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FVAC Christmas Party



Dale Gathman Photo



President's Message

Dale Gathman

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Merry Christmas— Christmas is once again upon us. It seems like it came very quickly this year, which as someone explained to me is because Thanksgiving was very late in the month this year. I always love the decorations people display and of course the Christmas music. It really helps get me in the Christmas spirit. So much of the meaning of Christmas seems to get watered down more every year. I pray that we all remember the 'reason for the season', which is the celebration of the birth of

Jesus Christ, God's Son, born of a virgin, sent to ultimately give his life as a sacrifice for our sins. May you find peace and comfort in this marvelous gift from God.

FVAC Election for the 2025 Board of Directors— The election has been completed, and the election results have been emailed to our members. Thank you to all who entered the race. Your willingness to serve the club is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with the new board during the upcoming year.

FVAC Christmas Pizza Party — We had a great time at our 2024 Christmas Pizza Party at Nick's Pizza & Pub on Saturday, December 7th. See coverage elsewhere in this issue.

Frozen Fingers— I am looking forward to our annual Frozen Fingers— First in Flight event on January 1st at 10:00am. This is a fun event, as at the starting signal we see which of our pilots is able to take off first and fly at least one pattern flight and successfully land again. You will be receiving details about this event via email soon.

Swap Meet — We are looking forward with great anticipation to our 20th Annual February Swap Meet, coming up February 15th. Table registration is now open. Look for details on our website and emails. You can also contact John 'JT' Turner, our swap meet coordinator.

Remember that we do not have meetings in December, so I hope to see you all at our first meeting of the year on Monday, January 13, 2024, at 7:30pm at the St. Charles Township Building. I look forward to seeing you there.

Dale

FVAC in the Community



Dale Gathman, LT. Joe Alvarez and John Turner



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Angel tree

A BIG THANK YOU to our FVAC members for their donations to this year's 2024 Angel Tree Program.

This year, members gathered at the Nicks Pizza for our annual holiday event where good food and friendship took place.

Once again, the FVAC received over \$2,000.00 in cash/gift cards plus toys that was presented to Lt Joe Alvarez with the Salvation Army.

Both JT and Dale Gathman (President) acknowledged our club recognizes needy families during the holiday season and continued their support with a worthy cause.

Lt Alvarez thanked our club and its members as many gift cards are given to younger adults and teenagers during their traditional gifting service.

Wishing everyone a safe holiday season.

John "JT" Turner

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Secretary's Report

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Fox Valley Aero Club
Member Meeting Minutes
 November 11, 2024 at
 St. Charles Township Hall

1. **Welcome Members and Guests –**
 Dale Gathman.
 Dale Gathman called the meeting to order at 7:35pm
2. **Approval of Member Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2024 –** Armin Weber.
 Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Member Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2024. Motion made by Jeff Mrachek, second by Bill Suhr. All Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report –** Scott Stampfli.
 The pop machine has been emptied for the winter. Mowing has stopped.
 Upcoming expenses: Christmas Party.
 Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Jeff Peca, second by Bill Suhr. All Approved.
4. **Safety Chairman's Report – Jim Thompson.**
 Jim reminded members to safely store their LIPO batteries. Jim suggested a LIPO safe container and storage charge.
5. **Open Floor for Board Position Nominations**
 – Dale Gathman
 Scott Schilling nominated John Anzalone for Director at Large. John Howe nominated Glenn LaRocco for Director at Large.
6. **Government Relations Chairman's Report –** Dave Murray.
 Nothing to report.
7. **Membership Chairman's Report –** Jeff Peca.
 - a. Member count at 214.
 - b. New Member – John Reikas.
8. **Field Chairman's Report –** Dale Gathman.
 - a. The field is ready for winter. The walls in the pavilion have been re-positioned.
9. **Flypaper Editor's Report –** Paul Martin.
 Paul reminded members to submit content for the Flypaper.
 Candidate Articles for the Election Edition of the Flypaper are due to Paul Martin by Thursday, Nov. 14.
10. **Public Relations Chairman's Report –** Todd Culbertson.
 Todd printed flyers for the FVAC February Swap.
11. **Christmas Party Report –** Dave Murray, Debbie Howe.
 - a. December 7 at Nick's Pizza.
 - b. Donations will be collected for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. Gift cards preferred. Cash donations will be turned into gift cards.
 - c. Toy/Gift Card donations will also be collected on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon at the field.
 Members suggested including a donation box at the Christmas party for "Runway Repair".

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- 12. **Swap Meet Report** – John Turner.
The Swap is set for February 15, 2025.
John reported the Swap is active on the website.
Kevin Hersey reminded members to bring unwanted items for the Club table. The Club table has been a significant money maker in previous years.
- 13. **Frozen Fingers Report** – Dale Gathman.
Dale reminded members to attend the Frozen Fingers Fun Fly on 1/1/2025.
- 14. **Calendar 2025 Report** – Dale Gathman.
The 2025 calendar is complete and will be published shortly.
- 15. **Close Floor for Board Position Nominations** – Dale Gathman.
There were no additional nominations.
 - a. Candidate Flypaper Articles due to Paul Martin by Thursday, Nov. 14.
 - b. Ballots will go out between Nov. 18 - 23.
 - c. Votes must be in by midnight, Nov. 29.

Other Business:

Jeff Peca requested an EDF only event for 2025. This will require closing the field. Several other members expressed interest as well. We will schedule the event with date TBD.

Show & Tell:

Frank Bernstein showed his new Flightline B-25J.

The impressive foam model has a 63" wingspan and features counter rotating props, scale CNC landing gear, sequencing doors and functional bomb doors with bombs. The model uses a single 6S 5000 LIPO.



Scott Adair showed his Super Aeromaster kit from Balsa Workbench. The kit includes laser cut parts and sheeting. The builder is responsible for the fiberglass and plastic parts. The plans can be downloaded in a PDF format and printed at Fed-X locations.

Jim Thompson invited members to attend his solo music performance. Jim will be performing at 4 Points Whiskey Saloon in Medinah IL on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024 from 9:00 - 9:45 pm.

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



From the Editor

Paul Martin

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(Poem reprinted from December, 2023 issue.)

‘Twas the night before Christmas, when all across the field
Not an airplane was stirring, not even a wheel;
The windsocks were hung by the pavilion with care,
In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The flyers were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of warbirds flew loops in their heads;
And Mamma in her flight suit and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winters nap,

When out on the runway there arose such a sputter,
I sprang from the bed, I did not know what to utter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the taxiway lit a new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to the airplanes below.
When, what brings my eyes to attention,
But a miniature plane pulled by eight tiny engines!

With a little fat pilot, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than turbines his motors they came.
And he whistled, and shouted and called them by name;

Now, Magnum! Now Enya! Now Wen-Mac and OS!
On Jet-Cat! On KingTech! On Rossi and YS!
To upwind to crosswind to downwind and Final!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!

And then, my eyes twinkling, my heart thumping with zeal
I heard the squeaking and squealing of each tiny wheel.
I was looking aloft while raising my hand
Down the chimney he came, on his feet he did land.

He was dressed in a flight suit from his head to his foot,
The leather was tarnished with ash and with soot.
A bundle of kits he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a Hobby Shop Owner just opening his pack!

He had biplanes and triplanes, rockets and gliders
He had building supplies, work tables, jigsaws and mitres.
More boxes and kits and tools in his sack
Enough to fill up my shop and garage to the back!!

He then sprang to his plane and gave the motors a whistle,
Then Away they all flew like a Tomahawk missile.
Then I heard him exclaim, as the engines screamed out of sight,
“Merry Christmas to All, And to all a Good Night!”

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!
Paul

FVAC Christmas Party at Nicks Pizza & Pub December 7, 2024

Merry Christmas!





Fox Valley Aero Club presents **20th Annual** **Radio Control SWAP Meet**

Saturday, February 15, 2025, Kane County Fair Grounds

525 South Randall Road, Saint Charles, Illinois, 60174

Buy, Sell, and/or Trade RC Aircraft, Helicopters, Radios, Equipment, Cars, and Boats

Over 15,000 sq ft. of tradeshow space, Food Vendor available during the SWAP

Admission \$5.00 per adult, Children 12 and under Free, SWAP open from 8:30am to 1:00pm

Table Setup at 7:30am

**AFTER 1:00pm, the space will be open to
FOAMY AND LIGHT ELECTRIC
INDOOR FLYING**

AMA cards required for pilots

FOR TABLE RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION:

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Register on-line at: www.foxvalleyaero.com
or Checks Payable to: Fox Valley Aero Club,
PO Box 837, St. Charles, IL 60174-0837

Early-pay table rental discount if paid by February 1st

One table	\$32.00 each
Two or more tables	\$30.00 each
All table rentals after February 1st	\$33.00 each

All table rentals include one free admission

— TABLES READY FOR SET UP AT 7:30am —

2025 EVENTS

January 1	Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers	10:00 am FVAC Field
January 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
February 15	FVAC Annual Swap Meet	8:30 – 4:00 - Kane County Fairgrounds
March 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
April 19	Field Workday	9:00 – FVAC Field
May 3	Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day	9:00 – 1:00 – FVAC Field
May 10	Family Fly Day	10:00 - 2:00 - FVAC Field
May 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
May 26	St. Charles Memorial Day Parade	TBD
June 7	Festival of Flight - AMA Sanctioned	9:00 - 5:00 – FVAC Field
June 8	Fun Fly - #1	11:00 - 1:00 - FVAC Field
June 9	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
June 21	FVAC Cookout - Awards and Raffle	12:00 - FVAC Field
June 22	Geneva Swedish Days Parade	TBD
July 5	Electric Only – AMA Sanctioned	9:00 – 3:00 Electric Only – FVAC Field
July 10 - 12	Windy City Warbirds & Classics - AMA Sanctioned	9:00 - 5:00 - FVAC Field
July 14	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
August 2	Cub Fly - AMA Sanctioned	9:00 – 1:00 - Cubs Only - FVAC Field
August 2	Night Fly - AMA Sanctioned	6:00 - Midnight - FVAC Field
August 11	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field
August 23	Retro Fly	9:00 – 3:00 - FVAC Field
August 24	Fun Fly #2	11:00 - 1:00 - FVAC Field
Sept 6	EDF Only - AMA Sanctioned	9:00 - 3:00 - FVAC Field
Sept 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
Sept 20	FVAC Tailgate Swap Meet - Sanctioned	8:00 - 1:00 – FVAC Field
October 11	Turkey Fry	12:00 - FVAC Field
October 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
November 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall
December 6	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.

_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Your Complete Mailing Address:

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

Your Phone Number/s:

Home:

Work:

Cell:

What is Your Occupation: (Please provide details)

Your E-mail Address:

Total Payment Enclosed:

\$ _____



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