



# ***FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB***

## ***First-in-Flight***

### ***“Frozen Fingers 2021”***

#### ***Contest***

**Wednesday, January 01, 2021**

**Take-off at 10:00 am.**

**FVAC Field.**

**Open to all FVAC members.**

Don't miss this fun event, the first of the New Year. Be the “First-in-Flight” of 2021, and win bragging rights, as well as the honor of getting your name added to our “First-in-Flight” plaque which will be displayed in the field pavilion.



**Be sure to arrive early to get your plane ready.  
Rules for the event are attached.**

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

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## Fox Valley Aero Club First-in-Flight Event Rules

These rules have been developed to assure that the competition is fair and 'in-the-spirit' of the event. Please consider weather conditions (wind speed, snow, etc.) when selecting your aircraft, to assure that your aircraft will allow you to follow the rules and assure a safe event.

1. Rule #1 is to HAVE FUN!!!
2. To participate in this event, a pilot's flying craft must be of the fixed wing type. It must look like an airplane, with one or more wings **which provide lift**. Rockets, helicopters, **multi-rotor copters**, and any type of VTOL aircraft are prohibited. The event coordinator will make final determination on questionable aircraft.
3. The airplane must be launched from the ground. It can have wheels, floats, or skis as conditions require. **The pilot may have an assistant to man their aircraft. The assistant may hold the aircraft in position until the start signal. All pilots must remain behind the safety nets at all times. The assistant may be on the runway to man the aircraft, and must exit the runway immediately after the start signal. Assistants must be careful not to block any pilot's view of the action at any time.**
4. The safety of all participants must be a priority in the design of your aircraft.
5. If snow is on the ground, the field south of the flying station nets must be left in its natural condition, no shoveling or plowing. Offenders will be disqualified.
6. To win the title of 'First-in-Flight' for the year, the participant must have a successful flight which consists of an *unassisted* takeoff from the ground, a minimum of one 'pattern flight' in the air, and a successful landing. The pattern direction will be determined by the event coordinator. **The pattern flown must cover the length of the paved runway.** In the event that an aircraft bounces on takeoff, it will not be considered to be 'in the air' until the wheels or floats/skis leave the ground and do not re-touch the ground until the pattern flight is completed. The winner will be the pilot whose aircraft was the first to 'leave the ground' without re-touching until the completion of their pattern flight. Note: Unassisted takeoff means **no pilot or other person may help propel or lift the aircraft at any time. The assistant may hold the aircraft in position prior to takeoff, but must release the aircraft at or before the start signal without providing any forward push or lift to the aircraft. Throttling-up before the start signal is not allowed and violators will be disqualified.**  
**Note: The winner is not required to land first, just to take-off first.**
7. The event coordinator will assign judges as needed. The head judge will start the event by announcing the five minute period preceding take-off minute-by-minute (i.e.: five minutes to go, four minutes to go, etc.). All participants will have this five minute period to get their aircraft ready and to their starting position. All Pilots should try to maintain a safe spacing between their aircraft and adjacent aircraft. Pilots should make every effort to get their aircraft in position behind the starting line before the one minute to go is announced. The last ten seconds will be announced. Aircraft must not make forward progress before the start is signaled. The judges will record the order of aircraft that successfully leave the ground, and watch to make sure that these aircraft successfully complete the pattern and landing requirement.