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2023 Spring Cookout and Raffle



Paul Martin Photo



President's Message

Dale Gathman

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Field Workday. We once again had a great turnout of volunteers to help spruce up the field on this year's Field Workday. We had a long list of projects, and we were able to get it all done except the painting and pavilion roof scraping. We decided to hold off on painting projects as the temperature was too cold for the paint to dry and adhere correctly. Tom Flint has volunteered to head up a group of members and get the jungle gym and

bleacher painting done soon. Tom Blassick and Jim Clousing got a great start on the pavilion roof scraping, and Jim came back two additional days after workday to finish it up. The next step is to power wash the roof and flex-seal, followed by priming and painting. Please be patient, this project will take a number of weeks, but we will get it done.

Spring Cookout, Awards and Raffle – We had a fantastic turnout for our Spring Cookout this year. Look for full coverage in either this issue or the June issue.

Memorial Day Parade – We will once again be participating in the St. Charles Memorial Day Parade. The float will be looking good, as we have a new layer of plywood to the top and will have the top and sides re-painted before the parade. Dave Murray, Vice President and Parade Chairman says as usual, we will need a few warbirds to mount to the float corner stands. Dave plans to place two F-16 turbine jets on the float center, one on top and one in the rear blowing smoke. If you have never marched with us in the parade, it is a great opportunity for our club to honor those who served.

We have two banners that show our appreciation for our veterans, and they cover the entire sides of the float. More details will be coming. I hope you can join us.

Fun Fly #1 - Greaser – We will be repeating our super fun Greaser Fun Fly this year on June 4. The goal is to grease your landing, and we have your fellow competitors grade your landing. If you have not participated in a fun fly yet, this would be a good one to start with. All you have to do is take off, fly a circuit, and 'grease your landing'. You have a month to practice up, I hope to see you there.

We are looking forward to the flying season, which seems to have finally started. Winds will be subsiding, and temperatures are rising. I look forward to seeing you at the field. The camaraderie of our members is a thing to be cherished, and I appreciate you all being members of our fine club, made fine by you.

I hope to see you at the May Member Meeting on the 11th, and please bring your new planes and projects to show to the group. This will be the last meeting at the township meeting room before we move to meeting at the field in June, July, and August.

Dale



Secretary's Report

Armin Weber

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Fox Valley Aero Club
Member Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023 at
St. Charles Township Hall

1. **Welcome Members and Guests** – Dale Gathman.
Dale Gathman called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.
 2. **Approval of Member Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2023** – Armin Weber.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the March Member Meeting minutes. Motion made by Bill Shur, second by Steve Haas. All approved.
 3. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Stampfli.
Scott reported we are doing good.
Balance is about \$7,700 more than this time last year.
FVAC Taxes are done.
Income from dues has slowed.
Upcoming Expenses include: April cookout, Prizes and awards, Field work, pop machine, AED machine.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Motion made by Rob Sampson, second by Jeff Hughes. All approved.
 4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.
Jim Thompson reported that the AED promotion offered thru the AMA has expired.
The local Fire Departments no longer do AED demos.
- Several members mentioned - no training is required to use the AED.
Decision was made to purchase the base model for around \$750, with a soft case and store it in the First-Aid box at the field. The device will be moved indoors during the winter.
5. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Tom Spriet.
No Report.
 6. **Membership Chairman's Report** – Dave Cotton.
Dave reported:
Member count at 186 (not including 22 Adult and 7 Junior who may not renew). 7 Adult expected to renew and are included in the 186.
Welcome Scott and Jacob Olef - former FVAC members returning to the area.
 7. **Field Chairman's Report** – Dale Gathman.
Dale Gathman reminded members of the upcoming field workday. A signup sheet was passed around.
 - a. Field Workday is Saturday, April 22.
 - i. Replace one tennis net.
 - ii. Raise the height of all nets.
 - iii. Paint touch-up on bleacher top wood and jungle gym frame and roof.
 - iv. Flex seal leaks on the pavilion roof.
 - v. Clean and paint the pavilion roof (silicone or Rustoleum??).
 - vi. Clean out shed.
 - vii. Trim brush behind the shed.
 - viii. Add a second layer of plywood to top of parade float and add support under tail OSB.
 - ix. Paint top of float.
 - x. Wash the picnic benches (dusty).
 - xi. Get the hand-wash station ready to use.
 - xii. Cut down a few trees out at the center treeline.
 - xiii. Install flag poles and flags.

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- b. Tom Flint and Mark Knoppkie – prepare mowers for the season.
8. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.
Paul Martin reminded members to take photos at the field. And use the highest resolution when submitting the photos for the Fly Paper.
9. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Todd Culbertson.
No report.
10. **Parade Report** – Dave Murray.
Swedish days - Decision was made to skip the Swedish days parade. Several key members will be unavailable that weekend.
Memorial Day – FVAC will participate in the Memorial Day parade.
11. **Cookout/Awards/Raffle Report** – Dale Gathman.
Dale reminded members the cookout is April 29, plan on eating about noon. Please RSVP.
Bring a dish to pass and drinks.
Rich and Jan Gabrys and Debbie Howe family getting and preparing food of Ham, Chicken, Pulled Pork.
Raffle will be held. Tickets are free to members. The Howe family will purchase the prizes, approximately \$2500.
Annual awards will be presented.
12. **Treeline/Berm Orientation Day** – Dale Gathman
Treeline/Berm Orientation will be May 6 from 9–1 pm. Bring your larger faster models. Members with walkie talkies will be stationed at the berm and tree line in 1-hour shifts.
13. **Windy City Jets Report** – Dave Murray.
Dave Murray reported the WCJ banners are now hanging on the wall at Hobby-Town.
The event will be published in the Saint Charles Park District magazine and Daily Harold – Time Out section.
14. **Festival of Flight Report** – Jim Thompson.
Planning is in process. Still searching for a food vendor.

Jim reported the AMA published an incorrect date for the Electric event, the date has been corrected.

The electric event will start at 9am instead of 10.

Show & Tell

Rob Sampson brought his beautiful ¼ scale Fokker Dr.1 Tri-Plane built from the Balsa USA kit.

The model is powered by a G-26 gasoline engine, covered in Solartex and painted with Behr latex paint applied with a chip brush. Details include Williams Brothers wheels and machine guns.



John Turner (JT) brought a very nice T-33 EDF from Motion RC. The model uses an 80mm fan, 75amp esc and 5000 6s battery.



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Dave Murray & Mike Mueller brought a very impressive TopRc Model T-28.



This is a prototype developed by TopRc with input from Mike Mueller of Gator Rc. Dave Murray will assemble, and test fly the model, then provide feedback to TopRC. The composite model is very light and strong. The production model will be available in three different finishes. It has a 111" wing span and will use the UMS 150cc 5 Cylinder radial.

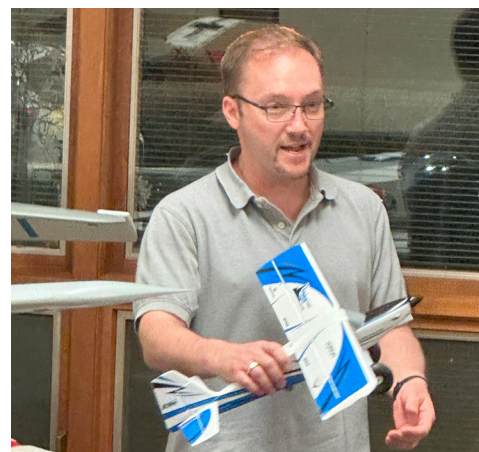


Dale Gathman – showed a print of the E2c Hawkeye framed by Armin Weber.

Dale's son was a Flight Officer on this aircraft flown from the USS Abraham Lincoln - Navy Command and Control Squadron VAW-116 the "Sun Kings".



Jeff Hughes – brought his new E-Flite UMx Turbo Timber. The model uses 2 or 3S batteries, has flaps and can be fitted with optional floats. Jeff plans fly the model from water on kayaking trips.



Motion to adjourn by Dave Cotton, second Bill Suhr, all approved.

Meeting was adjourned by Dale Gathman at 8:35pm.

Minutes submitted by Armin Weber – Secretary

From the Editor

Paul Martin

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It has been nice to see more spring-like weather and along with it, more activity at the field. Although I have only been out to fly once, I was able to participate in the Field Workday and the Cookout.

As Dale mentioned in his article regarding the Field Workday, most all of the work was completed on the assigned day. The only exception was the pavilion roof, due to the weather. I took a little fun with the workday pictures on the next couple of pages. With snow and rain squalls coming across the field, the workday almost seemed like a dual weather event, meandering randomly from spring back into winter and back to spring again.

The spring cookout was another enjoyable day. The event was a success due to the volunteers who set up the event. I believe a special Thanks should go out to Rich and Jan Gabrys, and the Howe family, for preparing the meal. Thanks also to the Howe Family for obtaining and distributing the raffle prizes! Thank you!

In this issue there are many pictures that capture the happiness and fellowship that we share in this club. I believe that the picture that most expresses the pure joy that we all feel when maidenizing our latest project is expressed in the face of Parker Curtis. He won the Seagull Models Ju-87 Stuka provided by Mike Mueller of Gator RC. Parker is featured in the Shot of the Month shown below.



Watcha got?

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

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Field Workday April 22, 2023



Dale Gathman Photos

Field Workday (Winter Ops!) April 22, 2023



Paul Martin Photos

2023 Spring Cookout, Awards & Raffle April 29, 2023





Members Choice Award - Mark Knoppkie



Top Gun Award - Karl Griesbaum



Presidents Choice Award - Rob Sampson

**Presidents Choice Award - Jim Clousing
(unable to attend)**



First in Flight Award - Scott Stampfli



Fun Fly "Greaser" Winner - Jeff Mrachek



Fun Fly Overall Winner - Jeff Peca
Fun Fly "Deadstick" - Winner



Fun Fly "400 Foot" Winner - Cliff Fullhart

Shot of the Month

Parker Curtis and the newly won Seagull Models JU-87 Stuka. Hopefully we can all have the joy for the hobby that Parker is showing in this photo!

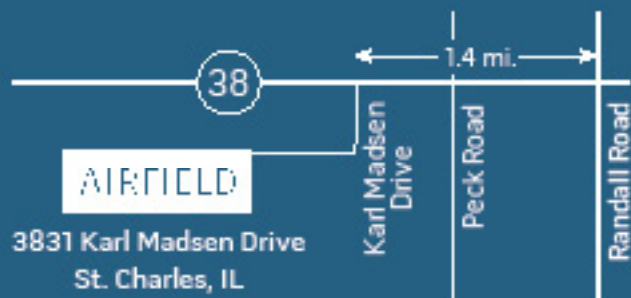


WINDY CITY JETS

Radio Control Jet Airshow



September 8 and 9, 2023
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Adults: \$5.00 Kids 12 and under: FREE
Food Vendors Onsite
Incredible Turbine-powered RC Aircraft
Skilled and Safe Pilots

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EVENTS 2023

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 10	FVAC Member Meeting	7:00 Board Zoom
January 12	FVAC Member Meeting	7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 18	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	8:30 – 4:00 - Kane County Fairgrounds
March 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 22	Field Workday	9:00 – FVAC Field
April 29	FVAC Cookout - Awards and Raffle	12:00 – FVAC Field
May 6	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	9:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
May 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
May 29	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	TBD
June 4	Fun-Fly – #1	11:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
June 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
June 25	Swedish Days Parade	TBD
July 1	Electric Only – AMA Sanctioned	9:00 – 3:00 Electric Only – FVAC Field
July 6	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
August 5	Retro Fly	9:00 – 3:00 - FVAC Field
August 6	Fun Fly - #2	11:00 - 1:00 - FVAC Field
August 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
August 12	Cub Fly - AMA Sanctioned	9:00 – 1:00 Cubs Only - FVAC Field
August 12	Night Fly – AMA Sanctioned	6:00 - Midnight - FVAC Field
August 26	Cub Scout Rocket Fest	9:00 - 11:00 - FVAC Field
August 26	Family Fly Day	1:00 - 4:00 - FVAC Field
Sept 8, 9	Windy City Jets Invitational	9:00 - 5:00 - FVAC Field
Sept 10	Festival of Flight	9:00 - 5:00 - FVAC Field
Sept 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
Sept 16	FVAC Tailgate Swap Meet - Sanctioned	9:00 - 1:00 – FVAC Field
Sept 17	Fun-Fly #3	11:00 - 1:00 - FVAC Field
October 7	Turkey Fry	12:00 – FVAC Field
October 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
November 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
December 9	Christmas Pizza Party	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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