

May 2026

THE TALON



From the President

It is amazing what we are accomplishing as a club and the past month is a great example!

Thanks to our dedicated members we opened up the Kemman Rd Field for the season which included:

- Assembling the gang mower for the toro
- charging the mower batteries and replacing one
- replacing the drive belt on the Skagg
- Painting the pic nic tables
- Cleaning out and organizing the garage

We also got "Paul Urquhart Field" (Our new site) leveled and planted! (See page 4). In spite of a last minute call from Mike Von Bergen to let us know he was planting the next day, we had enough help to get the job done!

Ralph Warner and I made a visit to AMA in Muncie and the reception Ralph got was impressive to say the least! (See page 5) Even Tyler Dobbs, AMA's Executive Director took the time to say hello and catch up with Ralph for a few minutes.

Ken and I also had the opportunity to visit the folks at DuBro and learn more about what they do to support our hobby.

Our Education efforts continue to provide opportunities for young people to learn about model aviation. The latest effort is our involvement with McHenry County College's Engineering Graphics class and their "Glide Fest" project. (page 6)

I'm looking forward to a great flying season ahead and, with everyone's help, completing the development of our new flying site by the end of the summer.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR ALL YOU DO!!

I hope to see you at our next monthly meeting on May 20th, 7:00 PM at the Rusty Nail.

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From the Vice President

I hope by the time you read this you will already have some flights in.

The weather is getting warmer and things are starting to fall into place at the new field. After a long day of picking up rocks and watching Mike plant the grass seed, we are at the mercy of mother nature. The field looks really good though. It's hard to believe there was corn there just a few months ago. Although there are some things that will need to be done over the next couple of months, I know as a group we can get them done.

Thank you again to everyone who supported the club during the search for a new field. It sure looks like it will be worth the wait. We're close to having a new field we can all be proud of.

Remember: When everything seems to be going against you, an airplane takes off into the wind, not with it.

Thanks again for everything!

Ken Losch, Vice President

Cost of Aircraft during WWII!



from the magazine " Flight Journal"

B-17\$204,370

P-40..... \$44,892

B-24\$215,516

P-47..... .\$85,578

B-25\$141,194

P-51\$51,572

B-26\$192,426

C-47\$88,574

B-29\$605,360

P-38\$97,147

AT-6\$22,952



Kemman Rd Field is Ready!



A **HUGE** thank you to the members who came out on Saturday April 25th to get things ready for the upcoming season at our Kemman Rd Field! The field is now open and ready for some great flying days ahead. Besides cleaning up the garage and touching up the stain on the pic-nic tables we even managed to get a few flights in!



Paul Urquhart Field update!



On Sunday April 26th Ken, Bill, Andrew and Larry were the club "Rock Hounds", walking the field and picking up the rocks that surfaced as Mike Von Bergen raked and groomed our new flying site. After that Mike put down the starter fertilizer and planted our grass seed. Finally, using Mike's tractor and roller, the entire field was rolled.

AMA visit with Ralph



Upper Left: Executive Director Tyler Dobbs, Ralph and Rob Kurek, Communications Director **Above:** Ralph with Michael Smith, Museum Director **Left:** Ralph talks with Michael Smith and Jackie Shalberg, AMA Archivist and Historian. **Below:** Michael Smith show Ralph new exhibit of what is believed to be the first model airplane used in flight training from the early 1900's.



Fun at McHenry County College



We were invited once again to serve as advisors and judges for the "Glide Fest" project in the Engineering Graphics class at McHenry County College. Students are using CAD software to design foam board gliders which are then cut on a Zund digital cutter. Teams are judged on aircraft performance as well as a presentation on thier project.



Education Program Schedule

Here is the schedule for our drone and model aviation classes through June. These classes are a lot of fun and the enthusiasm of the students makes it fun to participate as a coach / instructor.

Please reach out directly to Lynn Garnand if you are able to help with this programs!

Saturday June 13th - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM - Fox Lake RC Ground School

Lakefront Park Recreation Center - 10 Riverview Ave, Fox Lake

"Kids and College" Summer Program

McHenry County College - Crystal Lake

"Introduction to Model Aviation" - 3 day course

ALMOST SOLD OUT!

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

Upcoming Events!

Wednesday, May 20th - 7:00 PM

CHAIN O LAKES EAGLES MONTHLY MEETING

Rusty Nail - 4520 Ringwood Rd - Ringwood, IL

Saturday May 23rd

Larry DiRubo Memorial Electric Float Fly

Petersen Park Waterfront - McHenry, IL

\$10 Landing Fee - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

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!



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8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

\$10 Landing Fee

Petersen Park Waterfront

4300 Petersen Park Road - McHenry, IL

AMA Sanctioned Event!

Open to all current AMA Members!

Raffle for registered Pilots!

Recovery boat on site!

Spectators Welcome!!



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

Need Directions?



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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 April 30th, we have 40 adult members, 4 junior members and 2 youth members for a total of 46 members on our roster.
- The Field Development Assessment has been fully funded. Thank-you to all of our club members for your prompt payments.
- Our projected bank balance after the Von Bergen Field improvements are paid for continue to be in-line with our previous projection.
- The current treasure's report was presented at our meeting on April 15th 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.

Drew Durik, Treasurer _____



SECRETARY'S REPORT—Mark Beckman

The April meeting was held at The Rusty Saloon on April 15th, 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 guest in attendance.

- The Secretary's report was approved.
- The Treasurer's report was approved.
- Drew Durik presented the treasury report and reported most of the materials needed to develop the new field have been purchased and we are in a good position to complete the field development.

Committee Updates - Ken Losch: Instruction

- Ken reported no instruction going on yet.

Committee Updates - Larry Erbach: Events/Promotion

- Larry has posted the Float and Fly event on Facebook and is asking for food donations for the local food pantry.

Education Outreach - Lynn Garnand

- Lynn reported the MCC/COL Eagles kids and college event was a huge success! Lynn added the COL Eagles drone classes accounted for 17% of the entire event.
- The upcoming 3 day "Introduction to Model Aircraft" classes are filling up.

Field Maintenance: Mark Glawe

- Mark reported he will be finishing up mower maintenance in the next week so we will be ready for the mowing season.

Old Business:

- Larry presented the "Paul Urquhart Field" sign. The sign was made by Skip Barzano.
- Bill Mielke stated the hanger sale is July 18th.
- Dave Dziekan will provide name badges for \$5.00 each.

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

- Cynthia Urquhart sent the club a thank you note and included a very generous donation.
- A motion was made to pay \$375 to extend the Kemmon road field lease through August. The motion was approved.

Our guest for the April meeting was John Fischer. John is Associate Vice President of the AMA District VI and President of The Warbird and Classic Alliance. John recommended the Air Supremacy over Goshen airshow as an interesting destination. John also stated that we, as a club, should be very proud of the great work the club is accomplishing.

Larry Erbach won the 50/50 and he donated his winnings back to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Mark Beckman, Secretary

