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Windy City Warbirds and Classics 2024



Paul Martin Photo



President's Message

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Oshkosh 2024 – This year, I spent a full ten days at the Oshkosh airshow. I volunteer every year (yes, Oshkosh runs on volunteers too, this year 6000 of them) and I worked on the Vintage Flightline for three days before the event started on Monday. On the flightline, we guide planes into position where they park for the week. We also lead them out to the taxiway when they want to take off again.

There were many standout things this year, but I think the rarest was getting to see a formation flight of a Hurricane, a Spitfire, and a British Mustang. Seeing a Hurricane is probably even more rare than seeing the two P-47s that were there this year. I encourage everyone to go to Oshkosh for the world's greatest aviation show at least once in their lifetime. If you have never attended, you don't know what you are missing.

Windy City Warbirds & Classics 2024 – Thanks to John and Debbie Howe for doing an amazing job of planning and executing our Windy City Warbirds & Classics event for 2024. With help from the additional WCWC planning committee members (Dave Murray, Scott Stampfli, Jeff Peca, Myself, and Joe Pedone), this first event run by the new team went very smoothly. I believe the final pilot count was 58, and these pilots came from six different states. The weather was great for all three days, (except for the torrential rain and wind that hit as soon as the food was delivered for the pilot/volunteer dinner on Saturday afternoon). However, the tent kept us pretty dry, and the storm only lasted about 30 minutes. Everyone in attendance, pilots and spectators, had a good time. We had a total of 51 volunteers, and they did an admirable job taking care of the many tasks that needed doing for a three-day event of this magnitude. Thank you to all who participated in making this event

a great success. We received many comments from the pilots and spectators that they had a great time and enjoyed the event.

Cub Fly – We just got done with Cub Fly as I write this article. Thanks to Kevin Kessler for running this event, and although the pilot and Cub attendance was down from last year, all participants had a fun morning. We had a total of 18 Cubs and 17 pilots, and also a surprise visit for the runway photo. What a blast.

Night Fly – Night Fly followed Cub Fly, later in the day. We had a total of 18 pilots attend this year, and we had a great time 'flying in the dark'.

Future Events – This year has gone by very quickly, and we only have a few events left. Look forward to the **Retro Fly on August 24**, the **Fun Fly #2 – Greaser on August 25**, the **Tailgate Swap Meet on September 14**, and the **Turkey Fry on October 12**.

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 **August Member Meeting on the 12th at the flying field**, and please bring your new planes and projects to show to the group.

Dale



Secretary's Report

Armin Weber

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Fox Valley Aero Club Member Meeting Minutes July 8, 2024 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 10, 2024** – Armin Weber.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the June Member Meeting minutes. Motion made by Bill Suhr, second by Rob Sampson. All approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Stampfli.
Recent Income includes Dues and WCWC registration.
Recent expenses include typical field maintenance: (Mowing, Porta Potties).
Pop sales are doing very well.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Steve Haas, second by Tracey Wienrich. All Approved.
4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.
There have been no recent issues. Jim reminded members to be aware of the heat. Use sunscreen, stay hydrated and look out for each other.
5. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Tom Spriet/Dave Murray.
The field lease has been signed. The term is 10 years (2034), with an option to renew for another 10 (2044). The annual lease amount is unchanged, payments will be due each July 1st.
Thanks to Dave Murray and Tom Spriet for their work.
6. **Membership Chairman's Report** – Jeff Peca.
 - a. Member count at 203.
 - b. New Members – Jonathan Penn (Junior Member).
 - c. Welcome New member Andy Anwar. Congratulations Cole Wogstad - recently became certified to fly solo.
7. **Field Chairman's Report** – Dale Gathman.
Dale invited members to help setup for the WCWC Wednesday 7/10 @ 7:30am.

Thanks to Dan Vancura for painting the pavilion roof. An 8-hour job. It looks great.
8. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.
No Report.
9. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Todd Culbertson.
Todd provided "WCWC Save-The-Date" cards for members to distribute.

Dave Murray mentioned: Wednesday 7/10 will be WCWC Media day. A reporter will be onsite around 2:30. An article will appear in the Friday 7/12 edition of the Daily Herald.
10. **Parade Report** – Todd Culbertson.
Swedish Days – June 23. The event was a success. The members passed out WCWC info cards and drove EDF jets. The float displayed Classic and Warbird models to advertise the WCWC event

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11. **Cookout Report** – John & Debbie Howe.
Well over 100 members attended. The food was great, raffle prizes and awards were given.
Thanks to Debbie & John Howe and Rich & Jan Gabrys for their hard work.
12. **Electric Fly Report**– Jim Thompson.
The event was a success. We had 31 registered pilots. The weather was great. Food was provided.
13. **Windy City Warbirds & Classics Report** – John Howe.
 - a. July 11-13.
54 pre-registered pilots at this time.
Come out Wednesday 7/10 at 7:30 to help setup. The tent will be setup. We received donations from: Balsa USA, B & B Specialties, Dynamic Balsa, Gator RC, HobbyTown (Batavia), Horizon Hobby, and Robart.
Pilot prizes are made by Lee Watkins.
14. **Cub Fly Report** – Kevin Kessler.
August 3. For Cubs and Cub Cousins, starting at 9:00 am.
15. **Night Fly Report** – Dale Gathman.
August 3. The event will follow the Cub Fly, starting at 6:00 pm.

Show & Tell

Jeff Peca showed the GPS Logger he built. The small device can be installed in an airplane and will record various parameters (GPS, Altitude, Speed, etc.). The user can then download the data to a PC to review & graph their entire flight.

Larry Campbell brought a unique Gas engine from Mike-Goes-Flying. The small engine resembles a .37 glow engine except it runs on Gas/Oil mix instead of Nitro. The engine utilizes a typical glow type carburetor and special Glow plug with NO on board ignition. Very interesting.

Mark Knopkie brought his new E-flite Super Timber. The Foam airplane features a removable battery tray, balloon tires with included pump, and the wing tube stored inside the fuselage. For 6S-Lipo with AS3X and SAFE.

Jacob Olef brought an F4 Phantom. The model was previously flown as a Glow powered Ducted Fan. Jacob plans to convert the model to EDF and have it ready for next year.

Todd Culbertson brought his new F18 from Hobby King. The small hand-launch model uses a 4S Lipo.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Kessler, second by Jeff Peca. All approved.
Meeting was adjourned by Dale Gathman at 8:25pm.
Minutes submitted by Armin Weber–Secretary

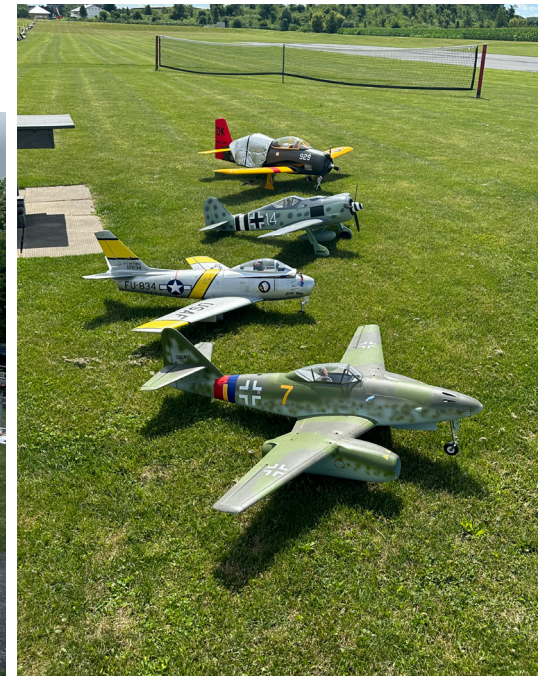
Watcha got?

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ELECTRIC ONLY FLY

July 6, 2024



Windy City Warbirds and Classics July 11 - 13, 2024



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The following note was contributed by member Jeff Hughes. His note details a nice meeting with a former club member.

Hi Dale,

Thought you might find this fun and interesting.

I was flying alone at the field today and a car pulled up. A man walked up and I said hello. He said he was a member 30+ years ago, when the club was across the street. Introduced himself as Craig Dieter and said his dad's name, George Dieter is on a plaque on the monument with the airplanes coming out of it at the entrance (see attachment).

He was delighted that the pavilion was still being used and explained that it was once a hot dog stand, and the he and other club members transported it from its original location to the flying field. He knows Cliff (and probably a few others still with the club). Craig has been living in Tennessee for decades now as he had to leave his home town of West Chicago for work. He's just visiting and has to head back home Tuesday.

I told him it's too bad he can't make the monthly meeting, but he's going to try and make it to the field again before he goes. We talked about this and that for about an hour before he had to go, and he took some pictures before he left. I kind of felt like I met a piece of FVAC history! :-)

Jeff Hughes

Here is a picture of my new Aero Scout, thanks to the WCWC raffle, being restrained prior to it's maiden flight. It's a beast!!!

Tom Spriet



The note and photo above were contributed by Tom Spriet. Tom won his new Aeroscout in the raffle at the Windy City Warbirds and Classics!

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 - Cancelled	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
June 23	Geneva Swedish Days	TBD
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!

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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