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P-47D Razorback Over Oshkosh



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Dale Gathman photo



President's Message

Dale Gathman

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OSHKOSH 2023 – The 70th anniversary of The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration.

I was once again fortunate to be able to attend Oshkosh Airventure this year. It never fails to be a fantastic time. This year, they had eight Corsairs in attendance, and also a P-47D Thunderbolt. I have waited for a L-O-N-G time to see a P-47 in person, and this was the year. When I first saw it, they had the engine cowls removed, and I got a bunch of photos of all the details. This is the only flying P-47 razorback that exists. When I talked with the guys that brought the plane, we were informed that it would not be flying in the airshows due to the low

number of hours flown so far. They must have worked something out, as a few days later, it flew during the show, and even did a heritage flight with the F-22. What an awesome sight.

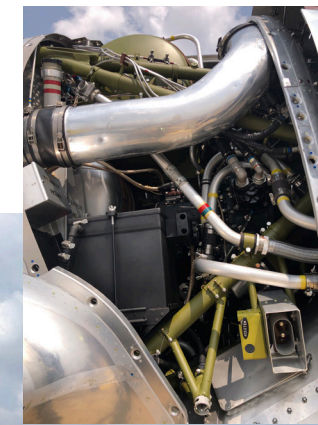
Future Events – Keep your eyes open for the coming events –Cub Fly, Night Fly, Cub Scout Rocket Fest, Family Fly Day, Our new Windy City Jets, and Festival of Flight, Tailgate Swap Meet at the field, Fun Fly #3 and Turkey Fry. Our full calendar is available on the website, as well as published in our Flypaper issues. Please watch for the request for volunteers to help out with the Windy City Jets and Festival of Flight. We need a lot of help for these big events, so any time you can give to the club will be greatly appreciated.

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 August Member Meeting on the 10th at the flying field, and please bring your new planes and projects to show to the group.

Dale

Presidents photo courtesy of Dave Cotton!





Secretary's Report

Armin Weber

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Fox Valley Aero Club Member Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2023 at
FVAC Flying Field

1. Welcome Members and Guests – Dale Gathman.
Dale Gathman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
2. Approval of Member Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2023 – Armin Weber.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the June Member Meeting minutes. Motion made by Steve Haas, second by Rob Sampson. All approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – Scott Stampfli.
We are starting to receive some Income from the pop machine, which will be used to replenish the pop. In addition to routine field expenses (mowing, porta potties, garbage disposal), recent expenses include: Electric-Fly Lunch, Sanction Fees, Warbird & Classic Alliance fee.
Dale reported that we received a refund from the AMA for the AED purchase amounting to 20% of the purchase price \$184.61.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Motion made by Todd Culbertson, second by Dave Murray. All approved.
4. Safety Chairman's Report – Jim Thompson.
Jim Thompson reported that there were 4 crashes during the Electric Event. All were Spektrum radios. Dale Gathman mentioned a possible reason may be that several of the radios had the Trainer function active. There is a known issue with Spektrum DX transmitters when the Trainer function is active, and no student transmitter is attached. There are no active warnings for the IX series radios.
5. Government Relations Chairman's Report – Tom Spriet.
Tom reported that he started communications with the city of Saint Charles concerning our lease renewal. This will become a priority in the upcoming months.
6. Membership Chairman's Report – Dave Cotton.
 - a. Member count at 196.
 - b. New Members – Sebastian Babkowski, Robert Dytko, Mark Lill, Luqman Khan.
7. Field Chairman's Report – Dale Gathman.
 - a. Power wash, blow dry, and seal coat pavilion roof is done.
 - b. Waiting for a couple perfect days to prime roof.
 - c. Decision was made to use a Matt finish paint on the pavilion roof.
8. Flypaper Editor's Report – Paul Martin.
No report.
9. Public Relations Chairman's Report – Todd Culbertson.
Planning is in progress for the upcoming Rocket Fest and Family Fly Day. Todd also offered up printing of additional event flyers as needed.
10. Electric Only Event Report – Jim Thompson.
The event was a success. 30 pilots attended. The food truck was unable to attend due to weather. FVAC supplied a pizza Lunch from Costco instead.

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11. Retro Fly – August 5 9:00-3:00 – Doug Swanson.
Bring your retro airplanes on August 5. The field will be open for regular flying.

12. Fun Fly #2 – August 6 – Dale Gathman.
Dale will plan an activity.

Dale Gathman reminded members that August is a busy month. Scheduled events include: Retro-Fly, FVAC FunFly, Cub-Fly, Night-Fly & Family-Fly.

13. Windy City Jets Report – Dave Murray.
Dave Murray reported: The event is on track. 38 pilots are scheduled to attend.
There will be a strict restriction on full throttle passes, and high-speed turns toward the spectators.
Flyers are being distributed.
Dave asked for volunteers. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be distributed at the next meeting.

14. Festival of Flight Report – Jim Thompson.
Jim reminded members that the Festival follows the Windy City Jets event. Planning continues, and the search for a food vendor continues. Jim will also be looking for volunteers to help.

15. Tailgate Swap Report – Mike Maciejewski.
Planning is underway. The event is scheduled for September 16.
Flyers are available.
Mike and team will layout the show area to the North of the pavilion.

Congratulations Jessie Stampfli, winner of the donated Ultimate biplane raffle.

Show and Tell:

Jacob Olef brought his Balsa USA ¼ scale Piper Cub finished in the L4 Grasshopper scheme. The model is electric powered with 12S batteries and 130a ESC.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Haas, second by Jeff Mrachek, all approved.

Meeting was adjourned by Dale Gathman at 8:15pm.

Minutes submitted by Armin Weber – Secretary

From the Editor

Paul Martin

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Well maybe it was because I am a week into having a pretty serious case of poison Ivy. Maybe it was because I had a small breakfast and no lunch. Maybe I was a little dehydrated. Maybe it was because I was a little "Amped Up" as I was next up in the Fun Fly #2. Or could it be that I have not been flying much lately because I have been working a lot. Oh, and in addition to all that I have been changing into a new transmitter due to issues that I was having with my old Spektrum DX18.

Ultimately it was inattentiveness and rushing that led me to the Emergency Room at Delnor. While making adjustment to the high end needle on my Midwest Aerostar, I turned my left hand just enough for the prop to bite the upper part of my middle finger and index finger. In the moments after my fingers and a whirling propeller tried to occupy the same space, the pain came on slowly and led me to start sweating profusely and really feel light-headed. I also noticed that I could not get the blood to stop flowing out of my index finger. No sooner had I stood up to assess myself when Dave Cotton appeared with the First Aid Box and paper towels & large band aids to place on the wounds.

After a few minutes in the clubhouse and still not stopping the bleeding I realized that a trip to the hospital was in order. Art Alvarez drove me and Dave Cotton was in the chase vehicle.

I ended up getting 6 stitches in my middle finger and simply bandaged up the index finger (there was not skin to stitch up!). No damage to muscle, tendons or bone. It could have been worse!

The punchline to the story as we all know, but put in the back of our heads, is to pay attention, follow the same procedures every time and be careful!

I would like to give special thanks to Art Alvarez, Dave Cotton and Tracy Wien-

rich for helping me today! We really do have a great club with members who are ready to step in and help each other out!

I considered putting a picture of my injury in the open space below but opted out for those squeamish folks or anyone reading this while eating dinner!

Cheers,
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

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From the Chief Instructor

Dave Jacobsen

The month of July has had a lot of activity with new and returning RC Pilots!

I am happy to announce that David Baker has recently soloed and is enjoying his Slow Ultra Stick. Join me in congratulating David when you see him at the field!

The club also has received a donation of a Spektrum DXs transmitter from Tracy Weinrich. This will be used as a buddy box with any Gen 2 DX or higher transmitter. It has seen service already with the Aero Scout courtesy of Jim Hatcher. It worked great for introductory flights with a few young pilots in addition to refresher flights with returning pilots. Thanks Tracy and Jim!

The club benefits greatly from these generous donations to our training and outreach efforts. They are appreciated and will be put to good use!

Till Next Time,

Dave Jacobsen



Electric Fly

July 1, 2023



Swapportunity

Hello, the outdoor swap is Saturday September 16th.

If you have not been there the past two years you are missing some opportunities. You may find that part or airplane you just can't live without. The cost is free for buyers and \$10 if you want a space to sell off unneeded items. A selling space is 10 x 25' and longer if you have a trailer, Bring your own table

Volunteers for the outdoor swap will be needed. The parking spaces need to be laid out Friday evening and ticket takers and parking help on Saturday.

I need two people to help me set up Friday evening at 5:30. Saturday morning we need to set up a canopy, two ticket takers for vendors and four for parking. I like working the parking lot, so I get a first look at what is for sale.

Your help will be appreciated.

Fox Valley Aero Club Tailgate SWAPportunity R/C SWAP Meet Saturday, September 16, 2023 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Vendor fee is \$10.00 per car or car/trailer.
Bring your own tables or sell from your car/trailer. No tables will be provided.
(Vendors may arrive at 7:30 am.)

Note that this is an outdoor event held at our flying field. As such, there is no shelter from stormy conditions. Please plan accordingly.

No admittance fee for shoppers.
Shoppers will be admitted at 9:00 am.
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New Member Letter from Mark Lill

Can anyone remember what it was like to join a new club? Well this is my story:

I was a glider flier in College many years ago. It was lots of fun although I had to hike a lot of hills both up and down.

I got a real job at Motorola and left gliders for powered aircraft. I was part of the lunch time fliers at Busse Woods. We took our trunk fliers out of our vehicles and threw them up every day we could. That was ten years of great flying but the models got smaller and easier to transport as time went on.

I was distracted for a time flying an Ultralight in the 1990's and 2000's. I owned a Quicksilver MXL Sport 2. It took my time up nicely for those 20 yrs. I have since retired and the time I need for RC aircraft is now available.

That brings us up to my latest project and my re-acquaintance with this club. Last year I decided to visit the War Birds Fest at the FVAC field. It was amazing how many people showed up with great models. I felt a powerful pull to get back into the RC sport. I watched for quite a while before the first FW190 took flight. It was so realistic and graceful that I knew that it was going to be my choice of aircraft.

I have known Dave Murray for many years and he is a dear friend. When I mentioned that I had chosen this model, he was able to guide me to the exact one I wanted. Who knew that Gator RC was just north of Elgin. Now all I had to do was build the model.

But things had changed, and I was no longer working with old trunk fliers. It was time to do things right. Again, luckily I had Dave as my Mentor. His building skills are beyond excellent. And we were able to tap the wealth of knowledge that Scott had from building the exact same plane. I also want to thank Mark Knoppkie for his help on the final parts acquisition. It still took Dave and I a summer and a winter to get everything working, but it got done.

The day of the first flight was amazing because Armin was willing to maiden my aircraft. It was a perfect flight even though the trims were in need of some heavy tweaking. I am not sure it would ever have gotten off the ground if Scott had not come over and tuned my gas engine. It purrs now even at full throttle which is just great.

So as a new member of the FVAC, I want to thank everyone at the field for their patience and a special thank you to Dave Cotton for being my spotter on my personal first flight. I thank everyone for making this a great experience for me. See you all out at the field!

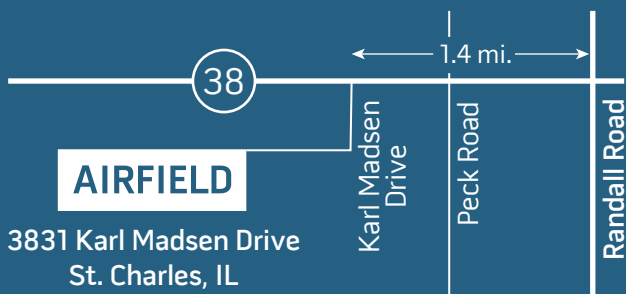
Sincerely,
Mark Lill

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.)

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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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