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Paul Martin photo



## President's Message

Dale Gathman

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**Remote ID and FRIA Status.** – To date, we are still waiting for approval of our second FRIA application for our flying field. Note that the FAA has extended the Remote ID requirement deadline an additional six months. That means the deadline now is March 16, 2024. I will let you know as soon as our FRIA application is approved.

**Nick's Christmas Pizza Party 2023** – I asked for your opinion on where you

would like to hold the Christmas Party this year. The choices were Nick's Pizza at no cost to the members (where we had a very nice Pizza Party last year) and Villa Olivia which would have a cost to attend. 67% of those who replied preferred we have the party at Nick's again this year. Reservations have been made, and the Christmas Pizza Party will be at Nick's on Saturday, **December 9 at 6:00 pm**. We will need to get an accurate count of how many of you will be attending, and an email asking for your response will be sent out soon. Details about the party will also be provided in that email. We will once again be collecting gift cards and cash for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program 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 Christmas party for those who cannot attend the party. Details about that date will also 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.

**Swap 2023**– John Turner and Joe Pedone are working on the 2024 Swap Meet at the Kane County Fairgrounds. This Swap Meet will be on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Details are available on our website and registration will be open soon. Contact JT 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 2024** – Our election will be taking place via a ballot which will be accessible to you through an email link, probably using Googles Forms again. We will be sending this out sometime the week of November 13. Your ballot must be completed by midnight, Friday November 24 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 2023 Members Choice Award. This can be any of our members who you feel are deserving of special recognition for 2023. Members who have won this award in the past are not eligible for 2023, and a list of the previous winners will be provided.

**Thanksgiving** - I pray that you and your families have a great Thanksgiving, and hope that we all keep in mind how blessed we are. I look forward to seeing you at the 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 9 at 7:30 pm at the St. Charles Township Building.  
Dale





## Secretary's Report

**Armin Weber**

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Fox Valley Aero Club  
**Member Meeting Minutes**  
 October 12, 2023 at  
 St. Charles Township Hall

### 1. **Welcome Members and Guests**

– Dale Gathman.

Dale Gathman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Dale mentioned our initial AMA-FRIA application was denied. He spoke with the AMA and answered questions regarding the barn, and access road to the West. The AMA is reviewing the updated application. FAA Remote-id requirement has been pushed back to 3/16/2024.

Dale mentioned the Christmas party will be held at Nicks same as last year. Nicks will provide additional seating if needed.

### 2. **Approval of Member Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2023** – Armin Weber.

Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the September Member Meeting minutes. Motion made by Bill Suhr, second by Mark Knoppkie. All approved.

### 3. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Stampfli.

Scott reported the Balance is a little higher than this time last year. Recent income \$1200 dues from new members. Recent Expenses \$450 for the Turkey Fry.

Mowing will likely end at the end of October. Pop sales are doing well. The machine has nearly paid for itself.

Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Motion made by Rob Sampson, second by Rich Gabrys. All approved

### 4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.

Jim reported the AED has been checked. He will take it home in November and return it in the spring.

### 5. **Open Floor for Board Position Nominations** – Dale Gathman.

All current officer and elected director positions were re-nominated except for Tom Flint – Director at Large who declined to run for 2024. Jeff Peca was nominated for Director at Large position. He was not in attendance, so he will be contacted to determine his willingness to run for this position.

### 6. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Tom Spriet.

No report.

### 7. **Membership Chairman's Report** – Dale Gathman.

a. Member count at 211.

b. New Members – Burt Walker, Scott Emmerling.

Welcome new member - Burt Walker. He is working with Dave Jacobsen and is close to solo with his Apprentice.

Welcome new member - Scott Emmerling. He is working with Dan to fly helicopters.

Welcome visitor - Chris. He is a woodworker and looking for a summer hobby.

### 8. **Field Chairman's Report** – Dale Gathman.

a. The Pavilion Roof will wait until next year.

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9. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.  
Paul mentioned the latest issue included coverage from the recent events: WCJ, Festival, Turkey Fry, Tailgate Swap.
10. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Todd Culbertson.  
Printing for the year is completed.
11. **Tailgate Swap Report** – Mike Maciejewski.  
Mike reported the event was a success. He thanked the volunteers.  
The number of participants continues to go up. Mike suggested more advertising next year.
12. **Turkey Fry Report**– Karl Griesbaum.  
The event was a success. We cooked 6 turkeys and had great attendance.
13. **Windy City Warbirds & Classics 2024 Date** – July 11-13, 2024 – Dale Gathman.  
The date is locked in for 2024. Planning meetings will begin around the first of next year.
14. **Windy City Jets & Festival of Flight 2024???**
  - a. Will we have Windy City Jets?? Decision was made to skip WCJ for 2024.
  - b. Attendance for the Festival was a little low. We may move the event back to Saturday. We will begin working on the 2024 calendar next month.
15. **Close Floor for Board Position Nominations** – Dale Gathman.

Dale Gathman asked for any final nominations and then closed the floor for nominations. Nominations will again be accepted at the November Member Meeting.

### Show and Tell:

Jeff Mrachek showed his new Ercoupe from Seagull Models. The 98" model weighs 22 Lbs. It has electric power with (2) 6S-Lipo. Scorpion motor and ESC. Jeff is getting 12-minute flights.



Paul Martin showed his new ¼ scale Starr Bumble Bee. The full-size airplane holds the Guinness Record for The World's Smallest Airplane. The ¼ scale model has a wingspan of 19.5". The plan-built model

is powered by an OS .25 glow engine, and weighs around 4 lbs. It includes ailerons on the top wings, and flaps on the bottom wings. Paul also fabricated his own canopy and cowling.

Dave Brustle showed his Geo-Bat. AKA: "The Flying Toilet Seat" or "Flying Pizza Box". The model is built for around \$40 with poster board foam. The impressive Super Bright LED's are from Value Hobbies. The canopy is available from Park Flyer Hobbies. Dave plans to build an EDF version in the future.



Motion to adjourn by Bill Suhr, second by Mike Maciejewski. 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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I have been able to get out to the field a couple of times recently. Although it was pretty windy and gusty, I got in a few flights on my electric Sig Kougar. I also broke in the engine on my Bob Starr Bumble Bee. No maiden yet; that will have to wait for a nicer day.

While I was at the field, Dave Jacobsen mentioned that the Pavilion fan was completely inop. After removing the fan, we discovered that mice had chewed away nearly all of the wire insulation and wiring! With approval we went to the nearby Lowes and purchased a new fan. Dave and I had a nice time installing the new fan. I also manufactured an aluminum shield to fit over the fan wire housing/base to keep the pesky critters out! The fan is a programmable unit that is controlled by a remote. The remote is located on the juice bar. The fan has an LED light array that can be controlled from a bright daylight white to a much softer light depending on the ambience you would like.



With club activities winding down with the weather, the content of the Flypaper is reflective of that. If you have a build, project or any contribution that you feel would be of interest to the members, please send me an article and pictures!

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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# Swapportunity

**FVAC Tailgate Swap**  
**September 16, 2023**

There was a call for a chance of rain, but this did not slow vendors or buyers down from coming. The rain held off until late morning. Sellers arrived early and at a steady pace. We had three vendors that are friends come in late, but we were able to fine them parking next to each other. The swap opened to buyers at 9:00.

We sold 48 parking spots, which is up from last years 42. So, we are moving in the right direction with sellers. Without our vendors and help from the club members we could not have done this.

We had printing of flier and signs by "Rocket Man" Todd. Dale Gathman and Ken helped me layout the parking spots. Thanks go to Glenn Larocco and Jessie Stampfli for getting the word out on the internet. Dominick Silvestri and Ken Sobolewski handled the admission for the vendors. Todd handled parking lot duties. Scott Stampfli kept an eye on the club table and Dave Murray was our ambassador talking to vendors and visitors. I would like to thank everyone who helped. Without you we could not have done this. If I forgot to include your name, I'm sorry.

We received many Thank You's for having the swap. With as fast as the vendors were able to set up, we may open at 8:00 next year.

Mike Maciejewski

EVENTS 2023

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

<b>Your Full Name:</b>	<b>AMA Number:</b>	<b>Birthdate:</b>	<b>Dues Amount:</b>	<b>Include me on the club email list.</b>
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Your Complete Mailing Address:**

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

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

**Home:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Work Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is Your Occupation:** (Please provide details)

**Your E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment Enclosed:**

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