



The Fox Valley Aero Club Monthly Newsletter		
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Giants & Jets



**Carl Bachhuber's massive 200 in. wingspan
Douglas C-124A Globemaster**



**Lewis Patton's 67 lb. McDonnell-Douglas FA-18E
Super Hornet**

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Dennis Crooks' P-47 and P-51.



A beautifully detailed AH-1 Skyraider.



Tom Densmore's DC-3.



The Saturday crowd was big at WCJ.



John Redman's P-120 powered "Mystery Machine."



Joe Boyd's and Jeff Anderson's King Cats are ready for flight.

More photos can be found in the coming days on the website at

www.foxvalleyaero.com/event_gallery/index.htm

Editor's Message

Tom Siwek – tsiwek@sbcglobal.net



Time to Breathe

With the big spectator events now in the rear-view mirror, it's time to breathe and get back to having fun flying. Mother Nature smiled on both events and pilots and spectators had a great time. One can't express enough thanks to all of the members who worked to make both events a success.

For many, this coming week marks the final chapter of summer. My kids are now back in school and we're two weeks away from kicking-off the NFL season (Sadly, I think the Bears have already been officially eliminated from the playoffs). In my measure, this has been a great summer for flying. Not too hot and enough rain to keep things relatively green. The wind at time made things challenging. But flying in the wind builds character.

Speaking of challenge; if you're interested in having some good'ol fun and challenging yourself to some competitive flying, come out on August 31st for the annual FVAC / CRCM (Chicagoland Radio Control Modelers) fun fly. We're hosting this year's event. Last year, we had a blast at the CRCM field and the competition went down to the wire. Dan Compton's seven-plus minute climb-n-glide sealed the FVAC victory. You don't need to be an expert pilot to participate. You just need to have a bit of an adventurous side (flying circles won't get it done) and be up for a good time.

At this point in the season, I'm already dreaming-up this winter's "assembly" projects (I refrain from using the term "building" so as not to offend those that still truly build models). In typical fashion, I have far more ideas than money to invest. Choices, choices, choices.

I'll close by sharing an idea for future Flypaper issues. I'd like to start doing a monthly profile on members. I'll come up with a list of "probing" questions, you supply the answers. Many of us know our fellow club members fairly casually. This would give everyone a chance to get to know the membership better. I'd be willing to start by putting myself on the "hot seat" first. I'll query interest in this idea at the next general meeting.

Ciao for now, Tom

Link to Archived Newsletters - www.foxvalleyaero.com/newsletters.htm

President's Message

Dominic Saverino – dominic@teamsaverino.com



Dom didn't have a report for this month. I think he's still buried in adding machine tape as he crunches the numbers from concession sales at the events.

Vice President's Message

Dennis McFarlane – highpd119@aol.com



The Season is Winding Down – Time For Us To Have Fun Again!

Right off the bat I want to thank everyone who came out and gave Dave, Erik, and myself, a hand at Windy City Jets. It was a long, hard, tiring weekend, but with your support, and extra effort, the weekend was a resounding success. I have no idea what the numbers will crunch out to. This is not my area of expertise, but I'm rather certain that as a club we will show a profit. As I work Cindy's store this week visitors to the air field have offered nothing but compliments regarding the event. Once again, thank you all. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



As many of you are aware every summer Cindy and I travel to South Dakota and the Black Hills for what is known as the "Black Hills Classic." Most of you have heard the term "Sturgis" and this is what the event is mostly known as. I love the Black Hills of South Dakota. If ever given the opportunity to live a nomadic lifestyle, I would spend our winters in Florida, and our summers in South Dakota.

Although not directly related to Fox Valley Aero Club there were two incidents that I thought I'd share. The first happened when we were walking to our motorcycle after having been in Sturgis proper for the day. For the first time in years we had to park several blocks away from downtown. We were walking along when all of a sudden the sky turned black and literally the earth began to shake. When I looked up there was a B1-b directly overhead, in full sweep, with all four afterburners lit. It was so low I felt like I could have reached up and touched it. As it flew past the air was literally sucked out of our chests. I looked over at Cindy who was actually a little pale, and commented what it must be like to be on the receiving end of a B1-b bomber. It took a few minutes for us to regain our composure. What an experience that was.

The other incident can more directly be related to our hobby. Many of the mountain and canyon roads in the Black Hills can be a challenge. In fact several guides have rated the roads in terms of difficulty so, if as a new rider, you don't feel comfortable on a challenging road you can choose a different route. Well, on one of our rides I found the person in front of me to be way in over his/her (sex doesn't matter) skill level. I could have easily rode along side this individual and suggested that they get off the road before they get hurt, or worse yet, hurt someone else. All this would have led to was a bad case of road rage, and ill feelings. What Cindy and I chose was to pull off at the next siding, and wait a few minutes as the inexperienced rider continued on.

It is so simple. Should you find yourself at the flying field with an inexperienced flier don't moan and scream. Just stand down until such time as you feel comfortable flying. None of us was born with a transmitter in our hands, and we all had to develop as model pilots. Give the new guy a break. Let him or her fly around make some mistakes and gain some confidence. We have to have members to survive as a club, and if all the newbie's are chased away, where will we end up?

As the title of this bit of gibberish suggests, the public events for the 2008 flying season are behind us. It's once again to do what we, as a club, want to do, and that is to build and fly model airplanes.

Dennis

Secretary's Report

Tom Spriet – tom@etglass.com



Minutes of the August 13, 2008 General Meeting

Vice President Dennis McFarlane called the meeting to order at 6:30(ish) P.M.

Committee Reports

Secretary – Thomas Spriet: Nothing new to report. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes of the July general meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer / Membership Chairman – Paul Jacobs: Absent. No report.

Field Chairman – Greg Bohler: Anyone available Sunday after the event please hang around to help clean up and put the field back to normal.

Safety Chairman – Karl Griesbaum: Only one fatality (aircraft, that is) at the festival. No other safety issues to report. Shirts are here and available for those who ordered them. Some Name badges are available.

Flypaper Editor – Tom Siwek: For those that don't have membership cards, please see Tom after the meeting to get your photo taken.

Government relations – Dominic Saverino / John Turner: No report.

Chief Flight Instructor – Dan Compton: Dan presented solo certificates to Joe Pedone, Steven Pedone and Dave Farquhar. Congratulations and well done!

Fun Fly Chairman – John Turner: August 31 will be our next event with Chicagoland at our field. Flying will start at 9:30 am. Event one will be Rolls, loops, touch and goes, and cracker eating – followed by whistling. Then a 30 sec climb after which you need to do as many spins you can do. Then land! “Beat the Dealer” could be the September event. Get ready.

Event Reports

IMAC Event – Dan Knippen: Only two rounds were completed on Saturday due to weather, the remainder were completed on Sunday. Small issue with pilots started to fly at 6:30 am. Complaints were received from nearby homeowners. Chris Gini gave up his airplane to another pilot who had mechanical problems. Thanks to Chris for a great gesture!

Windy City Jets – Dave Murray: Radios will be on the honor system No impound! Friday night is pizza night, dinner is Saturday with Robart contributing a part for the dinner. Participations will include Rob Snyder from the world masters, Don Winslow with a gigantic hawk that has 8” main tires and Lewis Patton with his F-18 weighing 64lbs.

Pilots will be receiving a shirt and dinner for their pilot fee. Fairfield Hotel has rooms set aside for the pilots. We are on track and ready! Fire extinguishers are provided by Fox Valley. We will have two six-passenger golf carts available to move people to and from. Paul has the work schedule and should be here early on Friday morning.

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Any problems, see Eric or Dave and it will get resolved. We will have a pilot raffle and a 50/50 raffle. There will be an Air show on Saturday. No high speed passes down runway will be allowed, do it over the grass to the south and you must be above the height of the corn.

Chris Gini will be providing a presence for security of aircraft left in the tent this evening, Friday and Saturday.

Pattern Contest – Jason Walsh: Absent. No report.

Pylon Race – Jim Hagner: Absent. No report.

Vice President Dennis McFarlane adjourned the meeting @7:59 P.M.

Tom Spriet
FVAC Secretary

Treasurer's & Membership Chairman's Report

Paul Jacobs – paul_jacobs@att.net



We are now at 229 members with the addition of LTC Nicholas Trifilio USAF Retired and the return of Jonathan Smith. Be sure to say hi and welcome them when you see them at the field.

The treasury is back up to \$20,000 with the completion of our major events Festival of Giants and Windy City Jets. The bills are still coming in and Dominic is still sorting out the details of the food tent activities but I hope to have a full report for the board in September. Both events were successful, but you can tell the economy is not up to full speed. My thanks go out to those members who donated their time and efforts to running these events. A special thanks to John Griffith who worked every minute of every day for both events and kept a friendly smile... I don't know where that energy comes from.

There is still a lot of flying to be done this year so I hope to see you out enjoying our fantastic flying site.

Till next month,
Paul

Field Chairman's Report

Greg Bohler – gbohler@sbcglobal.net



Greg didn't have a report for this month. However, I know he's been busy restoring the field to post-event condition. Overall, the field looks good and didn't take too bad a beating from the events.



Fun-Fly Chairman's Report

(A.K.A. John Turner) – john.turner@bayercropscience.com



FVAC / CRCM Fun Fly

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 31st for the challenge between the two rival RC clubs in the Chicago suburbs. Pilots from both clubs will join in for some fun flying and competition at the Fox Valley Aero Club. There will be two rounds of competition. Here are the details:

Each flyer starts out with a base set of 250 points.

Round One

Timed, take off, do 5 touch and goes, 5 loops, 5 rolls either way, land then take a cracker, chew until you can whistle.

- Time starts when wheels leave ground and time stops when pilot can WHISTLE. No drinking allowed.
- Time from this round added to base of the 250 points.
- Example: 75 seconds after completion of events followed by a distinct whistle. *Add 75 pts to base. New Total: 325 points*

Round Two

Take off with a 30 second climb out and cut power down to low speed and do as many spins as possible with a spot landing.

- Throttle maybe used for spot landing only
- Points for spot landings: 30 pts small circle, 15 pts medium circle, 5 pts large circle, 0 no points on grass.
- Each completed spin (vertical or flat) worth 5 pts.
- Example: 11 completed spins with a landing in the medium circle. $11 \times 5 = 55$. $55 + 15 = 70$ points total.

After round two, round two score is subtracted from round one. Lowest overall score wins. Pit violation in round one will add 200 points to base score. Pit violation in round two will result in no subtraction.

Tie breaker.... Fly round one again and insert two crackers with a whistle to determine new time.

This will be a fun event for all pilots, so begin to practicing your whistle and maneuvers for the upcoming event. Lunch will be provided by the FVAC.

Pilot briefing begins at 9:45 a.m. with first flights starting at 10:00 a.m. Remember, the fun fly is Sunday, August 31st

Fly safe!
JT

Chief Flight Instructor's Report

Dan Compton – trainu2fly@comcast.net



We finally have had some great weather for flying which has brought out the trainees. Quite a few have been to the field and have gained lots of experience. One I am happy to report has been flying with Cliff Fullhart and me. Congratulations to Dave Farquhar who has soloed and since then has been burning up the skies. Dave is doing excellent touch-and-goes and must be practicing for the fun-fly T&G event.

Jim Clousing has also been a regular at the field and has gained lots of experience at the sticks. Jim is doing an excellent job of flying and has landed three times. Jim is getting very close to being able to solo.

Joe and Stephen Pedone have been regulars at the flying field and each has done very well. Cliff, Dennis and I have worked with Joe and Stephen and all the hard work has paid off. Joe and Stephen have both gotten their solo certificates. Congratulations to these two new pilots. I might add that Stephen got his solo one day ahead of his dad.

Bob Woodhouse had his first landing this past weekend and is very excited about our hobby. Bob also is involved with Off-road R/C and has a track in his back yard. Maybe someday he will have an airport back there too.

Hopefully, now that all of the events are history we can get back to training all of the guys who have been waiting patiently.

Dan Compton

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2008 Calendar – FVAC Events		
8/31	FVAC / CRCM Fun Fly	9:30 am – FVAC Field
9/4	Board Meeting	6:30 – TBD
9/6-9/7	FVAC Pattern Contest	FVAC Field
9/11	Glenwood School Kid's Fly	10:00 am – FVAC Field
9/11	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
9/13	Fun Fly	FVAC Field
9/20-9/21	Pylon Races	FVAC Field
10/2	Board Meeting	6:30 – TBD
10/9	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
10/11	Fun Fly	FVAC Field
11/6	Board Meeting	6:30 – TBD
11/8	Fun Fly	FVAC Field
11/13	General Meeting	7:30 – St. Charles Township
12/5	FVAC Christmas Party	Hilton Garden Inn

The club's board has recently received inquiries about advertising in the Flypaper. After much discussion, it was decided that parties interested in advertising can get a business card sized ad for \$250.00 for six months. Anyone interested in advertising should contact **Paul Jacobs** at paul_jacobs@att.net

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Paul Ernsthm contacted the club to announce an estate sale of his late father's belongings. Many RC items are part of this auction. Details are below. The web page (link below) has specifics on items.

Sale conducted at:
VFW
1729 N. Santa Fe
Chillicothe, IL. (30 min north of Peoria on Rt 29).
Sunday, September 7, 2008, 12:00 PM
<http://www.biddersandbuyers.com/ads/090708placher.htm>

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IMAC contest report By: Dan Knippen IMAC coordinator

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the club for letting us have our 2nd Fox Valley IMAC Challenge. The field is a showpiece and something we all be proud of. The pilots really like our field and never have to worry about trees, flooded or bad runways.

I need to thank a few members for all their help in making the contest another success. Thanks to Terry Danca who pulled his trailer and computer out here to make it his home for two days while scoring 27 pilots. Dave Genovese, was in charge of kitchen with Dan Rocha and Chris Gini as assistants. Chris Nelson for taking the pilot pictures for the plaques. And of course, thanks to Mel Ziska for being the CD again. Running a two day competition is no easy task.

The contest went very smooth. We had 28 pilots but lost Dave Brustle due to a close encounter with his prop. It was his first IMAC contest and a good thing he had a glove on when he started his plane. Dave, I hope the broken finger is doing better. All 5 classes got in two rounds when threatening weather forced me to call the contest. Thanks Mike Bargman for the radar report or we would have all gotten drenched. We just got the last plane put away when the sky opened up with about an inch of rain in 30 minutes. After that about 20 of us went to the Outback for food and allot of laughs.

On Sunday the Basic Pilots flew two rounds of known's and the other four classes flew one sequence of Unknowns a round of knowns. Because of the rain on Saturday, we flew the Freestyle on Sunday and Chris Gini won that as well as first place for Advanced. Nice flying Chris!

We had pilots from 5 states attend and 7 members of Fox Valley attend. In the end we paid off everything and still turned in \$244.00. It's not much but might help pay for one of the porta-pottys (LOL). Hopefully, we can do it again next season.

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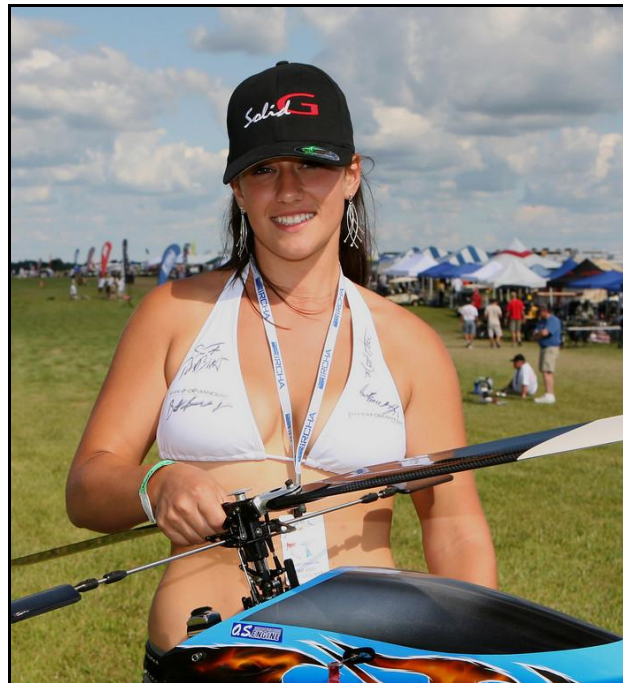
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This month's IRCHA offering!



While at the IRCHA jamboree earlier this month, Sara found an attention-grabbing way to get pilot autographs. Who forgot to invite Sara to Giants & Jets?