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## **Chain O Lakes Eagles The Talon**



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### **May 2017 Issue**

**FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS**  
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**Meetings** - Third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Whispering Hills Community Center, located at 1103 Oeffling Drive in Johnsburg IL (go east Johnsburg Road to Oeffling Drive).  
**GPS:** 42°23'44.9"N 88°13'08.2"W

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

### **Calendar**

#### **May Monthly Meeting:**

**Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 7pm** – Whispering Hills Community Center

**Wounded Warrior Day All day --- At the flying field**

**Saturday June 17, 2017**

#### **June Monthly Meeting:**

**Wednesday June 21st, 2017 - 7pm** – Whispering Hills Community Center

### **From the President ( Mike Schulz )**

The weather is playing a tough game right now. We've had temperatures in the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, and even the 70's in the last few months. The lesson learned for me is to get out there and fly when you can, because tomorrow's weather might be less inviting.

I continue to enjoy watching Bud's videos on rebuilding the 33% Clipped Wing Taylorcraft. The joy and art of scratch-building is alive and well!

Progress is being made on both the Wounded Warriors project and the Althoff Field project. Read further into this newsletter for a detailed update. I want to extend a strong thank you to the people that stepped up to chair and contribute to both of these exciting projects!

Now that my workshop has been reclaimed from my 18 year old high school senior son Matt, who was building balsa towers for the Science Olympiad contest, I have started on the huge task of reorganizing my workshop so I can actually work on planes again. I confess that I did not do much this winter on the rebuilding and repairing front, so I find myself trying to find time now before the nice weather comes. Anyone with any good tips or photos of an organized workshop, please share them with me so I can learn, and I will put them in the newsletter and post them on the web site for everyone's benefit.

The next item on my mind is the incredible support by club members at the field maintenance project on April 22nd. I am so encouraged by the willingness of so many people to help restore our airfield to a condition that is the best I've seen in the last few years. Thank you again to all who helped! If you look at the rotating photos on the [www.coleagles.com](http://www.coleagles.com) web site, you might notice that the last of the five pictures in the slideshow has been changed and now shows members of our club taken at the field maintenance day!

See you at the May 17th meeting. The Wounded Warriors representative will be there to talk to us about the project from her perspective. We will also receive an update on the Althoff Park project. If there is anything you would like to put on the May meeting agenda, please send me an email and I'll add it to the agenda.

See you at the field,  
Mike Schulz

### ***From the Vice President (Gino Santi)***

Dues and why we need all the info. We need our roster to match what AMA shows as paid members. There have been cases where AMA shows a person who has paid AMA dues as being a COL Eagle member, when they were not. Complete information from you allows us to correct any errors AMA may have on their member list.

Wounded Warrior donations total \$791 thus far!! Many members have given \$100 to the event. ANY size donation will help insure there is no direct cost to the club. So if you can't spare \$100, I'll gladly take \$90 or \$80 or whatever you can spare. Let's make this worthy cause a success and gain some beneficial PR in the process.

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

April 2017  
Meeting Minutes

Mike started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike noted that there were no new visitors this week.

### **Old Business**

Secretary's report is online. Gino reported that we currently have \$7,749.86.

### **New Business**

Mike presented an update on the member roster; currently we have 46 members with 3 unpaid. Mike told we moved to the whispering Hills center because we disrupt the girl scouts and boy scouts that meet in the McHenry center every week. Mike also discussed a recent conversation he and Paul had about purchasing a shipping container at the field to use as storage. Paul discussed the cost and usage. Joe will explore purchase options. Mike discussed the offer by the McHenry park district for us to use one of their parks as a flying field. The field is suitable for electric park flyers and a separate space for drones. This would be an additional field and is not intended to replace our current field. Joe talked about how this offer came about since the park is not usable for sports perhaps it would work as a drone and aircraft flying field. Signs and fencing will be utilized to separate the drones from the airplanes. Ed will develop a proposal for presentation to the park board.

Wounded warriors project is moving forward and is now set for June 17 from 9am to 3pm with 75 in attendance we will get a final number a week or two prior.

The following people have pledged to donate \$100.00.

Joe D, Dave Brown, Mike L, Skip, Don, Ralph, Gino, Bill, Larry, Ed, Bob Z, Gary, Dave, Paul U, Paul H, Mike S.

Fred has pledged \$50.00

Bob Z will assist in parking cars.

Courtney from Wounded Warriors will attend the May meeting to discuss details.

Field cleanup scheduled for April 22

Remove old fence and replace with new

Repair pilot stations

Install canopy

Repair frequency board

Replace safety code and add new brochures

Remove junk from the field

Gino will spread weed killer if Larry can secure water from Barb and Wally

Larry noted that he brought Wally a birthday cake and if we intend to sell the JD tractor, he would like to offer \$200.00

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

## News:

The "Fox Valley Aero Club" is hosting its Fourth annual

"Windy City Warbirds and Classics" event on June 22nd thru 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Saint Charles, IL.

This was a great event in 2016 and we expect it to be even better for 2017.

Do not miss the Noontime shows.

We expect even more great pilots with more Giant Scale Warbird and Classic aircraft.

Please check our website for more info.

<http://www.foxvalleyaero.com>

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## Treasurer's Report (Gino Santi)

	Field	General	Total
Starting Balance	\$1506.53	\$6143.43	\$7649.86
<b>Deposits</b>			
4/24/17 Dues rec'd	\$60.00	\$395.00	\$455.00
4/24/17 W.W. Project Donations		\$791.00	\$791.00
4/20/17 Refund, SPerry storage deposit		\$135.00	\$135.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$1566.53	\$7464.43	\$8830.86
<b>Debits</b>			
4/19/17 Ck #1862, Reim. P. Urquhart, Cub, repair parts & labor	\$388.55		\$388.55
4/20/17 Ck #1863, Reim. G.Santi, Weed Killer, 6 bottles	\$93.52		\$93.52
4/25/17 Ck #1864, Reim. L DiRubbo, HD, Ties, Posts, etc.	\$60.77		\$60.77
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$542.84		\$542.84
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1023.69</b>	<b>\$7464.43</b>	<b>\$8488.02</b>

April 2016 ending balance was \$8549.87 so we are - \$61.85 compared to where we were this time last year.

Wounded Warrior donations total to date - \$791.00

The club has 45 paid 2017 members.

Dues should have been paid by now. Please do so NOW if you haven't. \$75 to COL Eagles and send directly to me if mailing a check. Trimcraft Aviation, PO Box 488, Genoa City WI 53128

**Pending Expenses: Pitel Septic, Wounded Warriors Project**

## ***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 ( AMA ) is required.

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

