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Memorial Day Parade

St. Charles
May 29, 2023



Dale Gathman Photo



President's Message

Dale Gathman

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Memorial Day Parade – We had a great time participating in the St. Charles Memorial Day Parade again this year (look for coverage in this issue).

Thanks to Dave Murray for organizing the planes and for painting the float top, and for the volunteers at workday who helped replace the top plywood. The float looked great. We went a little simpler this year than in years past, and we went with only

one amazing F-16 on top (thanks Larry Grela) as well as Dave's amazing F-16 in the rear blowing smoke. The four corners were adorned with WWII warbirds, a P-47 (mine), A Dauntless (JT's), a T-28 (Mike Giovacchini's) and an F4 Phantom (Jim Thompson's). The crowd loved the float and showed it with cheers and applause every time Dave sent out a cloud of smoke. This parade is so neat in that we get to show the city of St. Charles that we as a club appreciate and remember our fallen veterans as well as all who have served and still serve. The warbirds some of us fly mean a lot to those veterans who flew them in the past or knew of them through working on them or knowing others who flew or worked on them. Many have expressed their appreciation for them at our past events and parades.

Future Events – I really am going to miss our Windy City Warbirds & Classics event this year but look forward to it being back next year. Keep your eyes open for the following upcoming events – Fun Fly #2 and 3, Retro Fly, Family Fly Day, Cub Fly, Night Fly, Festival of Flight, Tailgate Swap Meet at the field, and Turkey Fry. Also, this year Cub Scout Rocket Fest is back, as well as our newest event – Windy City Jets. Our full calendar is available on the website, as well as published in our Flypaper issues.

Please remember to look for new members at the field and introduce yourself. Also watch for new flyers who may need your help or advice.

I hope to see you at the June Member Meeting on the 8th at the flying field, and please bring your new planes and projects to show to the group.

Dale

Vice President

Dave Murray

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The Memorial Day Parade that FVAC participates in is a very special way to honor the veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice, for the freedom we have in this country. It is also a perfect opportunity to show the city of St. Charles that FVAC has a keen interest in the programs that the Park District is promoting. This years float was a first in that we were able to have two identical 1/5 scale F-16 jets mounted on the float! (Check out the pictures below on pages 7 & 8!)

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members that help make this years parade an Over-The-Top Success. Without you this would not have happened. A special thank you to Dale who helped me organize the parade and the float.

An updated Pop and Water vending machine was installed in the pavillion and is working well. It only takes credit cards or debit cards. I will check the refills weekly and make sure that we can all enjoy a cold beverage!

See you at the field,

Dave



Tom Flint Photo

VICE PRESIDENT



Secretary's Report

Armin Weber

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Fox Valley Aero Club
Member Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023 at
St. Charles Township Hall

1. **Welcome Members and Guests** – Dale Gathman.
Dale Gathman called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

2. **Approval of Member Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2023** – Armin Weber.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the April Member Meeting minutes. Motion made by Dave Cotton, second by Dave Brustle. All approved.

Dale reminded members the June meeting will be held at the field.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Stampfli.
We are about \$6,000 up from this time last year. Income from dues has slowed. Expenses include: AED machine & routine field expenses. (mowing, porta potties, garbage disposal). Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Motion made by Jeff Mrachek, second by Bill Suhr. All approved.

4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.
 - a. AED machine purchased.
 - b. Treeline/Berm Orientation Day. Dale reported the turnout was very light due to bad weather. Dale did a brief demo of the AED. The machine provides step-by-step voice commands to guide the user. The machine will be kept in the pavilion in a water-proof container near the First Aid supplies.



Dale Gathman mentioned that the AMA has a program to reimburse clubs that purchase an AED machine. 25% of the purchase price up to \$200. We will apply for the reimbursement.

5. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Tom Spriet.
No report.

6. **Membership Chairman's Report** – Dave Cotton.
 - a. Member count at 192.
 - b. 20 Adult, 6 Junior did not renew, not included in 192. 4 Adult expected to renew (included in 192).

7. **Field Chairman's Report** – Dale Gathman.
 - a. Field Workday was Saturday, April 22. Around 25 volunteers were on site. Got most of the items done. Still working on the pavilion roof for next few weeks.
 - b. Water Drums - We have (4) 55 Gallon drums what will be filled as needed. The drums have ball valves for filling smaller containers. Dale reminded members "Do not drink the water". It's non-potable and only to be used for cleaning purposes.

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- c. Pop Machine status - The machine was installed and working. A 5.95% credit card fee is applied to each purchase.
8. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.
Paul asked members to take pictures at the field and send to him. Please use the highest resolution on the camera.

Karl Griesbaum mentioned the 20th anniversary of the current field is coming up. He will send pictures/documents to Paul for the Fly Paper.

9. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Todd Culbertson.
Todd will provide event flyers as needed. Todd asked if anyone knows of any Scouting groups that want to attend the Rocket Fest (August 26) to please let him know.
10. **Parade Report** – Dale Gathman for Dave Murray.
a. Memorial Day - Float will be finished prior to Memorial Day. Dale asked members to support the event by walking the parade route. Dale will send an email to the membership prior to the event.
11. **Cookout/Awards/Raffle Report** – Dale Gathman.
a. April 29 – The event was a success. 80+ people turned out. The weather was good.
b. Thanks to Rich and Jan Gabrys and Debbie and John Howe family for getting and preparing food of Ham, Chicken, Pulled Pork. Also, Debbie for acquiring the raffle prizes and conducting the raffle.

Dale reminded the first Fun-Fly will be June 4. 11am – 1pm. "Greaser" - Landings will be judged by the fellow competitors and volunteer judges.

12. **Windy City Jets Report** – Dave Murray.
No report.

13. **Festival of Flight Report** – Jim Thompson.
Planning continues. Still looking for a food vendor. Dave Murray may have an option.

Mike Maciejewski reminded members the tail gate swap is scheduled for September 16. The event is growing, and 2-4 volunteers will be needed Friday night for setup as well as 6-8 volunteers on Saturday during the swap.

Show and Tell:

Jeff Mrachek showed his 1/6 Pica Waco biplane. Jeff found the model at a garage sale. The model is now restored and ready to fly with a Thunder Tiger .61. The model has a 60" wingspan, and weighs a little over 7 lbs.



Armin Weber brought a Top Flite Giant FW 190. The model was stripped and recovered in White Ultrakote. then painted in a winter camo scheme. The paint was airbrushed directly over the Ultrakote and sealed with automotive flat clear. The model has Sierra retracts & wheels and a DA 60cc engine.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Cotton, second by Todd Culbertson, all approved.

Meeting was adjourned by Dale Gathman at 8:20pm.

Minutes submitted by Armin Weber – Secretary.

From the Editor

Paul Martin

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I would like to thank and applaud all of the club members who organized and participated in the Memorial Day parade. What a great way to honor all of the brave Men and Women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom. Thank you to Tom Flint, Dominick Silvestri and Dale Gathman for the great photos of the event!

The first Fun Fly of the year, the "Greaser" event, was flown on Sunday, June 4; just a few hours before I am wrapping up this issue in fact. 17 pilots participated in this very fun event. Details and pictures of the event, as well as the top 3 finishers, is shown on page 8.

The months of July, August and September will be full of plenty of events with the highlight being this years Windy City Jets event. It is great that we have such a great group of people to make everything happen. Thank you!

Paul



Watcha got?

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

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Memorial Day Parade St. Charles May 29, 2023



Tom Flint, Dominick Silvestri, Dale Gathman Photos



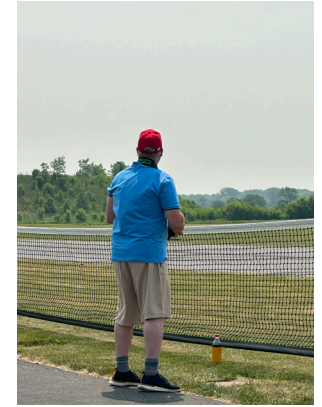
Fun Fly #1

The first fun fly of the 2023 season was held on June 4 from 11am to 1pm. The "Greaser" even required each pilot to takeoff, fly a complete pattern, then one more pattern and land as smoothly as possible and making a taxi back without taxiing onto the grass. The pilot was judged by all of the other pilots competing in the event. A perfect score was 5 points. Points were deducted for landing off centerline, touching the grass, bounced landings or any other "deficiency" the judges noticed! As always, heckling was encouraged throughout the flight. The heckling added plenty of fun and humor to the event.

Scores were totaled after each pilot had 2 landings. The top 3 pilots for the event were:

- 1st Place - Jeff Mrachek
- 2nd Place - Tom Dose
- 3rd Place - Jeff Hughes

Congratulations and Well Done! Thanks also to Dale Gathman for running the fun fly!



Paul Martin Photos

Maiden Mentions



Steve Gawlik maidenied his beautifully built vintage Shoestring on May 31. Congratulations Steve!

Armin Weber successfully maidenied his restored Topflite FW 190 on June 3. The restoration is profiled in the May Flypaper. Great Job Armin!



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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!

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:

Please list the R/C channel(s) you use:

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