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2024 FOX VALLEY SWAP MEET



Paul Martin photo



President's Message

Dale Gathman

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Swap Meet 2024 – Well, we had another very successful February Swap on February 17. We had the largest number of volunteers to help set up this year, which was great to see. Thanks go to all of you who helped out on Friday and Saturday, and especially John JT Turner for organizing, with indispensable help from Joe Pedone (he even helps though living in Arizona) and Dan Vancura. You guys are the best. Also, the guys at the

club table did a record year. Thanks to them, and to all of you who donated stuff to the table. Also thanks to Doug Swanson, who oversaw the Foamy Fly which followed the Swap. We had a record number of pilots for that as well. Both of our swap meets get better every year.

Remote ID – Please be aware that the Remote ID Deadline is March 16, 2024. IF you are going to fly anywhere other than an AMA FRIA site, or at an event sanctioned by the AMA, you will need to have a remote ID module in any UAS (RC Aircraft) that weigh more than 250 grams (0.55 lbs.). Note that on February 24, 2024, the FAA granted AMA members the ability to operate without broadcasting remote ID information at **AMA Sanctioned Events**. Also, our flying site is designated a FRIA site, so remote ID is not required when flying at our field. Note that if you do get a Remote ID Module, you will need to register it on the FAA Drone Zone site. Also, keep in mind that a remote ID module may be transferred between aircraft, so that you do not have to have more than one. If you have any questions on this topic, feel free to reach out to me.

We are still looking for a Field Chairman for 2024 – We still need a field chairman this year. I will temporarily be handling the scheduling with the help of volunteers. If you have an interest in taking over the Field Chairman duties, **please** contact me to discuss. You would be doing your club and fellow club members a great service.

I hope that you can make it to our Member Meeting on Monday, March 11 at 7:30 at the St. Charles Township Hall. I look forward to seeing you there. Make sure to bring any projects you have been working on. Your fellow members would love to see them. Show and Tell is always the highlight of the evening.

Dale

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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Secretary's Report

Armin Weber

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Fox Valley Aero Club Member Meeting Minutes February 12, 2024 at St. Charles Township Hall

1. **Welcome Members and Guests** – Dale Gathman.
Dale Gathman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
2. **Approval of Member Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2023** – Dale Gathman for Armin Weber.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the January Meeting minutes. Motion made by Bill Suhr, second by Steve Haas. All approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Stampfli.
We are about 1,000 higher than this time last year. Current income is dues, and table rental for the upcoming Swap. Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Motion made by Dave Jacobsen, second by Rob Sampson. All approved.
4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.
Jim reported he tested the AED and battery was low. Dale will contact them to determine if warranty replacement is possible. Hoping we don't need a new one as they are \$500.
5. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Dave Murray.
Dave has visited City Hall 4 times. Met with Mayor's assistant and planning staff. Per the city, the lease is in process and should be finalized by April. After some discussion with Tim Wilson, FVAC is now next for approval following the 911 center. Should be completed in March with no rate increase.
6. **Membership Chairman's Report** – Jeff Peca.
Member count at 214.
Welcome New Member – Frank Bernstein - Long time modeler and flyer.
7. **Field Chairman's Report** – Dale Gathman.
 - a. Still looking for a Field Chairman
 - b. Painting of Pavilion roof will be done this year.
 - c. Our runway will be evaluated in early April.

Dave Murray asked for a volunteer to look after the Pop machine at the field. All that is required is to keep it filled with pop.
8. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.
20th anniversary article is in process targeted for the April Flypaper.
9. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Todd Culbertson.
No report.
10. **Swap Meet Report** – John 'JT' Turner.
141 tables sold. Ready for Saturday 2/17. Vendor setup 7:30. Open to the public at 8:30. Admission is \$5 per person. Vendors entrance is covered in the table fee. JT asked for volunteers for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning for setup and tear down and to man the doors. Bring your unwanted items to be sold at the club table. Foamy fly will begin around 1 pm.

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11. **Festival of Flight Report** – Jim Thompson.
 Planning is in process. Sanction is approved. No registration fee for pilots. The event is open to all aircraft - any size.
 Food vendor will be on site. Members can bring their show cars if they have them. They will be on display east of the shed.
12. **Windy City Warbirds & Classics Report** – John Howe.
 Planning is in process. Storage tent has been scheduled.
 Registration will open shortly. Registration is \$60 for the three-day event. We are considering a Saturday only one day pass for \$40.

John Howe reported he and Debbie need to step back from the event due to medical issues. A committee has been formed, and is meeting monthly.

13. **Sanctions Needed** – Dale Gathman.
- Festival of Flight – 6/1 - Jim Thompson (Approved).
 - Windy City Warbirds & Classics – 7/11-7/13 - John Howe (Approved).
 - Electric Only Fly – 7/6 - Jim Thompson (Approved).
 - Cub Fly – 8/3 – Dale Gathman.
 - Night Fly – 8/3 – Dale Gathman.
 - Tailgate Swap – 9/14 – Dale Gathman.

Show & Tell:

Bill Suhr brought his Horizon Hobby Carbon-Z 2.0 T-28 Trojan. The popular 80" model comes nearly ready to fly with servos, retracts, lights, ESC & motor. Bill added a stunning finish with Eze Kote sealer from Deluxe Materials and Krylon rattle can paint. The model also received a new warbird pilot, Robert tires, dummy motor, 3 blade scale prop and markings from Callie graphics.



Jeff Peca brought a Stick equipped with an older Futaba 7FG from the 80's still on 72mhz. Jeff converted the radio to 2.4 using a Lemon-RC module. The conversion works on DSM2 and DSMx. The cost was \$28.



Dave Murray brought a new BVM 1/7 scale F-15. Dave purchased the PNP model from a fellow modeler and had it nearly ready to fly in 3.5 hours. The model includes all scale features including Custom paint, lights, doors & speed brake. The model will have a 190 turbine.



Motion to adjourn by Steve Haas, second by Bill Suhr. All approved.
 Meeting was adjourned by Dale Gathman at 8:30pm.
 Minutes submitted by Armin Weber—Secretary

2024 FOX VALLEY SWAP MEET

The 2024 Fox Valley SWAP is now in the history books as our best year for attendance, club tables, and more importantly the many volunteers who made this successful! Again, THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped from set up/take town, ticket/wrist bands, door helpers, communications /emails, Joe Podone, Dan Vancura, and Bob Mosinski, plus not to forget Scott Stampfli who followed the payments and expenses. I am proud to announce we brought in \$4,433 vs. \$3,761 back in 2023.

Additional contributors that added to our success were our club tables managed by Kevin Hersey, Rick Kehm, Pete Regnier, and Dave Jacobsen. This year, the team brought in over \$2,315 to the club. Secondly, our 50/50 was similar to last year with the pot of \$320.00. Thanks to Mrs. "JT" who again helped work the crowds. Our 50/50 winner went to Brian Sokol (son of Tony Sokol) with the winning ticket. Ironically, Brian's son won last year's 50/50, so the Sokols are back-to-back winners. Maybe Big Tony can make it a 3-peat in 2025?

Kudos go out to Rich Gabrys, Tom Bean and Dave Cotton who made sure our tables were set up in order, as we had another "sell out"! And not to forget both Tom and Hillary Bean who always make the registrations go smooth while always smiling!



John "JT" Turner



Dave Jacobsen and Tracy Wienrich



Kevin Hersey and Rick Kehm



50/50 Winner Brian Sokol



Tom and Hillary Bean

Our annual foamy flight continues to grow with pilots and planes. Our own CD Doug Swanson continued his lead for this event, and I hope he returns back next season! Our advertisement and printing team was helpful in making sure all information was available and properly distributed. Nice job with both Todd Culbertson and Tom Flint for artwork layout and the large prints for table ID and our upcoming events.

Again, thank you to everyone who made this year's event successful, as I could not have done this without our members and their commitment.

See you at the field.

JT

2024 FOX VALLEY SWAP MEET



Setup Crew



Dale Gathman



Before



After



Mark Knoppie



John Turner and Alvin Cole



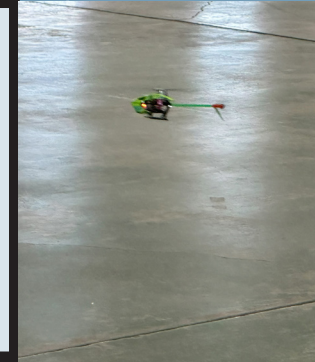
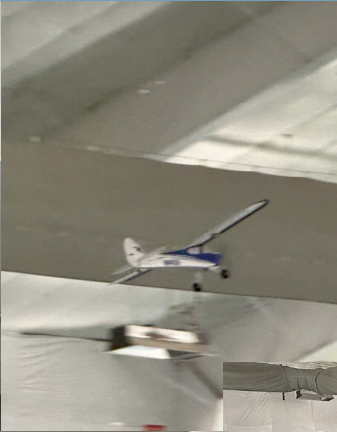
Paul Martin photos



Jim Clousing and Rob Sampson



FVAC Indoor Foamy Fly



After the swap meet concluded, 13 fliers used the warm, open space to fly electric aircraft, helis and drones. Doug Swanson was the CD for this event; he was doing precision carrier approach and landings flying his mini FPV drone. Two tables were put end to end in the middle of the space to make an aircraft carrier. A few pilots were able to safely fly their craft aboard, while most either had to abort or fell off the "deck". A couple of the flyers demonstrated very nice 3-D flying with their electric foamy aerobats.



Builders Corner

Seagull Models L-4 Grasshopper Build
By Rob Sampson

Now that I have finished the required repairs and tweaks from summer flying, I have started to assemble a Seagull 90" L-4 Grasshopper.

I estimate that I'm about 75% through the project. I still need to install the DLE-20, 2 LIFE 2300 batteries and switches, optical ignition kill, fuel system and radio. This is my first Seagull model, I'm pleased with the quality of the kit, however the instructions could use some work. There are many pictures, some of which are wrong and/or hard to figure out what they are trying to convey. Some of the written instructions are incorrect; some are either just cut and pasted from other manuals or not rewritten after changes were made to this model. Anyone with a few ARFs under their belt shouldn't have any problems.

Rob



Nicknamed "Grasshopper", the Piper L-4 was engaged in all theaters of operations of the US Army during the Second World War.

On June 6, 1944, it was engaged to correct the shots of the Allied Navy. Throughout the battle of Normandy, it continued to inform Allied gunners while participating in the transport of authorities. Particularly lightweight, it was capable of taking off over a very short distance and did not require any particular track liner.

Used by the British as well, the Piper L-4 was also equipped with improvised supports or allowed the carrying of anti-tank rocket launchers (such as Bazooka), allowing bold ground attacks.



Text and Photo from Google

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 17	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	8:30 – 4:00 - Kane County Fairgrounds
March 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 20	Field Workday	9:00 – FVAC Field
May 4	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	9:00 - 1:00 - FVAC Field
May 11	Cub Scout Rocket Fest	9:00 - 1:00 - FVAC Field
May 11	Family Fly Day	1:00 - 4:00 - FVAC Field
May 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
May 27	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	TBD
June 1	Festival of Flight	09:00 - 5:00 – FVAC Field
June 9	Fun Fly #1	11:00 - 1:00 - FVAC Field
June 10	FVAC Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
June 15	FVAC Cookout - Awards and Raffle	12:00 – FVAC Field
July 6	Electric Only – AMA Sanctioned	9:00 - 3:00 Electric Only – FVAC Field
July 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
July 11-13	Windy City Warbirds & Classics	9:00 - 5:00 - FVAC Field
August 3	Cub Fly - AMA Sanctioned	9:00 - 1:00 Cubs Only - FVAC Field
August 3	Night Fly - AMA Sanctioned	6:00 - Midnight - FVAC Field
August 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
August 24	Retro Fly	9:00 - 3:00 - FVAC Field
August 25	Fun Fly #2	9:00 - 3:00 - FVAC Field
Sept 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
Sept 14	FVAC Tailgate Swap Meet - Sanctioned	9:00 - 1:00 - FVAC Field
October 12	Turkey Fry	12:00 – FVAC Field
October 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
November 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
December 7	Christmas Pizza Party	6:00 Nick's Pizza & Pub - Elgin

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

2024 Fox Valley Aero Club and The Warbird and Classic Alliance Cordially Invites You To Attend Our....

Windy City Warbirds & Classics Airshow

July 11 - 13

9AM to 5PM - Thursday & Friday

9AM to 4pm - Saturday



Open to...

IMAA Legal Warbirds & Civilian Classic Aircraft

80" Monoplanes (Warbirds & Civilian Classics)

60" Biplanes (Warbirds & Civilian Classics)

140" Turbines (Warbirds - Combined Length & Width)

800' x 50' Paved Runway

900' x 75' Parallel Grass Runway

40' x 80' Overnight Storage & Charging Tent

RV Parking Space (No Hookups)

9 station "Juice Bar" Charging Station

Porta Potties, Picnic Tables, Chairs, Shelter

Minutes to Hotels, Shopping, and Restaurants

Pilot's Dinner - Saturday at 4:00PM

Pilot Information

Registration: www.foxvalleyaero.com

Event Fee: \$75 - All Three Days*

\$50 - Saturday Only*

* Pilots Dinner Included

Tent Rentals: Available From Our Vendor

(www.affordablepartytent.com)

Spectators Welcome

\$5.00 Adults - Kids 12 and under FREE with a Paid Adult

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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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