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## President's Message

Dale Gathman

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**Interesting Quote** – I love quotes, and I heard one the other day that I thought is very relevant to our hobby – “Learn from other’s mistakes – we will not live long enough to make all of them on our own”. I think we can all help ourselves by learning from the mistakes of our fellow pilots. At the same time, let’s all share mistakes that we have made in hopes that our fellow pilots can avoid the same situation.

**Windy City Warbirds & Classics 2026** – I am busily preparing for WCWC 2026. This article may reach you sometime during the event, or maybe a day before. We are looking forward to another fun time, and I hope to see you there.

**Fun Fly #1** – As you are aware, Fun Fly #1 was postponed due to high wind. As it will be a pilot graded event where precision flying is required, I thought it best to wait for a calmer time of year to hold this event. I will let you know the new date when it is decided.

**Spring Cookout** – Many thanks go out to John and Debbie Howe and Rich and Jan Gabrys. Our fantastic spring Cookout happens due to their planning and execution of everything that takes place both before and during the cookout. We had around 75 in attendance, the weather was great, and everyone had an awesome meal and great camaraderie. I always look forward to Debbie’s pulled pork and getting together with our members and their families.

**Electric Only Fly** - On July 4th, we had our Electric Only Fly. Jim Thompson did a fantastic job organizing and running the event, and the weather was great. We put in many flights, and all in attendance really enjoyed the day. We did have a smaller number

of pilots this year, and we attribute that to the event being on the holiday date. We will be looking at the date for next year and discussing best options.

**Future Events** – Our **Cub Fly** and **Night Fly** are coming up on August 1st. These events are Sanctioned which means any AMA pilot may attend. Invite your friends. Note that these events will have a \$10 landing fee, and lunch/dinner will be provided. Then our **Festival of Flight** will be August 29. This is our second biggest event of the year, and Jim Thompson has a few surprises in store. You won’t want to miss it.

Remember to look for new members at the field and introduce yourself. Let’s make them feel welcome.

I hope that you can make it to our **July Member Meeting on Monday, July 13 at 7:30 at the FVAC 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](mailto: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.



## Secretary's Report

**Armin Weber**

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### Fox Valley Aero Club

#### Member Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2026 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 May 11, 2026** – Armin Weber.  
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Member Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2026. Motion made by Jeff Mrachek, second by Bill Suhr. All Approved.

Dale mentioned the board changed the first sentence of section 18 FVAC field rules:

From:

First Person View (FPV) flying with goggles is permitted only when the primary pilot is accompanied by another pilot with a current AMA Adult or Youth who is proficient at flying the FPV aircraft.

To:

First Person View (FPV) flying with goggles or a monitor screen (controller or phone/tablet) is permitted only when the primary pilot is accompanied by another pilot with a current AMA Adult or Youth membership who is proficient at flying the FPV aircraft.

Dale Gathman, Scott Stampfli, and Dave Murray attended the Forrest Preserve Archery range grand opening on June 6. About 200 people attended. We currently have a very good relationship with our new neighbors.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott Stampfli.  
Dale reporting for Scott Stampfli.  
Expenses: Routine summer field expenses.  
Income: PayPal contains some dues and WCWC registration.  
Dale Gathman asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Dave Brustle, second by John Zingale. All Approved.
4. **Safety Chairman's Report** – Jim Thompson.  
No report.
5. **Government Relations Chairman's Report** – Dave Murray.  
Nothing to report.
6. Membership Chairman's Report – Jeff Peca.
  - a. Member count at 194.
  - b. New Members – Jay Weinstein, Scott Wegner, Jacob Ferguson (Junior Member), Arthur Fast (Junior Member).
7. **Field Chairman's Report** – Greg Bohler.  
A volunteer sheet for WCWC 2026 was passed around.  
Greg is planning the WCWC setup.  
Mow on Wednesday instead of Thursday. Move starting tables to shed. Bulk of the work will be done Wednesday July 8.
8. **Flypaper Editor's Report** – Paul Martin.  
Nothing to report.
9. **Public Relations Chairman's Report** – Todd Culbertson.  
No report.
10. **Chief Flight Instructor's Report** – Dave Jacobsen.  
Training continues with a few younger pilots.



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11. **Fun Fly #1** – Dale Gathman.
  - a. June 14. Will be a Loop, Roll, and Touch-N-Go judged by the pilots.
12. **Spring Cookout** – Debbie Howe.
  - a. June 20. No report, but plans are in place.
13. **Electric Only Fly** – Jim Thompson.
  - a. July 4. No report, but plans are in place.
14. **Windy City Warbirds & Classics Report** – John Howe.
  - a. July 9,10,11.
  - b. Registration is Open.
  - c. Volunteer sign-up Sheets were passed around.
15. **Festival of Flight Report** – Jim Thompson.
  - a. August 29.

### Show & Tell:

Jeff Peca showed his vintage Kraft single stick radio that he converted to 2.4. The radio will be used on his vintage Midwest Stick.



Dana Berry showed his Kavalier built from the Sig kit. The 55" model was beautifully covered in Monokote and painted with Klaskote. Power is from an original O.S. 45 FSR.



Jeff Hughes showed his U2 Dragon Lady from Phase 3. The 15-year-old foam model has a 70mm EDF and uses a 3S 2200 LIPO.

Armin Weber showed his Demoiselle built from the Sig kit. The 44" model was originally built in 2009 and only flown indoors. After adding some updated equipment, the model will be flown again, this time outdoors.



Jacob Olef showed his new BT-13 Valliant purchased used and restored to flying condition. The 72" model has electric power and uses a 6S 5000 battery. Jacob is looking forward to flying this at WCWC.



Dave Brustle showed his latest "Attic Find" from the Dynamic Balsa Attic. A Waco YMF5 by Phoenix models. The attractive 63" model has a 17cc gas engine.



Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Gawlik, second by Jacob Olef. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned by Dale Gathman at 8:40pm.

Minutes submitted by Armin Weber-Secretary



**KANE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE  
ARROWWOOD POINT ARCHERY COMPLEX  
GRAND OPENING**

JUNE 6, 2026

By Dale Gathman

Our friends to the west, the Kane County Forest Preserve, held the Grand Opening of their new Arrowwood Point Archery Complex on June 6, 2026. A full contingent of Forest Preserve staff were present, including Executive Director Ben Haberthur (who you met if you were at our May Member Meeting), the President of the Forest Preserve, and probably 30 or so support staff. Many of the staff were certified archery trainers, who are wearing the tan shirts in the photos. I would guess that there were over 200 visitors, as the entire parking lot was full, and cars were parked along the road all the way to Brundige Road.

Scott Stampfli, Dave Murray and I set up a table and represented our club by handing out our event schedule booklets. I had my Eflite P-47 and Aero Scout airplanes there for the attendees to look at. We were able to talk to some of the attendees about our club, letting them know where we are, and explaining what we are all about.

Opening speeches were made by Ben and the President. Ben kindly recognized us as being in attendance. Following the speeches, they performed a ribbon cutting. After that, anyone who desired to try out archery was invited to go through a brief training and then shoot some arrows. As the line was long, I waited until it wound down and then gave archery a try. I was able to shoot three arrows into the first two rings of the target, although the targets were only 10 yards away.

Overall, it was a fun day. I congratulate the Forest Preserve on their new complex, and we look forward to maintaining a great relationship with our neighbors for many years to come. If you are interested in trying out archery, be sure to visit the complex when you get a chance.





# EVAC SPRING COOKOUT







## FVAC Electric Only Fly







# Memorial Day Parade



Editors Note: Doug Swanson took a number of very good pictures of the Memorial Day Parade that I had overlooked last month. I wanted to include some of them in this issue! Thanks Doug!



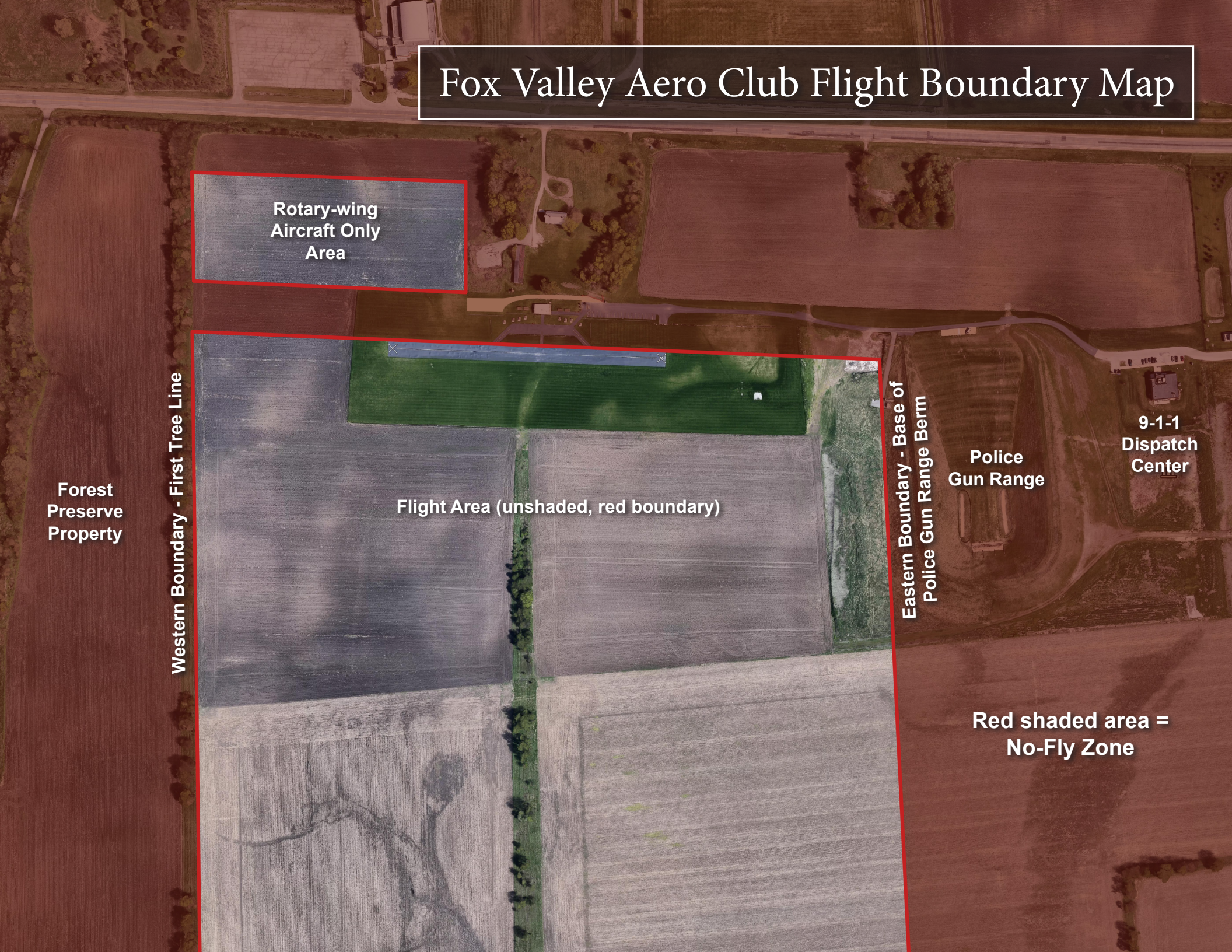


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|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| January 1   | <b>Fun-Fly — Frozen Fingers</b>                            | 10:00 am FVAC Field                      |
| January 12  | FVAC Member Meeting                                        | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall |
| February 9  | FVAC Member Meeting                                        | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall |
| February 14 | <b>FVAC Annual February Swap Meet</b>                      | 8:30 – 4:00 - Kane County Fairgrounds    |
| March 9     | FVAC Member Meeting                                        | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall |
| April 13    | FVAC Member Meeting                                        | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall |
| April 18    | <b>Field Workday</b>                                       | 9:00 – FVAC Field                        |
| May 2       | <b>Tree Line/Berm Orientation Day</b>                      | 9:00 – 3:00 – FVAC Field                 |
| May 9       | <b>Family Fly Day</b>                                      | 10:00 - 2:00 - FVAC Field                |
| May 11      | FVAC Member Meeting                                        | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall |
| May 25      | <b>St. Charles Memorial Day Parade</b>                     | TBD                                      |
| June 8      | FVAC Member Meeting                                        | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field    |
| June 14     | <b>Fun Fly - #1</b>                                        | 11:00 - 1:00 - FVAC Field                |
| June 20     | <b>FVAC Spring Cookout</b>                                 | 12:00 - FVAC Field                       |
| July 4      | <b>Electric Only – AMA Sanctioned</b>                      | 9:00 – 3:00 Electric Only – FVAC Field   |
| July 9-11   | <b>Windy City Warbirds &amp; Classics - AMA Sanctioned</b> | 9:00 - 5:00 - FVAC Field                 |
| July 13     | FVAC Member Meeting                                        | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field    |
| August 1    | <b>Cub Fly - AMA Sanctioned</b>                            | 9:00 – 1:00 - Cubs Only - FVAC Field     |
| August 1    | <b>Night Fly - AMA Sanctioned</b>                          | 6:00 - Midnight - FVAC Field             |
| August 10   | FVAC Member Meeting                                        | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at FVAC Field    |
| August 22   | <b>Retro Fly</b>                                           | 9:00 – 3:00 - FVAC Field                 |
| August 23   | <b>Fun Fly #2</b>                                          | 11:00 - 1:00 - FVAC Field                |
| August 29   | <b>Festival of Flight</b>                                  | 9:00 - 5:00 - FVAC Field                 |
| Sept 5      | <b>EDF Jet Only - AMA Sanctioned</b>                       | 9:00 - 3:00 - FVAC Field                 |
| Sept 14     | FVAC Member Meeting                                        | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall |
| Sept 26     | <b>FVAC Fly Market Swap Meet - AMA Sanctioned</b>          | 8:00 - 1:00 – FVAC Field                 |
| October 10  | <b>Turkey Fry</b>                                          | 12:00 - FVAC Field                       |
| October 12  | FVAC Member Meeting                                        | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall |
| November 9  | FVAC Member Meeting                                        | 6:30 Board, 7:30 Member at Township Hall |
| December 5  | <b>Christmas Party</b>                                     | 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

Flight Area (unshaded, red boundary)

Forest  
Preserve  
Property

Western Boundary - First Tree Line

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 am a current turbine waiver holder

☐ 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

☐ New member

FULL NAME

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

☐ Send club notices

BIRTHDATE

A.M.A. NUMBER

Dues amount (see above):

☐ \$25.00

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DATE

Were you referred by an existing member?

If so, please list their name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_