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AMA Gold Leader Club



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Paul Martin photo



President's Message

Dale Gathman

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Field Workday is April 19 – Please plan to meet at the field for our annual Workday coming up on Saturday, April 19. We have much to do to keep our field beautifully prepared for our 2025 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. Our Field Chairman, Dominick will be blasting out an email asking for volunteers soon. Please sign up if you can.

Runway and Paved Area Improvement – We are looking forward with great anticipation to our Runway Improvement Project. We are getting the runway cracks filled and then all paved areas will be seal-coated, followed by re-striping of the lines. We are finalizing the dates now, with crack filling projected to take 2 days, and seal-coating/striping projected for 1 day. I will inform members of the actual dates once we schedule them. Note that the field property will be closed to all traffic during these days.

May Events – We have three events planned for May. The first is our Treeline/Berm Orientation Day on Saturday, May 3. The next week will be our Family Fly Day on Saturday, May 10. Then our final event of May is the St. Charles Memorial Day Parade. Details will be emailed out as these events get closer.

I hope that you can make it to our Member Meeting on Monday, April 14 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
 March 10, 2025 at
 St. Charles Township Hall

1. **Welcome Members and Guests** – Dale Gathman.
 Dale Gathman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
2. **Approval of Member Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2025** – Armin Weber.
 Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Member Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2025. Motion made by Rob Sampson, second by Dominick Silvestri. All Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Stampfli.
 Swap income was \$3500 Net.
 Annual field expenses will begin soon, including runway repair scheduled for April.
 Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Mark Knoppkie, second by Jeff Peca. All Approved.
4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.
 Jim reminded members to communicate at the flight line. And don't forget to wear your sunglasses.
 Jim reviewed the AMA Safety code per AMA Gold Leader Club requirements.
5. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Dave Murray.
 No Report.
6. **Membership Chairman's Report** – Jeff Peca.
 - a. Member count at 220.
 - b. New Member – Wiliam Horoszko.
 Welcome new member William Horoszko. Longtime modeler & pilot. William is also a Board member of other local RC Clubs.
7. **Field Chairman's Report** – Dominick Silvestri.
 - a. Plan to crack fill and sealcote runway in April.
8. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.
 No report.
9. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Todd Culbertson.
 No report.
10. **Swap Meet Report** – John 'JT' Turner.
 No Report.
11. **Festival of Flight Report** – Jim Thompson.
 Imran will bring his vehicles for display. Club members are also invited to bring vehicles. Jim may contact a Model A/Model T group. FVAC members will likely prepare food.
12. **Windy City Warbirds & Classics Report** – John Howe.
 The committee has decided on a 40x40 storage tent and will utilize the shed space.
 Pilot registration should cost the same as last year.
13. **Flight Trainers** – Dave Jacobsen Chief Flight Instructor.
 - a. Art Alvarez, Tom Blassick, Matt DiPietro (ducted fan), Paul Martin, Jim Thompson.

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- 14. **Sanctions Needed** – Dale Gathman. – ALL APPROVED.
 - a. Festival of Flight – 6/7 - Jim Thompson CD - Approved.
 - b. Chicagoland IMAC Cup – 6/28-6/29 – Johnny Gago CD - Approved.
 - c. Electric Only Fly – 7/5 - Jim Thompson CD - Approved.
 - d. Windy City Warbirds & Classics – 7/10-7/12 - John Howe CD - Approved.
 - e. Cub Fly – 8/2 – Dale Gathman EM - Kevin Kessler Organizer - Approved.
 - f. Night Fly – 8/2 – Dale Gathman EM – Approved.
 - g. EDF Only – 9/6 – Jeff Peca CD - Approved.
 - h. Tailgate Swap – 9/27 – Dale Gathman EM – Approved.

Show & Tell:

Jacob Olof showed his 80-inch Citabria built from the Midwest Kit. The partially built model was purchased from a fellow club member. Jacob finished the model with iron-on covering and installed a 90 electric power system.



Tom Flint showed his RAM (**R**ebuilt **A**nd **M**otivation) Hanger 9 PA-18 Super Cub. The 106" model is ¼ scale and powered by a new DA35.



Jeff Hughes showed his new FlyCat V2 from Hobby King. The new V2 version includes rudders, 70mm Fan, 80-Amp ESC and retractable gear. Add your own receiver.

Gary Tice showed his Flying Quaker. The Vintage model was originally designed for Free Flight. Gary purchased the short kit and plans from Bob Holman plans. The model is 84" and is powered by a Saito FG11 Gas Four Stroke and uses three channel control. The transparent covering is from Value Hobby.



Mark Beezhold showed his new Monocoupe. The 96" ARF model is from Kangke USA. Power is from a Saito 33 R3 with intake modifications from Morris Mini Motors. Graphics are from Callie Graphics.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Peca, second by John Howe. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned by Dale Gathman at 8:35pm.
Minutes submitted by Armin Weber–Secretary

From the Editor

Paul Martin

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The April issue is typically pretty short due to the fact that there were no organized club activities in March. But the activity as well as the temperatures will soon be "heating up".

Later this month the Club Field Workday will take place. In May we can look forward to the Family Fly Day as well as the St. Charles Memorial Day Parade and Treeline/Berm Orientation Day.

I would like to offer a special Thank You to Jessie Stampfli, for taking pictures of the Show & Tell portion of the March meeting. Thanks Jessie!

Lastly, please note the new and improved membership application at the end of the issue. The application form was redone by Doug Swanson. Thanks Doug!

See you at the Field!

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.

Remembering Smokey

As many of you know, Smokey was Cliff Fullharts loyal companion over the past many years. Smokey was a sort of unofficial mascot and club dog. Smokey passed away recently. I asked Cliff if he would like to contribute something about Smokey for this months Flypaper. - Paul



Smokey

I lost Smokey on March 6. He was a faithful buddy & loved coming to the flying field. Kevin & Gary provided treats as well as others. Smokey could recognize them by the cars they were driving. Smokey considered all members his buddies. For 13 years he was with me at the flight line.

Now I have his replacement; a smaller Smokey "clone" named Mandy.

Thanks to all for thinking of me & my bud! - Cliff



Mandy

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| 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 |
| June 28-29 | Chicagoland IMAC Cup - AMA Sanctioned | 8:00 - 6:00 - FVAC Field |
| 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 Jet Only - AMA Sanctioned | 9:00 - 3:00 - FVAC Field |
| Sept 8 | FVAC Member Meeting | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall |
| Sept 27 | 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



Mail this completed form to:

Fox Valley Aero Club
 P.O. Box 837
 St. Charles, IL 60174-0837

Fox Valley Aero Club Membership Form

New **ADULT** member assessment fee: \$300 (does not include dues)
Yearly dues

ADULT members (19 years old and over): \$150.00 per member
JUNIOR members (under 19 years old): \$25.00 per member
FAMILY membership: \$150.00 for primary member
 \$25 for each additional household member
 (A.M.A. membership required for flying privileges.)

Make checks payable to "Fox Valley Aero Club"

Primary Member PLEASE PRINT New member **New ADULT member assessment fee** \$300

FULL NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL Send club notices _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BIRTHDATE _____ A.M.A. NUMBER _____ Dues amount (See above): \$150.00 \$25.00

I agree to abide by the FVAC Constitution and By-laws & the Field Rules of Fox Valley Aero Club. I am a current turbine waiver holder

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
 (signature of guardian if Junior Member)

Additional Household Family Member PLEASE PRINT New member

FULL NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL Send club notices _____

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Were you referred by an existing member?
 If so, please list their name here: _____ Total amount enclosed: _____