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FUN FLY # 2 - GREASER!



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President's Message

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The Future of our Hobby – Labor Day was a great day at the field. The weather doesn't get any better and a bunch of the members took advantage of it. I was able to spend the afternoon fine tuning my engine on one of my Cubs and then getting in five flights. I enjoyed spending time with the pilots, and it was heartwarming to see one of our new young pilots flying his Apprentice. My thoughts turned to the importance of our members who

help these youngsters learn how to fly, especially our chief flight instructor Dave Jacobsen, who has worked with many new young pilots. Our club is very blessed to have some of our members who give of their time teaching others our hobby. Without you teaching the next generation of pilots, our hobby will not survive. Thank you to all who help promote the hobby in this way. Keep up the good work.

Retro Fly – This year, Retro Fly on August 24 was a low-key event. Members were encouraged to bring out planes and equipment that is 'retro' to them. The most retro stuff I remember were a group of transmitters from the early days of RC brought out by Walt Catlow. Some of them only had one stick and a throttle slider. I think the best example of a retro airplane was brought out by Cliff Fullhart. It was a three channel, very light, balsa airplane. The covering was colored but clear so that all the balsa structure could be seen. Cliff did a fantastic job of covering it. I believe he said that the design was from around 1939. One thing of interest is that some of us newer pilots have newer planes we consider retro. Three of us brought out original Habu EDF airplanes, and we flew them in a gaggle. What a blast. Thanks to all who came out for this fun day.

Fun Fly Greaser – Our second and last Fun Fly of the year was the Greaser, held on August 25. We have held this same event multiple times, and it is a favorite of the fun fly participants. The wind was pretty strong, so we only had six pilots participate, but we had a larger group of members help with judging. We finished the event with a hot dog lunch, and all enjoyed the day.

Future Events – Don't forget our Tailgate Swap Meet coming up on Saturday, September 14. Vendors can arrive at 7:30am, and buyers will be welcomed in at 8:00am. Also, look forward to our celebration of another year of flying as we host our very popular Turkey Fry. This is a potluck where the club provides the turkeys, and it will be on October 12 starting at noon.

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 **September Member Meeting on the 9th at the St. Charles Township Building**, 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

August 12, 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 July 08, 2024** – Armin Weber.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the July Member Meeting minutes. Motion made by Bill Suhr, second by Karl Griesbaum. All approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Stampfli.
Dale reporting for Scott:
Recent income includes Windy City Warbirds & Classics.
Expenses: Routine field expenses - (mowing, porta potties, etc.).
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Todd Culbertson, second by Jeff Mrachek. All Approved.
4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.
Jim reports there have been no issues.
5. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Tom Spriet/Dave Murray.
The lease has been signed and we are awaiting a hard copy.
6. **Membership Chairman's Report** – Jeff Peca.
 - a. Member count at 206.
 - b. New Members – Michael Brinkman.
Jeff mentioned that members can receive a \$50 dues credit for referring (Sponsoring) a new member. We will add a note to the Flypaper to remind members of the incentive program.
7. **Field Chairman's Report** – Dale Gathman.
We will add a second coat of paint to the pavilion roof before winter.
Dan Vancura asked for some help with the paint sprayer.
Jim Thompson asked about sealing the runway. The Board will discuss this next year.
8. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.
Paul reminded members to submit photos and articles.
9. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Todd Culbertson.
Todd offered to produce flyers for the Tailgate Swap coming up on September 14.
10. **Windy City Warbirds & Classics Report** – John Howe.
The event was a success. John & Debbie thanked the volunteers.
John & Debbie are considering hosting a breakfast instead of pilot dinner because many pilots are anxious to leave on Saturday afternoon.
11. **Cub Fly Report** – Kevin Kessler.
The event was a success. 16 pilots flew 20 cubs.
12. **Night Fly Report** – Dale Gathman.
The event was a success. 18 pilots participated.

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13. **Tailgate Swap Report** – Dale Gathman.
September 14.
Planning is underway. The field will be open for flying.
Dale requested absolutely no flying North of the runway on swap day.

14. **Turkey Fry Plan** – Dale Gathman.
October 12.
Planning is underway. 6 turkeys will be prepared. Karl will coordinate getting the turkeys and frying them.

Dale reminded members to pay attention to their engines. His Saito FG21 Gas was very low on power. It turned out to be a loose valve rocker arm pin that caused the threads to oval the hole out. This resulted in the valve lash to be wrong by a significant amount.

Dave Murray requested an Informal Invitational Jet Fly on Saturday, September 7. He has already obtained an AMA sanction. He would like to invite 4-5 pilots to attend, including Ali Machinchi. The field will remain open for regular flying.

JT reminded the members of the FVAC Swap on February 15. Emails will be sent with this year's pricing.

Motion to adjourn by Debbie Howe, second by John Howe. All approved.
Meeting was adjourned by Dale Gathman at 8:00pm.
Minutes submitted by Armin Weber–Secretary



This is a wonderful picture showing Mauricio Santos teaching his 9 year old daughter how to fly RC!

From the Editor

Paul Martin

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Although members will be flying every day for the remainder of the year (as long as the weather cooperates!), the scheduled flying events for 2024 have been concluded. In fact, the next club flying event will be Frozen Fingers on January 1st, 2025!

Many members will start new projects or repair damaged aircraft. As you get into your builds and repairs, please send me any pictures or articles that you believe will educate, inform or amuse the club members. I look forward to your contributions.

At the last meeting the board decided put a little more focus on the club policy incentivising the sponsorship of new members to the club. If you sponsor a new member, you will receive a \$50 credit to your annual dues. This rule applies for up to 3 new members per year. So, in effect, you could renew your membership for free! As a reminder, I will be including the blue banner below and to the right in future Flypaper editions.

Paul



Watcha got?

The *FlyPaper* is always looking for content! Send your builds, tips, and tricks for inclusion in this newsletter to: contact@foxvalleyaero.com

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Did You Know!

If you sponsor a new member that joins Fox Valley Aero Club you will receive a \$50 discount off of your annual dues. This applies up to 3 new members annually, for a potential total of \$150.

FVAC Retro Fly August 24, 2024

Several members brought out their retro aircraft and equipment to show and fly. Aircraft originally designed as far back as the late 1930's to the 2010's were represented. There is no firm rule as to what is considered "Retro" at this event as it is a relative term based on the participants age and longevity in the hobby. Someone even brought some vintage radios from the very early days of radio controlled flight.



Walt Catlow brought several planes including a beautiful Sig Kadet Seniorita covered in Silkspan. He also had a Carl Goldberg Falcon 56 converted to electric as well as a couple of other "retro" birds.



Steve Gawlick brought his beautiful and very scale Byron's Originals Pitts S-1.



Dale Gathman brought his PT-40 trainer. Dale Gathman and Jeff Hughes brought their retro P-47s and EDF Habu's.



Paul Martin photos

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Walt Catlow also brought several vintage transmitters from the 1970s and 1980s era. Shown below they include:

- Hobby Shack aero sport Two
- Pro Line Competition Six
- Heath Kit 4 channel
- Tower Hobbies
- INDYE 2 channel
- Heath Kit GDA-1057-1

Thanks Walt!



The unofficial champion of retro aircraft this year was Cliff Fullhart with his 1930's era Quaker. This aircraft was originally designed as a free flight aircraft, since radio control did not exist in the 1930s! Cliff converted the model to 3 channel radio control. The Quaker is beautifully finished in transparent covering.



In the photo above, Cliff is smiling after another successful flight of his Quaker. Cliff is wearing a vintage FVAC hat as well as his original "starred" FVAC name badge.

Fun Fly #2 Greaser!

The Greaser Competition was a judged competition of landing precision and smoothness. The competitors ended up flying 3 rounds and were judged on landing smoothness with no bounce, maintaining centerline and the ability to taxi back to the starting point without leaving the paved runway. The completion was made more difficult due to a strong and direct crosswind.

Competitors included Jeff Mrachek, Jeff Hughes, Gary Koester, Tracy Wienrich, Dale Gathman and Imran Naeemullah.

After 3 rounds of landings the top 3 places went to:

- 1st Place Jeff Mrachek
- 2nd Place (Tie) Gary Koester, Dale Gathman
- 3rd Place Imran Naeemullah





A Parting Shot

John "JT" Turner captured this spectacular image of one of our Avian friends flying into the Fox Valley field for some "Fast Food". He was able to capture the hawk just as he landed on a mouse! Thanks John! Awesome!

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.)

PLEASE PRINT

Your Full Name:	AMA Number:	Birthdate:	Dues Amount:	Include me on the club email list.
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