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The Fox Valley Aero

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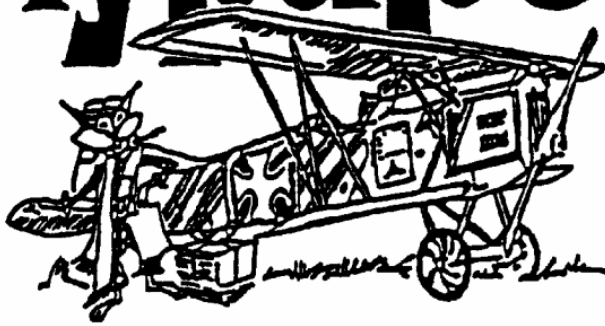
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Club Secretary
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Club Treasurer
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Message from the President

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Pictures
from the
new FVAC
field



October 04' Club Meeting Minutes

Fox Valley Aero Club General Business Meeting Minutes October 14, 2004

President Mel Ziska called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M. at the St. Charles Township facility

Secretary's Report – Highlight from the September secretary's report were read. The Secretary's report was approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Bill Simmons reported Club finances. The City is holding the money in the escrow account until the field is fully completed. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIELD REPORT – Field Chairman Lee Patterson was unavailable for a report. It was noted that the storm water retention basin overflow may need to be raised to meet the City's retention requirements. This is a relatively simple matter of raising the overflow to increase the retention capacity. It was also suggested that the street address be posted at the field. The newly seeded grass is starting to come up!

INSTRUCTION – Flight Instructor Dan Compton reported that training has been light.

SAFETY - From a safety perspective Dan advises using your rudder to stay away from the pits. Appropriate rudder inputs are required for approaches from the East or West.

President Ziska related a recent event at a Chicago land field where a pilot was hit by a plane. The incident involved individuals flying over the pit area and not exercising due care. The message, pay attention to the activities in the area and follow the safety rules.

Julian Pugh, Frequency Coordinator for AMA District VII reported on a recent jet rally at Darby Dan Airport near Columbus, Ohio. Evidently 3 or 4 jets went in at the start of the meet. This resulted in the meet being cancelled. Although frequencies were checked and no interference identified, interference is suspected. Julian indicates that he has checked our new field for possible interference and after hours of monitoring, no interference has been identified.

MEMBERSHIP – Chairman Al Zabel assisted by Jason Walsh participated in the initiation of four new members:

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The following new members were initiated:

- Mike Taylor – Mike is an R/C pilot with about 30 years of experiences. His primary interests are planes and helicopters. He is thinking of expanding his interest into turbines.
- Dave Taylor – Dave is Mike’s son and also has an active interest in planes and helicopters.
- Greg Wright – Most members know Greg. Greg is rejoining after a short absence. His interests are giant scale planes, mostly war birds. Greg has about 27 years of R/C experience.
- Jim Martin – Jim was unable to attend the meeting. He is a commercial pilot and also flies with the Lima Lima group. Jim has impressed a number of members with his electric aircraft.

Please welcome these new members!

Membership Al Zabel reported that 2005 membership renewal packages will be sent soon.

For those of you who know Chuck Noyes, he has recently had spine surgery at the Hines Hospital. He is reportedly recovering and anxious to get home and start building! All of us at the FVAC wish Chuck a speedy recovery!

EVENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Paul Douds reminded everyone of the Christmas Party. The event will be held on December 10, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. for cocktails and 7:00 P.M. dinner. Location will be the same as last year, the Fisherman’s Inn, Route 47 south of Elburn. This year the event will be \$30.00 per person. Checks should be made to the Fox Valley Aero Club.

Reminder, the Christmas Party/December business meeting is held on FRIDAY night, NOT Thursday night.

ELECTION 2005 – Candidates are being sought for the FVAC officers and board members. The nominating committee has been hard at work and the following members have expressed an interest:

President –	Jeff Anderson
Vice President –	Greg Bohler
	Karl Griesbaum
	Paul Douds
Treasurer	Bill Simmons
	Don Bennish

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Secretary	Julian Pugh
Board Member	Bob Walker
	Homer Lannoye
	Dominic Saverino
	Bill Sponsler
	Mike Kostecki
	Ken Kaiser

If you have an interest in serving as an officer or board member, please contact Lee Patterson.

CONSTITUTION – The Constitution requires amendment to update and to better reflect the interests of the membership. Since we are no longer sponsored by the St. Charles Park District, references to the organization should be deleted. Another point of clarification is the initiation of new members. The current requirements make it cumbersome for a new member to join if the new member has a work conflict on Thursday nights. The Board passed a motion to amend the Constitution to address both of these matters. The General membership must be appraised of these matters and vote upon amending the Constitution. It was proposed to send a revised Constitution out with the membership renewal packages.

NEW FIELD – Dan Compton reported that new members may be having difficulty with the padlocks on the Field Box. Dan's investigation indicates that some of the keys are copies of copies. If your key does not work, talk to Dan.

With the new field, garbage may be an issue. If you generate garbage, try to take it home with you. We have a recycle bin at the field. Dan Compton will take recycle the recyclables, BUT Dan would appreciate not digging through the garbage to segregate.

SWAP SHOP – Julian Pugh will be the Chairman of the Swap Shop in 2005. The event has been scheduled for February 26, 2005 at the Pottawatomie Park Community Center in St. Charles. Volunteers will be needed to help host the event. Additionally, donations to the CLUB table are greatly appreciated. Last year the Club table generated big bucks.

NOTEWORTHY – Sam Faircloth recently donated two COMPLETE R/C planes to the FVAC . Purpose of the donation was to help an aspiring youth pilot get started. Recently one of the planes was presented Kyle Burton of St. Charles. One plane remains to be presented. If you have a candidate, please contact Paul Douds or Dan Compton.

SHOW and TELL – Cliff Fullhart presented his Gee Bee Tiger Moth. The plane is Cliff's second identical aircraft. It is powered by an early O.S. 40 four stroke. Finished similarly to a Top Gun winner of a few years ago it looks great!

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Bill Mikesell presented his Bell P39 Air Cobra. The plane is powered by an O.S. 61 and has approximately 10 flights. It is equipped with Robart retracts. The plane is all wood with no foam. Surfaces are sheeted with 1/32 inch balsa. Great looking war bird!

John Turner showed off his latest creation, a Sig Something Extra. During the slow flying season this summer John had time to build the aircraft. It is finished in yellow and white and powered by an O.S. 46. Although not flown yet, it is ready!

Bill Simmons brought a propeller to the meeting. Bill had a mishap that resulted in 26 stitches in the palm of his hand. The plane was an electric. During a transmitter programming event the motor went to full throttle and caught Bill in the hand. The purpose of Bill's presentation was to remind all members to be very careful....the prop wasn't even scratched.

Harley Holt, a member of the Woodland Club, attended the meeting. He has no experience flying R/C aircraft but he flew Martin Marauders in Europe during WWII. The purpose of Harley's visit was to display his model of a Lincoln Aircraft Company plane that was originally designed in the 1920s. Lincoln Aircraft originally designed the aircraft as a kit plane for the home builder. To display the aircraft, Lincoln Aircraft Company built a single full scale prototype. This aircraft was discovered approximately 20 years ago in a barn in Minnesota.

Harley completed his creation with a three cylinder engine completed from castings. Factory drawings of the aircraft were available from the Nebraska Historical Society. A piece of fabric from the original full scale aircraft was obtained and applied to the horizontal stabilizer of the model. This is truly a magnificent model aircraft. Harley is hoping to have a single flight on the model before retiring the model to a museum.

Hobby Town – Reminder – during the September meeting Mike Kostecki, Hobby Town, announced a program to help support the new field. In the months of October and November 2004 Club members are asked to forego their 10% discount on certain purchases. Hobby Town will add 5% to the amount of purchase and donate to the Club Field Fund. This is 15% of your purchase going towards the field fund! This offer does not apply to airplane kits, radios or fuel. HOWEVER, there may be exceptions. Contact your friends at Hobby Town for further details!

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Kevin Hersey

Secretary



PATTERN 101

By Club Member, Chris Moon

Let's start off with some suggestions for good starter pattern planes. The first decisions you need to make are new vs. old, kit vs. ARF, and big vs. small. Some of the best deals in pattern planes can be found in the previously owned market. They may be from last season or several years old, but there are always several on the market. The best reason to think "old" is that they are already built, and someone else has done all of the work trimming the plane for you. You may also find one ready to fly for less than the cost of the kit version. If you want "new", are you a kit builder or ARF person? Some planes come in all flavors – kit, ARC (almost ready to cover), or ARF. Finally, are you looking for a nice flying .40 -.60 -.90 size model or a full 2 meter plane? If you are just starting pattern, a full 2 meter plane is probably not necessary, unless you can pick one up for a bargain. Most people will start with something smaller. Here are some suggestions for .40 to .90 sized planes:

.40 to .60

- Widebody 40 by CA Model (available as kit or ARC)
- Excelleron 50 ARF by Sportsman Aviation (sold by Hobby People)
- Javelin II 40 ARF by Cermark
- Aresti 40 ARF by Hangar 9
- Venus 40 ARF by Great Planes

.60 to .90

- Widebody 60 by CA Model (kit or ARC)
- Excelleron 60 ARF by Sportsman Aviation
- Quest 60 by Ultra R/C



Author's Widebody .60-.90 by CA Model

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Next, let's take a look at the 2 most overlooked maneuvers in the Sportsman Sequence – takeoff and landing. When you takeoff, do you just line up on the runway, gun the motor and pull back? Most people do. To execute a proper takeoff, you line up on the centerline, slowly accelerate so as to rotate exactly in front of you. Then climb out gradually while following the runway centerline with wings level until you get to 2 meters in height. This is not easy to do, especially with strong headwinds or crosswinds. It is the discipline to try to execute this perfectly every time you takeoff that leads to improvement in your flying skills. The landing begins at 2 meters with the airplane wings level and tracking down the extended centerline of the runway. From this position, the plane begins a gradual descent so as to touchdown exactly in front of you. After touchdown, you must roll out along the centerline for 15 meters. Again, any winds will add to the difficulty in doing this.

If you practice these each time you make a flight, you WILL improve your skills. It does not matter what plane you are flying, your goal is to execute these maneuvers as precisely as possible. When you take off, don't be satisfied just getting airborne. When landing, aim at the exact place you want to land every flight. This is also one place where your flight simulator will help. Practice takeoffs and landings until you can get the plane to do what YOU want –every time. Next month we will talk about 3 more maneuvers in the Sportsman sequence: straight flight out, ½ reverse Cuban eight, and straight flight back. Please send me an email if you have any questions or comments.

Chris Moon

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From the Editor...

Please let me know if there is anything you would like to see in future issues. The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 24th of each month. **The newsletter publish deadline will now be the Thursday prior to normal monthly meetings.** Web page submissions can be sent at anytime. Those of you that are serving on committees please send me important dates, times, and flyers a.s.a.p. so they can be posted on the web. I need current activity pictures i.e. meetings, fun-fly's and even normal "day at the field shots."

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ANNOUNCEMENT: It has been a great pleasure to serve as your Newsletter Editor and Webmaster for the past 18 months. I have been increasingly challenged by some family changes... Yes, another "little Mosinski" is on the way, a career change and illness of my Father has taken a lot of my time. So it is with regret that I submit my resignation as of January 1, 2005 I will no longer be able to carry on these duties. I encourage those club members that have the means and skills to please volunteer to take on this very important and prestigious position within the club. Our website is the front line, first impression and primary communication tool our club maintains.

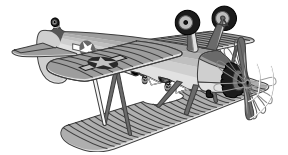
Please make your intentions known to volunteer to any of the board members at the November/December meetings.

Regards, Bob

Proposed FVAC Constitution
updates included.
To be voted on at the November business
meeting, November 11, 2004

**You're invited to the
2004 Christmas Party!
Fox Valley Aero Club
Membership Renewal Form**

Alfred R. Zabel
FVAC Membership Chairman
1231 Averill Drive
Batavia IL 60510



Fox Valley Aero Club

Christmas Party

Come one, come all and have a good time!

Friday, December 10, 2004

Fishermans Inn
On Rt. 47 & Main St.
2 miles south of Elburn.

Cocktails at 6:00 - Dinner at 7:00

\$30.00 per person

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Don't miss the boring
stories about airplanes!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

**The deadline for your FVAC Membership renewal is February 10, 2005
Renew Today!**

IMPORTANT

This form must be received correctly filled in, along with the appropriate payment by February 10, 2005 or your FVAC membership will have lapsed. If the Annual dues are not paid by the deadline the delinquent member must pay a late fee in an amount set annually by the Board of Directors. Renewal forms and fees may be mailed or delivered in person at Club meetings until and including February 10, 2005. It is a requirement that the \$300.00 assessment fee be paid in full in order to renew membership. Renewal for Members over 18 is \$75.00. Family renewal is \$75.00. Junior renewal is \$25.00.

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Full Name	AMA Number	Age (Junior members only)	Dues Amount
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