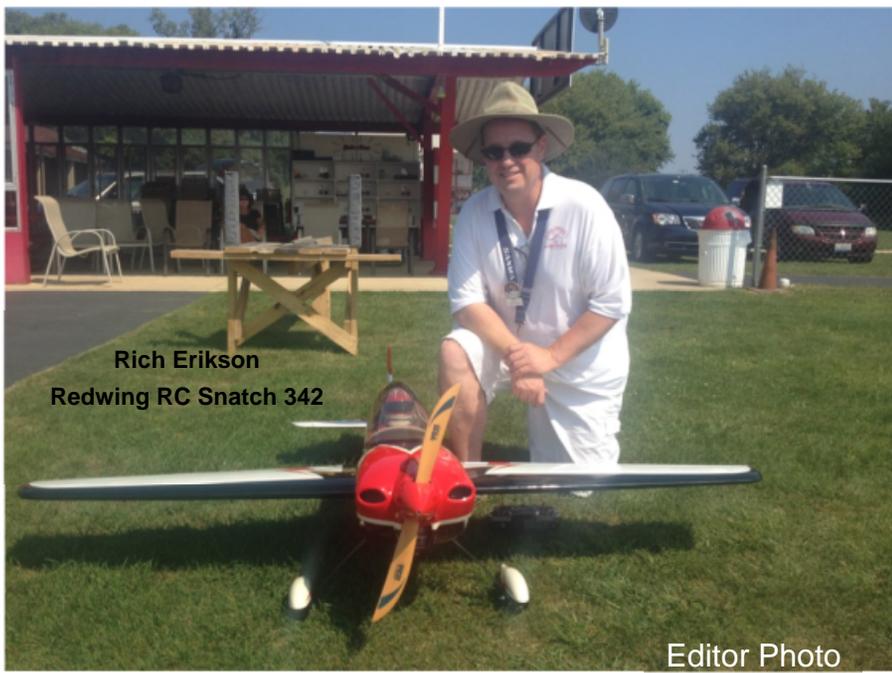
Todd Culbertson
A-10 Warthog
EDF Jet (Dual Fans!)

Editor Photo



Paul Jacobs
Is there an airplane
in this photo?

Editor Photo



Rich Erikson
Redwing RC Snatch 342

Editor Photo



Tom Flint
Super Stearman
Great Planes ARF
Satio 150
Tom rebuilt the plane.

Editor Photo



Don Froula
Park zone t28 Trojan

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DA-100 L with Proflow Canister
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from Germany.

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SHOT OF THE MONTH



Wituk Photography

Brian Wituk got this shot of Jason Flowers' Goblin 770 during the Festival of Flight

2015 Fox Valley Aero Club

Calendar of Events

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 AM FVAC Field
January 8	FVAC Member Meeting	7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
February 21	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	9:00-2:00 Kane County Fair Grounds
March 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
April 11	Norton Creek STEM Rocket Contest	1:00-7:00 FVAC Field
April 12	Alternate Norton Creek STEM Rockets	1:00-7:00 FVAC Field
April 18	Field Work Day	FVAC Field
May 3	Batavia Loyalty Day Parade	Time TBD, Parade Begins at 1:30
May 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
May 23	Fun-Fly - Two Minute Flight	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
May 25	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	Time TBD
June 6	Rocket Fest & Kids Fly	FVAC Field
June 7	Pig Roast & Fun-Fly	FVAC Field
June 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
June 25-27	2015 Windy City Warbirds & Classics	FVAC Field
June 28	Open Fun-Fly for any AMA member	FVAC Field
July 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
August 1	Fun-Fly - Timed Loops 5 Inside, 3 Outside	1:00-3:00 FVAC Field
August 13	Cub Fly and FVAC Member Meeting	Cub Fly 2:00; Meetings- 6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
August 22	Festival of Flight	FVAC Field
September 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 18	Turkey Fry & Fun-Fly - Limbo	FVAC Field
November 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
December 4	Annual Christmas Party	6:00 Hilton Garden Inn-St. Charles
December 10	Rookies Christmas Party	Rookies Sports Bar & Grill-St. Charles



FVAC NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member Assessment Fee: \$300.00 (For new memberships only.)
Does not include dues.

- Dues for Senior Members (18 years and over)** \$125.00 per Member
- Dues for Junior Members (17 years and under)** \$ 25.00 per Member
- Family Membership** \$125.00 per Member
(\$25 for each additional family member with an AMA card, either a spouse or a child under 18 years old.)

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