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We now have a greater understanding on why the government has banned cloning.

Editor's Message

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Less Filling – Tastes Great?

As you browse the subsequent pages, it'll be hard not to notice that this month's issue of the Flypaper is a little "light." No more that a collection of committee reports really. This is illustrative of the lack of content submitted by the membership at large.

We've had two big events since the summer's started – AI's Helicopter Fun Fly and Festival of Flight. Due to a scheduling conflict with the AI's event and my pulling double duty at the festival (flight line & co. MC), I wasn't able to also play photographer. Please send any photos, articles, stories, etc... surrounding these events. I'll be sure to have coverage in future issues.

Ciao for now,
Tom

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President's Message

Dominic Saverino – dominic@teamsaverino.com



Dom didn't have a report for this month.

Vice President's Message

Dennis McFarlane – highpd119@aol.com



July Has Come and Gone

How I hate to hear those words let alone type them. I can't believe we are already entering the back side of our flying season. To me it doesn't even seem like we've had much flying weather. Of course now that I'm back amongst the working society I have much less free time than I've had in the previous couple of years, not that I mind.

I had a wonderful time at Festival of Flight. What a great show! Everyone who pitched in to help make this event such a success deserves a huge round of applause from the general membership. If you didn't come out, even as a spectator, you made a huge mistake. I believe at minimum there was at least one or two of every type of model aircraft represented.

I had my 1/3 scale "clipped wing" Piper Cub out on Saturday but was unable to get in the air due to a faulty battery pack. Sunday morning I rose early, pulled a trusted friend down from the ceiling joists, and installed a 2.4g receiver in my old WW-I vintage Fokker Dr-1, or more commonly known simply as the "tri-plane." Cliff and I flew a couple rounds of formation later on Sunday afternoon and I was having what was most likely the best time I've had with model aviation this year. It's been a long time since I've been able to laugh when I've been at the flying field.

Unfortunately, my day ended on the fourth flight when I did a true to scale landing, flipped over, and crushed the rudder of the tri-plane. Not to worry, Monday morning I stripped the covering off the rudder and actually did another fun thing – I fixed it! The rudder has been recovered so as soon as I get a couple of replacement decals the airplane will be flying again.

That's about it. The idea of working out of my house is an entirely new concept to me. Days are starting at 5:00am and ending at 8:30pm when Cindy generally gets home from her store. I've not worked at Al's Hobby Shop for two months. If you have a question about a product or inventory status you will have to call Cindy at her store. It's not that I don't want to help, it's simply I won't have an answer for you.

Dennis

Secretary's Report

Tom Spriet – tom@etglass.com



Minutes of the July 9, 2009 General Meeting

President Dominic Saverino called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

Our biggest event of the year so far is upon us. Please help the key members of the event in the setup and clean up. If you see someone working on the field for the event help them if possible. The funnel cake guy is coming to our event! Now that's a big deal.

Dennis McFarlane just got the editor job for a hobby merchandiser publication. Congratulations Dennis.

Committee Reports

Secretary – Thomas Spriet: Dennis requested a motion to accept the minutes as published in the Flypaper. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer/Membership Chairman – Paul Jacobs: Presenting the Treasures report, Paul reported a balance of approximately \$24,000 in the club treasury. A motion to accept the report as presented made, seconded and the report was approved. 212 paid members now on the roster. Members delinquent on dues have been removed from the roster.

Field Chairman – Greg Bohler: Everyone has been pitching in to keep the trash picked up. Our new sign has been installed by RTE 38. Greg will be setting-up for the Festival of Flight beginning on Thursday, July 16. If you have time, stop out and lend a hand.

Safety Chairman – Karl Griesbaum: Someone crashed a plane into the bleachers. Every effort needs to be made to avoid overflying prohibited areas. If necessary, you are expected to sacrifice your plane before bearing North of the runway and overflying the boundary of the pit and spectator area. All flying needs to be done South of the safety nets! The safety of pilots and spectators must always come before attempts to "save" an airplane.

Government Relations/Fun Fly Chairman – John Turner: John will be passing out flyers to the neighborhoods and at the 911 center for the festival. The limbo fun fly will be moved up to 9:00 a.m. Bring out your largest and best plane! See you Saturday morning.

Flypaper Editor – Tom Siwek: Nothing new to report.

Chief Flight Instructor – Dan Compton: Dick Johnson (DJ) and Matt Brustle have soloed. Certificates were prepared and presented. Congratulations to both!

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Event Reports

Pattern Contest CD – Rusty Dose: No report.

Windy City Jets CD – Eric Karl: The Jet event is going as planned. Dave is at Kentucky Jets this weekend drumming up pilots for our jet event.

Festival of Flight CD – Paul Jacobs: The festival of flight is coming up soon. Please come out and assist if possible. If you would rather fly – then fly – but come out and participate.

IMAC Coordinator – Dan Knippen: IMAC is going as planned. We will need a couple of people for running numbers and registration. The unlimited freestyle event will be Saturday late afternoon. Pretty neat stuff.

New Business

The RC Dusters are having a fun fly event this Sunday. Go support them if possible.

Show & Tell

New planes were shown by the following members:

L-39 Electric Jet Ed Gombash

The August meeting, weather permitting, will be at the flying field.

President Saverino adjourned the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

Treasurer's & Membership Chairman's Report

Paul Jacobs – paul_jacobs@att.net



We have more new members to welcome this month: **Tom Blassick, John Dickenson and Josh Glazier**

Membership stands at 215 and the treasury is still in good shape with \$26,843 in the checking account after paying all the bills and depositing the Festival money. Thanks again to all the members that helped out by donating their time to assist in running the event and to those that helped by flying their airplanes to keep the public entertained.

As I write this I just received a call from UPS that they are delivering my DA 100 from the repair department at Desert Aircraft so I may be able to get it in the air this weekend to have a chance to practice before the IMAC event on August 8th & 9th.

Windy City Jets is just around the corner as well and hopefully the weather will be as good as or better than the Festival was. It has been a weird summer with a lot of wind and rain but the field has never looked better. The board approved the purchase of 30 chairs for the field and we got a great deal from Home Depot.

If anyone has some digital pictures of the Festival they would like to share, please send them to me and I will pass them on to Bob our webmaster for the FVAC site.

That's all for this month,
Paul

Field Chairman's Report

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As field chairman, I'm supposed to write this article about our wonderful field. We just held one of the best events that I have ever had the privilege of attending at our field. Every club member should be proud, not only of our field, which by the way is second to none, but also of the reputation that we have built for treating our guests and each other with courtesy and respect. We had all types of aircraft and pilot ability levels at our field this last week end and everybody played well together and had a great time. I received many compliments on our club and our field.

Dominic made a point at our last meeting of asking people to step up and help with field set up and other maintenance type work with out being asked. We had several club members do just that. During the course of the festival I had a lot of people thank me for the work I was doing. It was my pleasure to tell them "you're welcome but I didn't do that". John Griffith and Joe Cubalchini came and worked on Thursday morning setting up ropes and posts with me. Cindy McFarlane raced me for the garbage cans all week end long. Man is she fast. Mel Ziska set up the sound system. Paul and Dory Jacobs set up registration, impound, and the gate.

New members, Dan and Donna spent the entire week end selling raffle tickets. Dennis and Tom did a great job with the announcing. They gave enough information to make it educational with the right mix of commentary to make the show entertaining. These were just the members that I had the pleasure of dealing with. I saw Rose in registration and Carl and his crew handling the gate and parking. On top of announcing, Dennis and Tom also very capably ran the flight line. Armin and Steve lined up a great noon show both days. I'm sure that there are people who's names I should mention and I'm sorry to those of you that I missed. Everyone worked so hard for this event and it showed.

It's not really my job to do a report on the event. It is my job to report on the field so HEY everyone, the field looks fantastic! I am just lucky to be affiliated with such a fine group of people.

On a side note, I got to bring my new 96" Mono coupe to the field on Friday for test flights. Cliff and Dan helped with 2 flights. I had some issues with the on board glow. Leroy Retzlaff, Dave Brustles, Sal Perno, and Dave Gustafson were very generous with their time. They helped me work on my plane for several hours. Thank you to all of you guys.

Looking forward to flying with all of you,
Greg Bohler



Fun-Fly Chairman's Report

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July Fun Fly Results – Limbo

This month's event attracted a variety of pilots who dared to test their flying skills for the Limbo Challenge. Each pilot was instructed to take off and make their test fly-by's, then call out when they were ready to approach the Limbo. Planes had to fly under the ribbon with wheels not touching the runway in a series of 3 rounds. Of course, no points were given if the plane touched either of the two vertical limbo sticks. As usual, a north to northwest wind at 10-15mph added excitement to the event.

During the first round, the limbo ribbon was set up at 6 feet high with downward increments of 12 inches after each succession. After each successful flight, a point was given to the pilot. If the ribbon was cut or a pilot called off his approach, zero points were added to his score.

To start the event, our club Secretary, Mr. Tom Spriet set up his electric e-flight Funtana and showed everyone how easy it was to make the first limbo. JT followed the same path with his yellow Twist, but had a slight wind updraft and his prop cut the ribbon. Dan Morgan brought out his Delta Wing and flew under the ribbon doing about 75 mph with no complaints. Pretty cool Danny Boy! Our new FVAC member, Alvin Cole took his Pulse XT40 through the first round with cool hands, however his tail clipped the ribbon and he returned safely ready for a second chance.

During the second round, the pilots sense more anxiety as the wind started to gust. Tom Spriet was in the air and made several passes for determining position to secure another point. Just as he approached the limbo, the wind caught his plane and Tom gave left rudder for a quick adjustment and clipped the vertical pole. A damaged wing caused Tom to withdraw from the competition. JT approached the flight line and took off to the west, circled twice and called his mark. He came down the flight line and cleared the ribbon capturing a point with a safe landing. Dan Morgan launched his Delta Wing and did not have enough airspeed and altitude; therefore he skidded onto the grass and broke his prop. The CD agreed to allow Dan a 2nd try. After a new prop was locked back on, Dan got his flying wing into the air and came towards the limbo at a high speed run and made the pass, but cut the ribbon. Alvin got his Pulse warmed up and took off. He flew under the ribbon to capture his first point. After he landed, Alvin called his wife about the good news. I told Alvin he was now tied for first. I think he called his wife again!

Now for the final round, a 3 way tie for first was now between "Delta" Dan, Alvin, and JT. The ribbon bar was now moved down to 3 feet above the ground and all pilots were looking to sky determining a strategy for capturing the first place recognition.

JT started his dependable Twist and took off. His attempt was successful and came back to the pits with some shaken nerves. Delta Dan made his attempt, but cut the ribbon and decided to cut some holes in the sky to burn off some fuel. Alvin "The Pulse" Cole came in and cleared the ribbon making his the 3rd round a new tie for first place.

For determining the "tie-breaker", the pilots agreed to keep the limbo bar at the same location and have a 4th and final fly off round. While Alvin "The Pulse" Cole was still up in the air, we called to him and requested his best approach to score the final round. Alvin set up and made an attempt with a final call off, but he proceeded to go through the Limbo and sliced the ribbon. While the ground crew replaced the ribbon, JT "The Twist" fueled up and taxied to the runway and took off. After a high speed past, he circled and flew around for his final approach and got under the ribbon, however he escaped with a broken prop and landed safely. The "tie breaker" was completed with JT finishing the 1st with Alvin placing 2nd and Delta Dan coming in 3rd!

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I want to say thanks to Greg Wright, Sal Perno and Dan Compton for helping out during the FVAC Limbo Fun Fly and congratulations to the winners.

Summary of the Limbo Event

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Place</u>
JT	Twist	1 st
Alvin Cole	Pulse XT	2 nd
Dan Morgan	Delta Wing	3 rd
Tom Spriet	Funtana Electric	WD

<u>Round</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Tie Breaker</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tom	1	out	out		1
JT	0	1	1	1	3
Dan	1	0	0		1
Alvin	0	1	1		2

Next months Fun Fly event: 3 S's – Spin to the Left, Spin to the Right with a Spot Landing. **August 15th, 4:00 p.m.**

Objective: Fly between designated area of the field with rolling/spinning your plane as many times West to East, then reverse with a spot landing. Count the # of spins each way with a point value on 3 spots on the runway. I plan to have two categories between gas/glow and electric. So, start practicing your rolls to the west and east. More information will be given at the next meeting.

Fly Safe
JT

Chief Flight Instructor's Report

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Success!! That is the feeling that four of our trainees had recently as they performed all of the requirements necessary to receive their 'solo' status. Finally, they are able to come to the Fox Valley Aero Club flying field and not have to be tethered to the flying instructor through the buddy cord.

They are: Dick Johnson (DJ), Matt Brustle, Jason Fowler and Josh Glazier.

Dick Johnson and Matt Brustle received solo certificates during our July club meeting. DJ has been flying his electric planes and has flown many times since receiving his solo. One thing I must warn him of however, that there are only so many of those electrons in a battery pack and the corn gods are unforgiving. Congratulations DJ!

Matt Brustle is the son of one of our long-time members, Dave Brustle. After a few flights on the buddy box with me, Dave took over and trained Matt to fly. Congratulations to both of these pilots. It is always nice to see a father and son enjoy the flying hobby together.

Jason Fowler joined the Fox Valley Aero Club recently and has been receiving training from Cliff Fullhart and me. Jason has been flying at home on the flight simulator, and has done very well with his Sig LT-40 at the field. Jason's son, Matt is also interested in flying and has had several flights with me on his dad's plane. Jason also has a helicopter which he is learning to fly. Congratulations to Jason on his 'solo' accomplishment. Hopefully, in the near future Matt will join the pilot rolls.

Josh Glazier is the nephew of Sal Perno, one of our seasoned veterans. Josh is our most recent solo pilot (I just went through the solo procedure with Josh yesterday). Josh has an Avistar .40 sized plane which he bought and has used to learn to fly. He has an avid desire to fly and has done very well. Emily, Josh's girlfriend is also interested in flying and has had a couple of flights on Josh's plane with Cliff Fullhart instructing.

If you are at the field, introduce yourself and congratulate these new pilots.

Dan Compton - FVAC Chief Flight Instructor

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July Fun Fly Photos



2009 Calendar of Events

August 8 & 9	IMAC Contest	FVAC Field
August 13	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at FVAC Field
August 15	Fun-Fly Event	4:00 PM, FVAC Field
August 21-23	Windy City Jets	FVAC Field
September 5 & 6	Pattern Contest	FVAC Field
September 10	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board, 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
September 12	Fun-Fly Event	4:00 PM, FVAC Field
October 8	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
October 10	Fun-Fly Event	4:00 PM, FVAC Field
November 12	FVAC Member Meeting	6:30 Board 7:30 Regular at Township Hall
November 14	Last Fun-Fly & Turkey Fry	11:00 AM, FVAC Field
December 4	Annual Christmas Party	Hilton Garden Inn

Festival of Flight Photos

An area photographer, Dan Farina, attended our event and took some outstanding photos. You can see these photos at: http://www.danfarinastudios.com/gallery/9012051_ZvgUf#599586547_4fzix. While at his website, check out his other work as well.

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