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President's Message

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FVAC Family – In this issue you will find a thank you letter from Debbie Howe. In the letter, she beautifully expresses that this club is their family. I also express this in some of my emails, and as Deb says, families are not necessarily blood relatives, but can be built of people that you are surrounded by that love and care about you. For many of our members, our club members and families are our 'extended family', brought together by our

love for our hobby. I hope that you all feel this as well. Let us practice Camaraderie whenever we are with each other, especially when welcoming new members to our 'family'.

Field Workday is April 20 – Please plan to meet at the field for our annual Workday coming up on Saturday, April 20. We have much to do to keep our field beautifully prepared for our 2024 flying season.

Lawn Mowing Volunteers Needed – As always, we need a crew of 4-8 volunteers to do the Short Grass mowing on Monday mornings. Our professional mowing service mows on Thursday mornings, and our volunteers mow the Short Grass areas again on Monday morning. I will be blasting out an email asking for volunteers soon. Please sign up if you can.

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, April 8 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



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.
 - a. Remind everyone to state their name before speaking.
2. **Approval of Member Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2024** – Armin Weber.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the February Member Meeting minutes. Motion made by Tracey Wienrich, second by Todd Culbertson. All approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Stampfli.
Scott reported: Recent income includes: \$4400 from the Swap and \$1200 from WCWC registration. Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Motion made by Rob Sampson, second by Bill Suhr. All approved.
4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.
Jim reported the AED will be receiving a new battery and the First Aid kit will be updated for the upcoming season.

Dave Murray reminded members to be very careful charging batteries. One modeler recently lost his entire house to a fire from charging batteries in his workshop. Another had a fire from charging batteries in the garage.

5. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Dave Murray.
Dave reported: He is following up with the Town of Saint Charles weekly. The lease has not yet been finalized however town officials claim there are no issues with the lease and the payment should not change. The next Lease payment is coming due, we will pay the current amount despite not having a signed lease.
6. **Membership Chairman's Report** – Jeff Peca.
 - a. Member count at 219. (30 of these have not renewed yet).
 - b. New Members – Justin Francisco, Gracie Francisco, Justin Francisco Jr.

Welcome new member Larry Campbell. Larry is a friend of Dave Jacobson. They began flying together in 1976.

7. **Field Chairman's Report** – Dale Gathman.
 - a. Still looking for a Field Chairman.
 - b. Sanchez Contract.
The mowing contract has been approved with a 10% increase.
 - c. Painting of Pavilion Roof.
 - d. Evaluate runway in early April.

JT mentioned that we should look at the club sign at the entrance to Karl Madsen Drive. It may need some attention.

8. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.
Paul is working on the 20th anniversary issue for the April Flypaper.
9. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Todd Culbertson.
Todd printed flyers for the Festival and WCWC with separate versions for pilots and spectators.

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10. **Swap Meet Report** – John 'JT' Turner.
JT reported we had a very successful Swap event. Net income was \$4400. The club table alone made \$2300. JT also signed a two-year agreement to secure the event hall with only a 5% increase.
11. **Festival of Flight Report** – Jim Thompson.
The festival is scheduled for 6/1. The AMA sanctioned event is open to aircraft of any size and type. Non-members are invited to fly. There is no fee for pilots, but spectators will be charged admission. A food vendor will be on site. Club members custom cars are welcome.
12. **Windy City Warbirds & Classics Report** – Dale Gathman.
Todd Culbertson has printed flyers. We currently have 23 pilots registered, expecting 60 to 75. Pilots can pre-register online: \$60 for three days or \$40 for Saturday only. Onsite registration will be \$75 and \$50.
13. **Sanctions Needed** – Dale Gathman.
 - a. Festival of Flight – 6/1 - Jim Thompson (Approved).
 - b. Windy City Warbirds & Classics – 7/11-7/1313 - John Howe (Approved).
 - c. Electric Only Fly – 7/6 - Jim Thompson (Approved).
 - d. Cub Fly – 8/3 – Dale Gathman (Applied).
 - e. Night Fly – 8/3 – Dale Gathman (Applied).
 - f. Tailgate Swap – 9/14 – Dale Gathman (Approved).

Show-N-Tell:

Jim Thompson described a new Plane Storage rack from Banana Hobby. The rack is 33" wide with adjustable arms and padded supports to store 6 – 10 airplanes.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Suhr, second by Jeff Peca. All approved.
Meeting was adjourned by Dale Gathman at 8:10pm.
Minutes submitted by Armin Weber–Secretary

From the Editor

Paul Martin

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This month, April, 2024 Celebrates 20 years at the current field location for the Fox Valley Aero Club. This month you will find 2 publications being sent to you. In addition to the regular April Flypaper, I have put together a Special 20th Anniversary issue. The special issue will give every member insight into the efforts that went into building our spectacular flying site. I especially enjoyed arranging the "Then and Now" photo sets at the end of the issue. I hope everyone enjoys the special issue.

The image on the first page of this issue is an aerial shot of the FVAC field taken back in April of 2004. While the image quality is not great due to the file size, the image does show how far the field has come in 20 years.

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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Thank you!

Dear Fox Valley Aero Club

I am sending this note to say THANK YOU to all of you for your thought, prayers and gifts.

These past months have been rough for John and I. On Valentine's Day I was the lucky winner of a full hysterectomy and oophorectomy (overies) and 5 weeks and one day later was a double mastectomies. I have had some complications with the last surgery but we are doing our best to get though it, day by day.

John has been a great care taker for me and all of you have been a wonderful support. The only thing John is not great at is cooking, so the gift you guys sent over were a godsend. Some of you have been so kind to bring home cooked meals to the house, you all have no idea how much we appreciate it. We have been checked in on by so many of you via text and email, it truly warms my heart.

I always call our club our flying family and that is exactly what you all are. Families do not have to be blood relatives. They can be built of the people you are surrounded by that love and care about you. Thus our club is our Family. Thank you to all of you again and I hope to come out to the field in the next couple months even if it is only to sit and talk and enjoy everyone's company. Hugs to you all.

Thank you again

Debbie and John Howe

Aircraft Retrieval Crew to the rescue!

"Fly" quietly but Carry a Big Stick

Submitted by Jeff Mrachek

Is it a bad idea if it works? Nope.

This past Saturday, arrived at the field to find a plane stuck in the trees about 30 ft up.

We tried tossing everything we had on hand at the time, soccer ball, tree branches, small root balls, nothing was working, we grew tired and almost gave up. We rummaged through the shed and found several long pieces of PVC pipe. After a few wraps of duct tape, we had a long pole, that was the easy part. It's flimsy making it nearly impossible to hold straight up and aim for something.

After some time, the plane came down.



Maiden Mentions



photo by John Turner

Jeff Hughes Maidenened his Dehavilland Beaver.

Gary Tice Maidenened his Eflite 2.0 meter Draco.



Photo by Paul Martin

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	11:00 - 1:00 - FVAC Field
Sept 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
Sept 14	FVAC Tailgate Swap Meet - Sanctioned	8:00 - 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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