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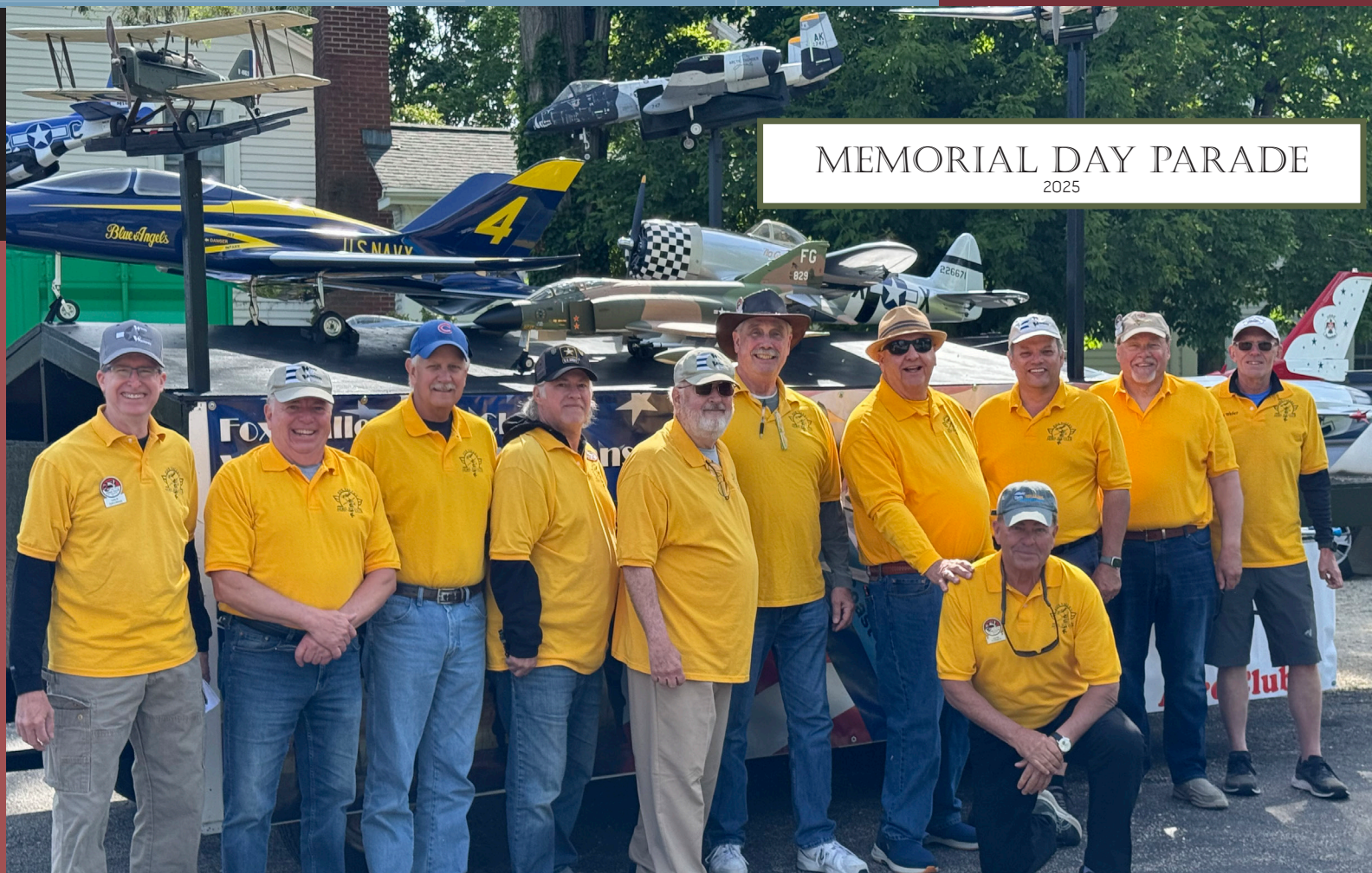
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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2025



President's Message

Dale Gathman

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Family Fly Day – Family Fly Day was another success. Thanks to Todd for taking care of our guests, and to all of you pilots and spotters. We had 50+ guest flyers, and everyone had a great time. A few showed interest in the learning to fly.

Memorial Day Parade – We once again participated in the St. Charles Memorial Day Parade this year. There were 12 members who participated, and our float was full of awesome planes as usual. Dave brought his Blue Angels Scorpion to adorn the top of the float, and his F-16 was on the back 'blowing smoke'. Armin Weber's beautiful P-47 sat directly behind the Scorpion. To one side on the deck was Art Alvarez's F-15 Strike Eagle, and his F-4 Phantom sat on the opposite side. The four corner posts held John Turner's Dauntless, Jim Thompson's A-10 Warthog, and my SE5a Biplane and P-51D Mustang. Jim Hari carried his T-28 as he walked with our group. Our float is always a crowd favorite. I love to hear the shouts and expressions of surprise as the float goes by the crowd members. Thanks to all who helped get the float prepped on Sunday, as well as all who participated in the parade on Memorial Day.

Festival of Flight – Our Wings & Wheels-Festival of Flight is Saturday, June 7. The weather looks like it will be good (so far), and we should have a great event. Please plan to attend and bring your coolest planes to fly for the spectators. We also have a group of antique cars and a group of exotic cars coming and they will be on display. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to come on out and enjoy the show.

Future Events:

- Our first **Fun Fly** called COPY THAT will be the Sunday after the Festival, June 8 from 11:00-1:00.
- Make sure to attend our upcoming **FVAC Cookout – Awards and Raffle** if at all possible. It will be held on Saturday, June 21, starting at noon. The Howes will be coordinating the event with support from the Gabrys, and the club will be providing the main course. Everyone is asked to bring your favorite dish to share. Following the meal, we will be presenting 2024 awards, as well as having our raffle for all members consisting of prizes valued at a total of \$2500. Everyone has a great time; you won't want to miss it.
- Also, we will be participating in the **Geneva Swedish Days Parade** this year on Sunday, June 22. Details will be emailed soon.
- This year, we are sponsoring a new event, **The Chicagoland IMAC Cup**. Johnny Gago will be running this event, and it will be held on June 28 & 29. It is an IMAC competition, which is an aerobatic maneuver competition. If you have never seen an IMAC competition, you will want to stop by and see what it is all about.
- We follow that with our **Electric Only Fly-In** on July 5. This is an AMA sanctioned event, so any AMA member can fly.
- And, our biggest event of the year, our **Windy City Classics & Warbirds** is held on July 10, 11 & 12. So far we have 27 registered pilots coming and expect to have twice that. This is a fantastic event, whether you participate in flying, working, or spectating. Some of the coolest planes in the country will be there.

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Please look for the email requesting volunteers for that event and sign up to help the club out. Also, make sure to spread the word so that everyone knows about the show.

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 that you can make it to our Member Meeting on Monday, June 9 at 7:30 **at the Flying Field**. 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

Watcha got?

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

The viewpoints in this newsletter are solely those of the individual authors. They may not necessarily represent those of the Editor, Officers, Board, or Membership of the Fox Valley Aero Club.

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.



Secretary's Report

Armin Weber

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Fox Valley Aero Club

Member Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025 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 April 14, 2025** – Armin Weber.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the BOD Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2025.
Motion made by Bill Suhr, second by Jeff Mrachek.
All Approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Stampfli.
Income includes WCWC registration, and some dues.
Expenses include: Runway repair and WCWC shirts.
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Bill Suhr, second by Paul Martin. All Approved.

Dave Jacobson mentioned that former member Dave Brady had several models for sale. Dave Brady asked that any proceeds from the sale be donated to FVAC. Dave Jacobson sold several models and presented the proceeds of \$850 as a donation to FVAC.

Dale Gathman expressed appreciation to Dave for facilitating the sale and donation.

4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.
No issues to report.
Jim reminded members to communicate on the flight line.

Dale reported that the AMA sent an email letting us know that the FAA now allows our pilots to fly at 700 ft altitude at our field.
5. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Dave Murray.
Dave Murray and Todd Culbertson plan to visit the new Mayor, Clint Hull, to introduce the club and invite him to our events.
6. **Membership Chairman's Report** – Jeff Peca.
 - a. Member count at 194. All non-paid have been removed from the roster.
7. **Field Chairman's Report** – Dominick Silvestri.
Dominick reported that Field Workday went very well.
 - a. Blacktop project completed.
 - b. A few items still need to be completed. Dominick will track these.
 - c. We still need additional short grass mowing crew members.
Tom Flint reminded the members to participate on the mowing crew. Also, he requested that our crew mow the short grass areas every Monday, even if it looks like it doesn't need it. That makes sure that the professional crew maintains their short grass setting on Thursday when they mow. It's important to integrate the club mowing schedule with the professional mowing crew.

Dale mentioned that several members participated in Aero Day on April 19. We showed models for static display and handed out flyers for our 2025 events.
8. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.
Paul requested pictures from the upcoming Festival of Flight. Paul reminded members to always use .JPG format when submitting photos for the Flypaper or the website. Our website cannot accept the new .HEIC Apple formatted photos.

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9. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Todd Culbertson.
Family Fly was a success. Todd brought flyers tonight for all the upcoming 2025 events.
10. **Parade Report** – Dave Murray.
Dave is preparing the float.
Dave reminded members to wear their yellow club shirt and come walk with the float.
 - a. Memorial Day Parade – May 26.
 - b. Swedish Days Parade – June 22.
11. **Festival of Flight Report** – Jim Thompson.
 - a. June 7. Jim is ready. Volunteers will be needed.
 - b. We have secured a food vendor - Scooby's.
 - c. Exotic and antique cars will be on display.
12. **Fun Fly Report** – Dale Gathman.
 - a. First is June 8. (Sunday 11 – 1pm). Theme will be emailed out before the event.
 - b. Second is August 24.
13. **Cookout Report** – Dale Gathman.
 - a. June 21 – Debbie and John Howe will be organizing the cookout.
 - b. Rich and Jan Gabrys will support Debbie and John.
14. **Windy City Warbirds & Classics Report** – John Howe.
 - a. July 10-12.
 - b. Committee: John Howe, Deb Howe, Dale Gathman, Dave Murray, Scott Stampfli, Joe Pedone, Jeff Peca.
 - c. 25 pilots currently registered.
 - d. Tom Flint showed the new Windy City Classics & Warbirds event shirts. Available now for \$25.

15. **Christmas Party Report** – Debbie Howe.
 - a. December 6 – Possible change of venue - West Chicago VFW hall on Route 59.
 - b. Roughly the same cost as Nicks. Food, beer and wine will be free to the members. Mixed drinks available for purchase. We can bring in any non-alcoholic beverages plus snacks & desserts.
 - c. More space. More room to mingle.
 - d. We can have it catered by Geno Notolini's, allowing more food options instead of just pizza.
 - e. We can go back to prizes and raffles at the Christmas Party. A survey will be sent to the members to determine if we change to the VFW and if we go back to raffle and awards at the Christmas party if we do change.
 - f. We have a contract with Nicks. Dave Murray will check if we can cancel the contract.

Show & Tell:

Paul Martin showed his control line Flight Streak built from Brodak kit. Powered by a vintage McCoy Red head .35 and covered with Silkspan & Dope. Paul also built another copy in .049 size.

Dale Gathman showed a SKY Remote ID module from Horizon. In addition to remote ID requirements, it provides full GPS telemetry.

Motion to adjourn by Debbie Howe, second by John Howe. All approved.
Meeting was adjourned by Dale Gathman at 8:30pm.
Minutes submitted by Armin Weber–Secretary

FVAC Family Fly Day



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Here is Sebastian Kowalski with his Flightline B2, following a successful maiden on Sunday, May 25.

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	Postponed
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 - COPY THAT	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
November 29	Christmas Party	6:00 West Chicago VFW Hall

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:

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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	<input type="checkbox"/> New member	New ADULT member assessment fee <input type="checkbox"/> \$300
FULL NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> Send club notices
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
BIRTHDATE	A.M.A. NUMBER	Dues amount (See above): <input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a current turbine waiver holder
<input type="checkbox"/> I agree to abide by the FVAC Constitution and By-laws & the Field Rules of Fox Valley Aero Club.		SIGNATURE (signature of guardian if Junior Member)	DATE

Additional Household Family Member	PLEASE PRINT	<input type="checkbox"/> New member	
FULL NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> Send club notices
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Were you referred by an existing member?

If so, please list their name here: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____