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Academy of Model Aeronautics  
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An early morning photo of the beautifully painted pavillion waiting for the first flyers of the day. Frost on the grass in the background is hinting at the coming colder temps.



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Paul Martin photo



## President's Message

**Dale Gathman**

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**Turkey Fry 2022** – Our Turkey Fry was on October 8th, and we had a very enjoyable day. Tom Spriet, Karl Griesbaum, and crew did another marvelous job of getting and preparing the turkeys for the club. A good number of club members and families attended, and the food that they brought to share was amazing as usual.



The wind was strong but out of the southwest, so the shed blocked it nicely. As Turkey Frys go, the temperature was pretty warm for that time of year. A few of the members flew in the morning, but by the afternoon, the only one who braved the wind and flew was Jeff Mrachek, and then only once. Very impressive. His plane is still in one piece.

**Back to Standard Time**– Don't forget to change your clocks back one hour this Sunday morning, November 6. You morning flyers will get another hour of flight time for a little while.

**Christmas Pizza Party 2022** – Our 2022 Christmas Pizza Party is ON this year. **The date will be Saturday, December 10, at 6:00 pm.** Details will be sent out by email. This is a member and spouse only party. As usual, we will be collecting gift cards and cash for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program again this year. Please donate generously to this great program. The gifts go to those kids in the tri-village area (St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia) who are not as fortunate as we are. We will also be collecting toys and gift cards out at the field pavilion shortly after the pizza party for those who cannot attend the party. Details will be sent out to the members. The toys and gift cards will be delivered to the Salvation Army from

the club following the collection times. Note that all cash received will be used to purchase gift cards for the donation.

**Christmas Party at the Hilton Garden Inn** - Everyone should be aware already, but just a reminder that the board has decided to cancel the Hilton Garden Inn Christmas Party for the foreseeable future. Due to Covid, we have not been able to have it for a couple of years now, and it has been a large drain on our budget when we did have it. It was a super party, but only about a third of our members attended. The raffle prizes we gave away were great, but one of our members voiced the fact that in order to get into the raffle, a member had to attend the party, which cost the member quite a bit. To remedy this situation, from now on we will be having our Christmas raffle at our Spring Cookout, held at the field.

**Swap 2023**– JT and Joe are busily working on the 2023 Swap Meet at the Kane County Fairgrounds. This meet will be on Saturday, February 18, 2023. Details are available on our website and registration will be open soon. Contact JT or Joe if you have any questions.

**Opportunity to Serve the Club** – Serving on the Board of Directors is a great way to help your club out and to get to know the inner workings of the club. We always welcome anyone who would like to run for At-Large Director or for any of the Officer positions to have someone nominate you. Our election process starts with open nominations at our October Member Meeting, and then again at our November Member Meeting. The Election takes place via electronic vote shortly after. Give some thought to the possibility of joining the board for 2023. If you have any questions about serving in this capacity, please contact me.

**FVAC Board Election 2023** – Our election will be taking place via a ballot which will come to you through an email from Survey Monkey. Secretary Armin Weber (with John Howe's help) will be sending this out sometime Wednesday, November 16. Your ballot must be completed by midnight, Wednesday November 23 in order to be counted. The Election results will be emailed out soon after. Don't forget to submit a member's name for our 2022 Members Choice Award. This can be any of our members who you feel are deserving of special recognition for 2022. Members who have won this award in the past are not eligible for 2022, and a list of the previous winners will be provided.

**2023** - As we look forward to 2023, I pray that you and your families stay healthy, safe, and that you are able to have a great Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing you at the Rookies Christmas Pizza Party, and again at our Frozen Fingers – First-in-Flight on January 1st. Details will be coming.

I hope to see you at our Member Meeting on November 10 at 7:30 pm at the St. Charles Township Building.

Dale

**Note: The Rookies Christmas Pizza Party, mentioned in several places in this newsletter, has been relocated to Nick's Pizza & Pub in Elgin. The date has been changed to Saturday, December 10 at 6:00 PM.**

## Windy City Jets Invitational

September 24, 2022

By Dave Murray

This event was a trial run to see what type of club participation for a jet only event would occur. We ended up having 11 club members participating with 14 jets. The jets range anywhere from a small 50 inch span Viper to a 1/5 scale F-16.



Every participant received a T-shirt, donated by Dreamworks Model Products and BVM Models. We also had lunch, provided by Buona Beef. Even members who were present without jets got to enjoy the benefits of Buona Beef!

We had a wonderful time. The weather was spectacular. We look forward to seeing anyone who wants to fly a jet, be it EDF, ducted fan or Turbine at next years event.

The board of directors has approved the Windy City Jets Invitational for 2023. The dates will be September 22 and 23.

## From the Editor

Paul Martin

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As the warm weather flying season winds down and we wait for the first flakes of snow to appear, I am sure that some of our more ardent cold weather flyers can't wait for the chance to slap some skis on their models when the runway changes color from black to white. Others will most likely, like myself, be hunkered down in the workshop checking batteries, repairing or improving existing projects or beginning new builds.

As we move through the winter months and you have a project, tip or technique that you believe would benefit or be of interest to other members of the club, please email it to me with a brief description and photos. I will be happy to include it in the Flypaper over the coming months.

Also, if you happen to capture any particularly interesting photos that you feel would be worthy of the "Shot of the Month", please email them to me.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I wish for all members and their families a very happy, thankful and safe Thanksgiving!

Paul



## Watcha got?

The *FlyPaper* is always looking for content! Send your builds, tips, and tricks for inclusion in this newsletter to: [newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com](mailto:newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com)

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## Treasurers Report

Joe Pedone

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Farewell....well sort of!

First from the Treasury standpoint, our checkbook balance is in good shape as we start to wind down the calendar year. In October we benefitted from additional income generated by the Tailgate swap, and related donations of RC merchandise that was sold at the event. From the expense side, we had some minor spending for turkeys and oil for our Annual Turkey Fry, as well as made a payment to restock our supply of FVAC apparel for future sales to members. So all and all, things are in good shape for the year as we look forward to fund one last event, our Rookies Holiday party in December.

As was announced at the October member meeting, I will be stepping down from the Treasurer role this month, as we've made a decision to relocate closer to family in Tucson, AZ. That has been a difficult decision, and not without a lot of angst over the thought of leaving so many of my good friends at FVAC. This club has been such a huge part of my life over the past 10 years, its very hard to imagine not being a part of it. But being located close to family has become a more feasible option for me now that I am retired, and of course being out of Chicago winters does have some appeal as well. . So off we go on our next adventure!

The good news for all of us is the Treasurer role will remain in good hands! As was also announced and voted on at the October meeting, Scott Stampfli will be taking over this role, with the transition taking place in November. Scott has been a member of FVAC since 2015, and is well suited for this position, with a career and background in corporate accounting. I am very grateful for



Scott stepping in to take this role, and I am confident you will all enjoy interacting with him in his new capacity within the Club.

So why the "Farewell...sort of"? Well even though I will be leaving the area at the end of November, I will stay involved in helping with some of the activities that I have been a part of over the years, such as the February Swap Meet, planning for the Warbird event, and working with Bob Mosinski on FVAC website enhancements. This allows me the benefit of keeping a foot in the door, and also insures we keep some continuity as other members become more involved with these events. So

I look forward to continuing to work with you remotely!

Lastly, I want to thank you for your friendship, support, and camaraderie over these past years. I know I will sincerely miss spending time together, and you can be sure I'll be checking the webcams often to see everyone and what's happening at FVAC. Please stay in touch.

Joe Pedone,  
Soon-to-be Ex-Treasurer  
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**Turkey Fry  
October 8, 2022**





## Secretary's Report

**Armin Weber**

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Fox Valley Aero Club  
**Member Meeting Minutes**  
 October 13, 2022 at  
 St. Charles Township Hall

1. **Welcome board members** – Dale Gathman.  
 Dale Gathman called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.
2. **Approval of Member Meeting Minutes from September 08, 2022** – Armin Weber.  
 Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the September Meeting minutes. Motion made by Bill Suhr, second by Jeff Mrachek. All accepted.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Joe Pedone.  
 Joe reported we received income from: Festival of Flight, Tailgate Swap, and new Member Dues. Recent expenses include Turkey Fry and field maintenance.  
  
 Joe Pedone announced he will be leaving by Thanksgiving. Scott Stampfli will take over as treasurer.  
  
 Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Jim Hatcher moved, second by Scott Schilling. All approved.
4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.  
 No report.

5. **Open Floor for Board Position Nominations** – Dale Gathman.  
 Dale Gathman verified that all current elected board members will run for 2023. They were all nominated for their positions for 2023. Members nominated for Director at Large: Rich Gabrys, Jeff Peca, Larry Grela. Rich and Jeff were not in attendance so Dale will check whether they are willing to run.

Be on the lookout for a special edition of the Fly Paper with Campaign statements from the candidates.

New members introduced themselves:  
 John Shultz long time modeler new to flying.  
 Dave Baker has several RC Cars and is learning to fly.

Dale Gathman presented a letter from a fellow FVAC member regarding former members Dennis and Cindy McFarlane. Dennis and Cindy live in Florida and were affected by Hurricane Ian. Members suggested a "Go Fund Me" page on Facebook, possibly set up by John Howe. This would allow anyone to donate to help Dennis and Cindy with cleanup and repair expenses.

6. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Tom Spriet.  
 Tom reported, there is nothing new in regard to the field lease renewal since he emailed the Mayor of Saint Charles last month. He will follow-up in the spring.
7. **Membership Chairman's Report** – Dale Gathman for Dave Cotton.  
 New Members – Five this month – Brian Sokol, Anton Sokol, John Shultz, David Baker, Dave Baker - Member count at 203.

8. **Field Chairman's Report** – Mark Knoppkie.  
Mark reported: We have a few more mowings this year and the walls are up around the pavilion.  
The crack in the center of the runway will be sealed Sunday 10/23 around 12 noon. The runway will be unavailable until the sealer dries. The mower engine issue has been fixed.  
Mark Knoppkie announced he will be stepping down as Field Chairman after this year.
9. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.  
Dale mentioned that Paul completed his first issue of the Flypaper this month. Anyone who has articles or photos of interest should send them to Paul at newsletter@foxvalleyaero.com.
10. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Tom Flint.  
Tom Flint prepared a summary of the recent Cub Fly event for publication in the AMA magazine.  
Tom announced he will be stepping down as Public relations Chairman after this year.
11. **Festival of Flight Report** – Jim Thompson.  
Dale Gathman reported: The event was a success. We handed out 506 wrist bands to adult spectators. The exotic cars drew a significant amount of interest. Overall great event with great attendance.
12. **Tailgate Swap Report** – Mike Maciejewski.  
Mike Maciejewski reported the event was a success. Some minor changes will be made for next year. We will either close the field during the swap or move the swap to the North end of the field. The club table brought in \$1291 thanks to donations of planes and kits from two people. Seller registration brought in \$440. Mike suggested we add the event to the FVAC events page of the website. We were a little short on volunteers. Thanks to Dave Cotton for stepping in to help.
- Larry Grela offered his warehouse space in Naperville as an alternate location of the next Tailgate Swap. Larry will check into details and we will discuss this further.

13. **Turkey Fry Report** – Tom Spriet.  
Tom Spriet reported, the event was a success. All went well. We had good attendance and everyone enjoyed the day.

**Windy City Jets** - Dave Murray proposed a Jet event for 2023:

- o Dates: Sept 22 & 23 (Friday & Saturday).
- o Invitational format, limited to 40 pilots. Invite individuals that we know will respect the boundaries.
- o Six sponsors have agreed to participate.
- o Sponsors fees will pay for the storage tent.
- o \$50 pilot fee, \$5 spectator fee, (under 12 free).

The BOD approved the event. Dave asked for questions and for any objections. Nobody in attendance objected.

14. **Close Floor for Board Position Nominations** – Dale Gathman.  
Nominations for board positions was closed and will re-open at the November meeting.

**Show & Tell** – Dale Gathman

Dale Gathman brought his new E-flite Beechcraft D18. The recently released model has flaps, retracts, lights, and a single speed control for both engines. The motors have counter rotating props. The model can be configured for differential thrust controlled by the rudder channel. Battery is a single 3 or 4S



Photo by Doug Swanson

Motion to adjourn by Doug Swanson, second Bill Suhr, all approved.

Meeting was adjourned by Dale Gathman at 8:40pm.

Minutes submitted by Armin Weber – Secretary.

## Tailgate Swap "The Swapportunity"

Photo Follow up

The Tailgate Swap was held on September 17. An article was written by Mike Maciejewski in the October Flypaper. These are some photos taken by Dale Gathman that show how successful the event was!



All photos by Dale Gathman

January 1	<b>Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers</b>	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 11	FVAC Member Meeting	7:00 Board Zoom
January 13	FVAC Member Meeting	7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 19	<b>FVAC Annual Swap Meet</b>	8:30 – 4:00 - Kane County Fairgrounds
March 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 23	<b>Field Workday</b>	9:00 – FVAC Field
April 30	<b>FVAC Cookout - Awards and Raffle</b>	12:00 – FVAC Field
May 7	<b>Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day</b>	9:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
May 10	<b>Cub Scout Pack 260 Rocket Launch</b>	5:00 – 6:30 – FVAC Field (closed for flying)
May 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
May 20	<b>Explorer Post Rocket Launch</b>	7:00 – 8:30 – FVAC Field (closed for flying)
May 30	<b>St. Charles Memorial Day Parade</b>	TBD
June 5	<b>Fun-Fly – #1 – Greaser Landing</b>	11:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
June 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
June 16-18	<b>Windy City Warbirds &amp; Classics</b>	FVAC Field
July 2	<b>Electric Only – AMA Sanctioned</b>	10:00 – 2:00 Electric Only – FVAC Field
July 7	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
July 10	<b>Fun-Fly – #2 – Dead Stick</b>	11:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
August 6	<b>Retro Fly</b>	9:00 – 3:00 - FVAC Field
August 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
August 13	<b>Family Fly Day</b>	9:00 – 1:00 - FVAC Field
August 27	<b>Cub Fly – AMA Sanctioned</b>	9:00 – 1:00 Cubs Only - FVAC Field
August 27	<b>Night Fly – AMA Sanctioned</b>	6:00 - Midnight - FVAC Field
Sept 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at <b>Township Hall</b>
Sept 10	<b>Festival of Flight</b>	9:00 – 5:00 - FVAC Field
Sept 17	<b>FVAC Tailgate Swap Meet - Sanctioned</b>	9:00-1:00 – FVAC Field
Sept 18	<b>Fun-Fly – #3 –</b>	11:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
October 8	<b>Turkey Fry</b>	12:00 – FVAC Field
October 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
November 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
<del>December 3</del>	<del><b>Annual Christmas Party</b></del>	<del>6:00 Hilton Garden Inn – St. Charles</del>
December 10	<b>Christmas Pizza Party</b>	6:00 Nick's Pizza & Pub - Elgin

*Note that starting this month we are back to meeting at Township Hall!*

# Fox Valley Aero Club Flight Boundary Map

Rotary-wing  
Aircraft Only  
Area

Forest  
Preserve  
Property

Western Boundary - First Tree Line

Flight Area (unshaded, red boundary)

Eastern Boundary - Base of  
Police Gun Range Berm

Police  
Gun Range

9-1-1  
Dispatch  
Center

Red shaded area =  
No-Fly Zone

# FVAC NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

- Dues for Regular Members (19 years and over) ..... \$150.00 per Member
- Dues for Junior Members (18 years and under) ..... \$ 25.00 per Member
- Family Membership ..... \$150.00 1st Member  
(\$25 for each additional family member with an AMA card, either a spouse or a child under 19 years old.)

PLEASE PRINT

Your Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Include me on the club email list.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please list the R/C channel(s) you use: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Phone Number/s: \_\_\_\_\_

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