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Tailgate Swap 2024



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Paul Martin Photo



President's Message

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Tailgate Swap – Our fourth 'sanctioned' tailgate swap went great. We filled the sellers area with over 50 sellers, and we had a great shopper turnout as well. This event continues to get better every year as word spreads. Thanks to all who helped make this event a success, both setting the field up on Friday (Glenn, Rich, Mike) and parking (Glenn) and gate (Dominick) on Saturday. Also, thanks to all who donated items for the club table, and to

Scott and Jess for manning the club table.

Turkey Fry – As I am writing this before the Turkey Fry, our annual Turkey Fry is Saturday, October 12 at 12:00 noon at the field. This is a fun event, and a time of celebrating another great flying year with our members and families. I hope to see you there.

Pavilion Roof – Well, the pavilion roof has been painted with the final coat of gloss white, and it looks fantastic. Please thank Dan Vancura, Dave Brustle, and Jeff Hughes for giving up a large part of their Saturday to get this done. We started around 9:00, and the weather was not bad. No rain, and the wind was cooperating for the most part. Make sure to check it out, if not in person, you can get a good view of it on the field cameras.

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. If you feel called to run for At-Large Director or for an Officer position, 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.

wGive some thought to the possibility of joining the board for 2025. If you have any questions about serving in this capacity, please contact me.

I look forward to seeing you at the Member Meeting on Monday, October 14 at 7:30pm. We will be meeting at the St. Charles Township building. Please bring any new projects you may be working on. Hope to see you there.

Dale



Secretary's Report

Armin Weber

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Fox Valley Aero Club
Member Meeting Minutes
 September 9, 2024 at
 St. Charles Township Hall Tailgate

1. **Welcome Members and Guests** – Dale Gathman.
 Dale Gathman called the meeting to order at 7:35pm
2. **Approval of Member Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2024** – Armin Weber.
 Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the August BOD Meeting minutes. Motion made by Bill Suhr, second by Steve Haas. All approved.

 Director Steve Haas moving – Dale Gathman.
 At large Director Steve Haas will be moving to Oregon. Rich Gabrys has agreed to fulfill the remainder of Steve Haas' term as At-Large Director.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Stampfli.
 We had routine expenses, Porta potties, mowing, etc.
 Pop sales are doing very well. The new pop machine has been paid for.
 Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Bill Suhr, second by Steve Haas. All Approved.
4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.
 Jim checked the AED. The machine will be removed from the field in October and stored indoors for the winter.
 Jim reminded members to add ICE (In Case of Emergency) to their Cell phones. This will allow access to emergency contacts from a locked cell phone.
5. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Tom Spriet/Dave Murray.
 Tom will no longer serve as Government relations. Dave will continue. Dave mentioned there is the possibility of a Dell Webb type community to be built West of the forest preserve property. The City of Saint Charles has denied the request to annex the property. We will be keeping an eye on it.
6. **Membership Chairman's Report** – Jeff Peca.
 - a. Member count at 209.
 - b. New Members – Mauricio Santos, Brian Kuhn, Ron Zaker.
 - c. Membership dates vs Dues dates.
 - i. Dale explained that the membership dues are collected after December 31 to keep the income in the proper calendar year. Dues are collected January 1 – March 1. Dues collected (from current members) after March 1 will be assessed a \$25 late fee. The membership period remains January 1 through December 31.
 - ii. Dale mentioned we will prorate new member dues as of September 1 each year. The pro-rated amount for the remainder of a year will be \$12.50 multiplied by the number of months left in the year plus the \$300 initiation fee. Then \$150 for the following year. This will require an amendment to the constitution.

Welcome guests Justin Fransisco and his son Justin Jr. recently moved from Wisconsin.

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7. **Field Chairman's Report** – Dale Gathman.
 - a. Camping at the Field.
 - i. Our field lease does not allow extended camping at the property.
 - ii. We will allow camping during events (WCWC) for a maximum of 4 nights.
 - iii. We will allow camping during club events and holiday weekends for no more than 2 nights.
8. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.
No report.
9. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Todd Culbertson.
No report.
10. **Retro Fly Report** – Dale Gathman.
The event was a success. Pilots showed their vintage radios and airplanes.
11. **Night Fly Report** – Dale Gathman. The event was a success. 18 pilots participated.
12. **WCWC 2025 Date set** – Dale Gathman.
 - a. July 10-12, 2025. Same week as 2024.
13. **Tailgate Swap Report** – Dale Gathman.
 - a. September 14. Dale asked for setup help Friday afternoon.
14. **Turkey Fry Plan** – Karl Griesbaum.
 - a. October 12. Karl will get 6 turkeys. The event will start at noon. Members will be asked to bring a dish to pass.

Dale suggested Instead of a "Corn Walk", this year we will organize drone owners on a given day to search the corn for missing models prior to the corn harvest.

Members are reminded that they should make all efforts to retrieve models lost in the corn. Models abandoned in the corn could damage the farmer's equipment during the harvest.

Show and Tell:

Jacob Olef showed his Black Horse Models Pilatus PC-9. The 72" ARF has electric power with a 6S LIPO and features electric retracts.

Dale Explained how TFR's are designated and how they may or may not affect our flying site.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Suhr, second by Steve Haas. 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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As we near the end of 2024, the sanctioned events for the club have been concluded. I would like to applaud all of the club members who have volunteered their time and effort to make all of our events a success. Your efforts continue to make the Fox Valley Aero club one of the premier clubs in the area.

Like many of you, I started out the 2024 flying season with the mindset to spend more time flying my entire collection of planes. While I did not spend as much time as I would have liked at the field, the time I did spend was always enjoyable. I will double my efforts in 2025 to spend a little more time out there and fly all of my planes!

As the weather gets colder and the snow, hail and ice pellets begin to fall, I will once again spend more time in the shop working on projects. I would imagine that many, if not most, of our members will be working on new projects and repairing or improving existing ones. Please take pictures and write some brief articles on what you are working on. I look forward to putting your projects in the Flypaper!

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.

Tailgate Swap 2024



Don Hattendorf wearing his vintage FVAC hat and shirt





On a recent Saturday Dan Vancura, Dave Brustle and Jeff Hughes applied the final coat to the pavillion roof. When you get an opportunity make sure to thank them for their efforts. The final application will certainly provide years of protection to the roof! Thanks Guys!

John "JT" Turner photos

BUILDERS CORNER



Dr. Ross Van Dorpe is pictured with his newly designed jet. He may incorporate vectored thrust for high speed turn and aerobatics.

Looks like a great project! Thanks for sharing!



New Member Ron Zaker with his awesome Kaos

John "JT" Turner photos



Dan Compton makes a surprise visit to FVAC. Hey Dan!

John "JT" Turner photos

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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Your Complete Mailing Address:

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

Your Phone Number/s:

Home:

Your Work Mailing Address:

Work:

Cell:

What is Your Occupation: (Please provide details)

Your E-mail Address:

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