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## Chain O Lakes Eagles The Talon



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**Meetings** - Third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Whispering Hills Community Center, located at 3703 N. Richmond Road in Johnsburg IL (go east on Johnsburg Road to Offling St).

**Online Forum** - The COL Eagles forum is via email: [membersforum@coleagles.com](mailto:membersforum@coleagles.com)

### Calendar

#### January Monthly Meeting:

Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 7pm – Whispering Hills Community Center

#### February Monthly Meeting:

Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 7pm – Whispering Hills Community Center

### From the President (Richard Powell)

To all the club members of Chain O'Lakes Eagles. We really need you to come to our January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to plot out our monthly requirements for our flying field. We also want to find out what our members want for the 2017 year. This Club is based on members wanting to fly their aircraft of choice and that is what we will work to accomplish.

I was informed that our meeting place had to be moved to Whispering Hills Community Center in an e-mail from Larry DiRubbo on 1/3/2017. I went to the McHenry Township office to find out why we were changed. The clerk told me there are many groups on that 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month that needed the center and they wanted to make this change. That is all the information I could get from her.

How to get to the Whispering Hills Community Center:

Take Johnsburg Rd. east to Offling St and turn right onto Offling St. Go all the way until you see a big parking lot to your left and that is the Whispering Hills center. There is a sign by the ranch-style building saying "Whispering Hills Community Center". Our club has had meetings there in the past and I was told by the clerk that it has been remodeled by McHenry County.

Another route is to take Ringwood Rd east to Johnsburg Rd. and turn right. Travel south on Johnsburg Rd to Offling St. on your left and travel to Whispering Hills parking lot on your left.

I went to our field on 1/3/2017 and found the American flag is still flying and our picnic tables are sitting flat so snow and water could help rot the tables during the winter months. In past years these

tables were stood up end to end to help snow and water run off. Our wind sock wasn't taken down either. There is a 2 foot pile of snow in the gate entrance from the snow plow.

I hope to see you all on 1/18/2017. We have a lot to discuss.

## **Secretary's Report (Ed Pate)**

Meeting Minutes for December 2016

Meeting Minutes

Larry started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **New Business/ Old Business**

Larry asked any visitors to stand and introduce themselves there are none tonight.

Larry reported that Bud is now famous with his restoration videos on U Tube, also Richard will be taking over as President tonight and there are no volunteer's for the office of Vice President.

Richard asked about the secretary report, Ed responded that the report is posted on the web site. Gino reported that we have more money now than last month; Gino is busy with member signup. Richard noted that there is a need for a safety officer and Field Marshall, Bud volunteered. Richard asked for suggestions pertaining future club functions. Larry will continue organizing and heading up the float fly. Bob talked about the fact that there are events at the field most weekends, such as the 3D flyers, he questioned why the club must run events. The past picnic was a success mostly due to the fact Joe had it catered. Richard is looking forward to have more fun type of events with a lot of club participation. Joe talked about including us in a public interest piece in the Herald for events. Richard suggested that we could have a free event at the park in Crystal Lake. There was a lot of member opposition about traveling to Crystal Lake for any event.

Bill pointed out that there many side discussions going on and it shows a lack of respect to Richard. Bill also noted that the events in the past were never intended to promote membership. The point of the events is increasing the fun factor for the club members. Member participation is one of the biggest problems we face, which is evident by the fact we cannot even find a Vice President or a Safety Officer. Bob stated that the club as a whole does not take action on things that we planned or discussed. This again boils down to the fact that only a few members do all the work. Joe wanted to discuss the lease for the field, which to this point is not fully in force. Larry talked about discussions and activities ongoing with Barb and Wally. We have a verbal from the Millers and their lawyer is working on the lease. Larry said he would have further answers by the next meeting. Gino noted that Mike has been working on securing a meeting with the gravel pit owner.

Bob stated that the road commissioner is in our camp and perhaps we could use that relationship to obtain a future field. Dave talked about a field at 173 and Wilmot road that is not currently used, the owner of the field has been a champion for parks a public use areas. Dave will engage with the owner. Larry challenged the members to think about and list some events for the flying season designed to have fun and bring the membership together. Bill asked for a motion to approve sanctioning and funding for the Float Fly, the members present approved the motion. Bill asked for approval of the Touch-a-Truck event, the members present approved the motion.

Larry asked again that each member list some events for the flying season with a short write up so we can have a solid plan for next year's flying season.

The fence needs to be repaired or replaced next season and the windsock needs attention, Gino will fix the sock if someone will bring the sock to him. Richard would like us to have informational meetings, such as battery safety, engine tuning, new products, etc.

Paul said the seat has been replaced on the Toro and the hydraulic cylinder is in the shop for repair. The John Deere is again inoperable and we need to decide what the club wants to do with it. The membership approved the motion to pay for the seat and Toro repair.

Please remember to take your trash home with you when you leave the field.

### Treasurer's Report

	Field	General	Total
Starting Balance	\$2899.99	\$4681.61	\$7581.60
<b>Deposits</b>			
12/22/16 Dues rec'd	\$120.00	\$780.00	\$900.00
12/22/16 Donation		\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$3019.99	\$5486.61	\$8506.60
<b>Debits</b>			
12/05/16 Ck #1853, Pitel Septic, Close Up		\$35.00	\$35.00
12/05/16 VD, SPerry Storage		\$135.00	\$135.00
12/21/16 VD, Wal Mart, Party Snacks		\$48.28	\$48.28
12/21/16 Ck #1854, Reim., P. Urquhart, Toro Repairs	\$433.71		\$433.71
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$433.71</b>	<b>\$218.28</b>	<b>\$651.99</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2586.28</b>	<b>\$5268.43</b>	<b>\$7854.61</b>

Dec.2015 ending balance was \$7780.95 so we are + \$73.66 compared to where we were this time last year.

Two items MUST be presented to get a member card & gate combination. A copy or original of your 2017 AMA card and the By-Laws signature page. NO exceptions!

Dues checks (\$75) payable to COL Eagles can be mailed directly to me at: Trimcraft Aviation PO Box 488 Genoa City WI 53128

The club has 17 paid members for 2017.

### Pending Expenses:

### Club Schedule for 2016

Nothing scheduled for the remainder of the year.

### Show and Tell

## **Membership Manual**

All members will be required to download the club manual and return the last page with their signature stating that the manual was read and understood before they may receive their membership card. The manual can be downloaded from our website at:

[http://www.chainolakeseagles.com/modules.php?name=Downloads&d\\_op=getit&lid=33](http://www.chainolakeseagles.com/modules.php?name=Downloads&d_op=getit&lid=33)

Please take some time to read the manual. If you have any questions, attend the next meeting and they will be answered.

## **Membership Handbook**

The membership application form, handbook and acknowledgement form have been updated for 2017.

All members will be required to read the membership handbook and return the handbook acknowledgement form with their signature stating that the handbook was read and understood in order to receive their membership card.

The handbook can be downloaded from our website at:

<http://www.coleagles.com/index.php/club-documents/72-membership-handbook>

Once you have read the handbook, download, print, and sign the following acknowledgement form:

<http://www.coleagles.com/index.php/club-documents/80-handbook-ack-form>

and bring it to the next meeting.

Every club member is required to sign a new acknowledgement form each year.

Please take some time to read the manual. If you have any questions, bring them to the next meeting and they will be answered.

Membership Application Form: To access the Membership Application Form, click on this link:

<http://www.coleagles.com/index.php/membership-forms/76-app-form>

## **AMA Membership Dues Reminder**

To protect you, the club, and the field property owner from liability, membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics is required.

You must have a current AMA membership in order to fly at the COL Eagles field!