

August 2026

THE TALON



From the President

THE FINISH LINE IS IN SIGHT!!

Thanks to the efforts of everyone in our club, we will achieve a great milestone in August ... the opening of our new home, **Paul Urquhart Field!**

You should have already received my e-mail about our "All Hands" work day on August 8th. Please arrive by 8:00 AM. If we have enough help, we should be done by early afternoon and ready to open the field. Work to be done includes canopy set up & club info board set up - barrier fencing installation - emptying and organizing the conex. There is a variety of work to be done from light duty to heavier work - what ever you can do will make a difference!

Other important dates we will be discussing at our August meeting on the 19th are:

- September 12th - Field Dedication Day and Pic Nic
- September 20th - Fall Electric Float Fly
- September 26th - Von Bergen Family Fun Fly

Thanks to a stretch of good weather it has been good to see club members out flying, too!

I hope to see you all at the meeting on August 19th!

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There's light at the end of the tunnel, and it's not a train!!

As I write this we should only be a couple of weeks until we can fly at the new field. The amount of work that has been done over the past year, both physical and behind the scene is pretty amazing. Thanks to everyone for all the help and patience over the last few years. I believe it will be worth it very soon.

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of training flights at the field on Kemman Rd. Some very successful, some not so much. But the students seem to be "getting the hang of it".

I also want to say thank you again for the donations to the food pantry last month. I think having them see us as more than a bunch of guys standing in a corn field will pay dividends down the road.

I hope everyone who can makes it out to the field on August 8th. With enough help it shouldn't take too long to get the field ready. I know I'm not alone looking forward to not having to carry my plane 200 yards. Thanks again for everything that has been done so far.

Ken Losch, Vice President

If you can walk away from a landing, it's a good landing.

If you can use the plane the next day it's a great landing.

'ALL HANDS DAY' AUGUST 8TH

This should be the final step before opening the new field! we need at least 14 volunteers to get the work done and can use all the help we can get - with enough help we can be ready to open the field when we are done.

8:00 AM Start - Paul Urquhart Field - 7918 IL 173 - Richmond

Help Needed:

- **Canopy & Club Info Board set up** - (min. 4 people)
- **Barrier Fencing set up** (min 4 people)
- **Empty & organize conex** (min 6 people)

Please let Larry know if you plan to help so that we can plan the work ahead of time. Thanks, as always, for your help!!

Welcome new IPP students!



Our efforts to bring new folks into the word of model aviation are producing results!

Here are new Introductory Pilot Program students who joined us over the past month.

Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them when you see them at the field!

Top: Jayden and Ken L.

Left: Jon and Larry E.

Below: Ben, Grandpa Pete and Ken L.



"Demystifying Drones" program at MCC



Thank you to all the members who came out to help with the adult "Demystifying Drones" program at MCC! 23 folks learned about drones and our club in this "hands on" class!

Upper left: Lynn's overview on drones

Above: Doolittle Airgronomy presentation of AG drones. **Left:** AG drone on display!

Lower left: Derek did a great job instructing as you can tell by the smiles!

Below: Mark did a fantastic presentation and RC aircraft demonstration!



Solar Power is ready!!

Thanks to Bill Tobin for the design and installation of our new solar power set up at Urquart Field! The system is ready for use and should support our needs for years to come. Thanks Bill!



Bill was also interviewed by the folks at WBAY in Greenbay during AirVenture! Way to go Bill!



Eagles at local events!

Mark Becman and Larry Erbach attended the Rock River Aeromodelers Pat Ryder Memorial Fun Fly and had a great time!. Attending events like these is a good way to see how other clubs work, gain new ideas and have fun flying!



Upcoming Events!

Saturday, August 8th - 8 AM to early afternoon

"All Hands Day" at Urquhart Field

7918 IL 173- Richmond, IL

Wednesday, August 19th - 7:00 PM

CHAIN O LAKES EAGLES MONTHLY MEETING

Rusty Nail - 4520 Ringwood Rd - Ringwood, IL

Saturday, September 12th - SAVE THE DATE!

Paul Urquhart Field Dedication and Club Pic-Nic

7918 IL 173- Richmond, IL

Saturday September 19th - 8:00 AM -4 PM

RRAMS Flying Circus & Swap Meet

6806 County Hwy J - Beloit, WI

\$15 Landing Fee

Sunday September 20th - 8 AM to 2 PM

Larry DiRubbo Memorial Fall Electric Float Fly

Petersen Park Waterfront - 4300 Petersen Park Rd - McHenry, IL

\$10 Landing Fee

Saturday, September 26th

Von Bergen Farm Market "Try RC" Event

9805 IL 173 Hebron IL

Stay tuned for details!

THE ROCK RIVER AERO MODELERS 11TH ANNUAL

FLYING CIRCUS

RC FUN FLY

SEPT 19 2026

8am - 4pm

LOCATION

RRAMS Flying Field
6806 County Highway J
Beloit, WI 53115

INFO

\$15 Landing Fee
Spectators free
Electricity on site
AMA Required
Camping (no hook ups)
Night flying
Food and Drinks
Raffle Prizes
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Larry DiRubbo Memorial Fall Electric Float Fly

Sunday September 20, 2026

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!!

We will also be
collecting non-
perishable food
items to donate to a
local food pantry.
Thank you for
helping folks in
need!



Treasurer's Report (Drew Durik)

- As of July 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 July 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.
- Most of our revenue in July came from our Outreach and Education Programs and from our Hangar Sale. Most of our expenses were attributed to the development of the Paul Urquhart Memorial Field. We continue to be financially sound and the Paul Urquhart Memorial Field is near completion.
- 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 August 19th.

Drew Durik, Treasurer _____



Andrew doing some evening “acrobatic” flying with his Night Radian at Kemman Road Field.

SECRETARY'S REPORT—Mark Beckman

The July meeting was held at The Rusty Nail Saloon on July 15th, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and was led by Larry Erbach with the board present.

Board Updates -

- The Secretary's report was approved.
- The Treasurer's report was approved. Drew reported the club has 47 members and the club is financially sound.
- Drew also stated significant funding came in from Lynn's education program.

Committee Updates -**Events/Promotion - Larry Erbach**

- Larry discussed the upcoming hangar sale.

Education Outreach - Lynn Garnand

- MCC classes are complete.
- McCormick place is coming up.
- Lynn stated he plans to limit classes in Fox Lake and Crystal Lake next year.

Field Maintenance - Mark Glawe

- Mark reported the cub will need a new throw out bearing which will cost under \$200.

Old Business:

- Larry stated the field is developing nicely.
- Bill Tobin completed the installation of the solar system.
- Larry noted the club website should be up and running by the next meeting.

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

- Larry presented a diagram of the new field layout.
- Larry made a motion to change the noise regulation from 94 DB at 10 feet to 96 DB at 20 feet which is consistent with the AMA recommendations. The motion was passed.
- Larry noted he is planning a final all-hands day at Urquhart field on August 8th. The goal will be to put the canopy up, install the barrier fence, and organize the conex.
- Larry stated the goal is to open Urquhart field on August 15th.

Show and Tell:

- Mark Ward presented his miniature stearman from Motion RC.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Drew Durik.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Mark Beckman, Secretary

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