

June 2026

THE TALON



From the President

How did June get here so fast!?

Our flying season is in full swing and thanks to your support our club is busier than ever.

We've already had work days at our Kemman Rd and Paul Urquhart Field flying sites; conducted STEM related classes for over 50 kids with another 40 already signed up for the "Kids and College" *Introduction to Model Aviation* classes at McHenry County College in June; held another successful Float Fly event; established a new "ground crew" to share the work of keeping our field mowed; a few of our officers met with folks at AMA in Muncie, DuBro and Gator RC.

Your energy and willingness to share your passion for aviation and pitch in to help where you can is making a big difference. Thank you one and all for everything you are doing!

This newsletter is full of updates and details on these events as well as more great things coming up! Make sure to check out page 7 for some interesting club history.

I hope to see you all at the field or our June meeting on the 17th at the Rusty Nail!

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From the Vice President

Thank you!!

I know I say this every month, but it needs to be said. The amount of work that has been done in the last month is great! Between the float-fly, mowing and getting the conex painted, the gate and some fencing and most of the solar system installed, a lot has been done. The number of people who have stepped up has been great to see. There is still some work to do but it's getting close. If any of you know a rain dance, that would be a big help too. The only way the new field is going to get done is with as much help as possible. So thank you again for all you're doing. Even if you only have a few hours to give, any help is greatly appreciated. We're getting very close to a flying field we can all be proud of. In the mean time hopefully everyone is getting as many flights in as possible.

Thanks for all your help and patience,

Ken Losch, Vice President

You can be a pilot without a plane, but you can't fly a plane without a pilot!

Welcome New Members!



Welcome to our new members, **Brian Gross** (pictured with his Aero Scout) and **Brian V.** (not pictured)

Brian Gross is a former member returning to the hobby like many of us after a 20 year break.

Brian V. is an experienced RC pilot who learned about our club at our Float Fly events.

If you see them at the field, make sure to introduce yourself to them!

Meetings with AMA folks in Muncie!



Ken, Lynn & Larry headed to Muncie to continue growing our club's relationship with AMA staff in Muncie. **Upper left:** Museum tour with Michael Smith. **Above:** Meeting with Kyle Jaracz & the Education team. **Left:** Ken and Lynn in the museum Hobby Shop display **Lower left:** Ken with Stephen Haston and Rachelle Haughn from the AMA Foundation. **Below:** Ken and Lynn with Ilona Maine and Lisa Johnson from Member Services. We also met with Collen Pierce and ZC Zankl fro, Competition and Rob Kurek, Communicatoins Director. We learned a lot and picked up loads of great ideas!

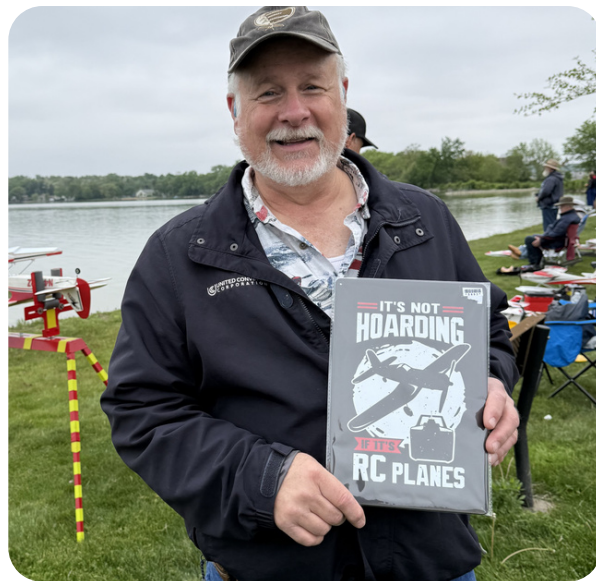


Paul Urquhart Field update!



*On Saturday May 30th, Club members Mark B., Steven C, Larry E., Brian G, Mike Land, Mike Loser, Ken L., Buzz M. Joe M., Bill T, Mark W and Brad W. (a.k.a. "The Dirty Dozen") installed the gate and fencing on the west end of the site, painted the conex and began the installation of our solar power set up. **THANKS GUYS!!***

Larry DiRubbo Memorial Float Fly



More Float Fly Pictures!



Education Program Schedule

The last group of classes for our club until late fall are coming in in just 2 weeks! Our "Introduction to Model Aviation" classes at McHenry County College are sold out which is great news for our club!!

Lynn is looking for experienced co-instructors, especially during the Tuesday drone classes, so if you have done these classes before and can assist, please reach out directly to Lynn!

"Kids and College" Summer Program

McHenry County College - Crystal Lake

"Introduction to Model Aviation" - 3 day course

Monday June 15th through Wednesday June 17th

Session 1: 9:00 AM to Noon

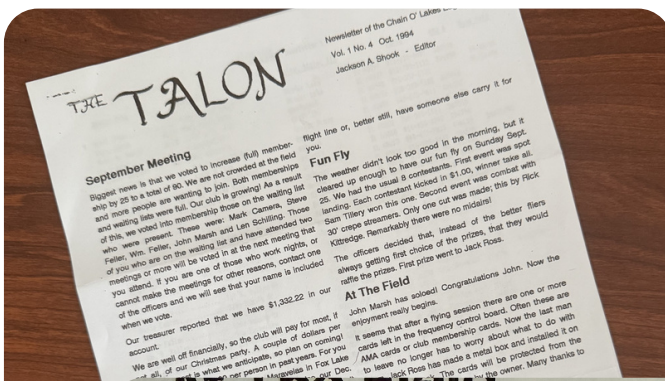
Session 2: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Monday June 29th through Wednesday July 1st

Session 1: 9:00 AM to Noon

Session 2: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

A Blast from the Past!!



During our recent Float Fly, former member Ken Jagman was kind enough to give me this copy of the October 1994 "Talon." Back then our club boasted 90 members and a guy named **John Marsh** was recognized for soloing! We're glad you are back in the hobby John!

At The Field

John Marsh has soloed! Congratulations John. Now the enjoyment really begins.

It seems that after a flying session there are one or more cards left in the frequency control board. Often these are AMA cards or club membership cards. Now the last man to leave no longer has to worry about what to do with

Upcoming Events!

Wednesday, June 17th - 7:00 PM

CHAIN O LAKES EAGLES MONTHLY MEETING

Rusty Nail - 4520 Ringwood Rd - Ringwood, IL

Saturday June 20th

Pat Ryder Memorial R/C Fun Fly

Hosted by the Rock River Aero Modelers

RRAMS Flying Field 6806 County Hwy J - Beloit, WI

\$15 landing fee - 8AM - 4 PM

June 25th through the 28th

AMA National Fun Fly

Flying, Swap Shop, Vendors and More!

Muncie, IN

Visit modelaircraft.org/funfly to register

Saturday July 18th - 9:00 AM -Noon

Annual Hangar Sale Swap meet at Galt Airport

Hosted by the Chain O Lakes Eagles

10 x 10 seller space \$10

50/50 drawing at 11:30 AM

Galt Airport - 5112 Greenwood Road - Wonder Lake, IL

Upcoming Events!



The Rock River Aero Modelers

PAT RYDER



MEMORIAL R/C FUN FLY

JUNE 20TH 2026 8AM - 4PM

**Come join us for a fun day of flying and
pay tribute to Pat Ryder and all our club members
who have passed**

Open fun flying for any type of RC Aircraft*

Current AMA License is required

\$15 Landing fee

Food and drinks will be available

Electricity on site

**The RRAMS Flying Field
6806 County Highway J Beloit, WI 53115**

For information visit www.rrams.net

* sorry no turbines please

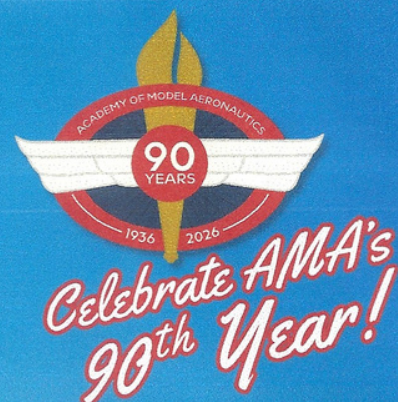
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JUNE 25-28

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Visit modelaircraft.org/funfly to register!

CONVENIENT CAMPING RESERVATIONS!

Reserve your spot in advance at
modelaircraft.org/camping



GENERAL QUESTIONS?

Contact Contest Director Randy Cameron
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The Chain O Lakes Eagles RC Flying Club **2026 HANGAR SALE & SWAP MEET**

SATURDAY JULY 18, 2026-9:00AM-NOON
Galt Airport - 5112 Greenwood Rd- Wonder Lake, IL



- **SELLERS WELCOME!**
- **10 x 10 space \$10.00**
- **SELLERS SET UP - 8:00 AM**
- **SALE OPENS - 9:00 AM**
- **50/50 Drawing at 11:30**

Questions?
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Treasurer's Report (Drew Durik)

- As of May 31st, we have 41 adult members, 4 junior members and 2 youth members for a total of 47 members.
- The current treasure's report was presented at our meeting on May 20th and was approved by the club members in attendance. A copy is available to club members upon request. You may e-mail me at drew.durik@gmail.com to request a copy of the report.
- As agreed upon in our August 2025 meeting, I will no longer be providing financial details in the monthly Talon but a current detailed report will be provided at our next club meeting on June 17th.

Drew Durik, Treasurer _____



SECRETARY'S REPORT—Mark Beckman

The May meeting was held at The Rusty Nail Saloon on May 20th, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the board present and was led by Larry Erbach. There were 25 members and 1 prospective member (Brian Gross) in attendance.

Board Updates -

- The Secretary's report was approved.
- The Treasurer's report was approved.
- Drew Durik presented the treasury report and reported the club is in a good position financially to complete the new field development.
- Drew Durik also reported the club currently has a total of 45 members.
- Ken Losch expressed thanks to all the members who helped at the field planting.
- Larry Erbach reported that Brian Gross, Brian V, and Bud Christianson have applied for membership.

Committee Updates -

Ken Losch: Instruction

- Ken Losch reported Larry helped Brian Gross re-solo after a 20 year break from flying.

Larry Erbach: Events/Promotion

- Larry circulated a sign up sheet for volunteer help at the upcoming Float Fly.

Jim Steward: Safety

- Jim recommended all pilots update the field address in their phone in case of emergency.

Education Outreach - Lynn Garnand

- Lynn circulated a sign up sheet to enlist help for the upcoming Kids in College event and MCC.

Field Maintenance - Mark Glawe

- In Mark's absence Larry circulated a sign up sheet to sign up to help cut the grass at both fields.
- Larry reported The Cub will be moved to the Paul Urquhart field soon.

SECRETARY'S REPORT—Mark Beckman (continued)**Old Business:**

- Larry stated May 30th will be the all hands work party at Paul Urquhart field. The plan will be to install the gate, paint the conex, install the solar powered system and the snow fence.

New Business:

- Larry drafted a thank you letter to Cynthia Urquhart and distributed it among attendees to sign.
- Ken discussed his recent visit to AMA headquarters with Lynn and Larry. He recommended it as a destination to visit.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Lynn Garnand.

Show and tell:

- Dave Brown discussed a Ruko alternative he purchased from Amazon called VIFLY Beacon.
- Dylan Dziekan had a sample of the name tags he can supply members if interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Mark Beckman, Secretary

