

**September 2026**

# **THE TALON**



## **From the President**

### **PAUL URQUHART FIELD IS OPEN!!**

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of everyone in this club, our new field is open and a 'season of firsts' is beginning! Our new Solar Power system has been used to charge batteries for the first time, we had our first "National Model Aviation Day" flights and Luke Stevenson became the first student to solo at Urquhart Field. Congrats Luke!

Please make sure to RSVP to me for our upcoming club family picnic and dedication of Paul Urquhart Field on **Saturday September 12th**. I'll be sending more details on what to bring once we have an accurate head count. We'll ask members to bring sides and desserts - The club will supply burgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments.

#### **Important September events!**

- September 12<sup>th</sup> - Field Dedication Day and Picnic
- September 20<sup>th</sup> - Fall Electric Float Fly
- September 26<sup>th</sup> - Von Bergen Family Fun Fly

Nominations for 2027 officers (President, VP, Secretary & Treasurer) will be accepted at our September and October meetings. Please give serious consideration to serving as a club officer. I speak from personal experience when I say that serving as an officer is rewarding and the club benefits from new perspectives and ideas!

I hope to see you all on September 12<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate all we have accomplished together over the past two years!

*Larry Erbach, President*

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## **Thank you again!**

It seems like I start my letter the same way every month, but it needs to be said. With everyone's help we finally have a new field. Hopefully most of you have been able to go fly there. The grass needs a little more time to fully fill in, but it's getting better every day. I personally have flown the club trainer with tricycle gear and it taxied and took off pretty well. And I'm sure we will need to make some small adjustments to some things over time. But I think we're in pretty good shape for the rest of the season.

I hope to see everyone at the field dedication/picnic on September 12<sup>th</sup>. It'll be nice to just enjoy the field instead of work on it.

Thank you again to everyone that put in the time and effort the last couple of years moving everything twice and building our new permanent home. As I said, we'll probably need to make some small changes to things as we start using the field. But I know with the members we have we'll make it the best it can be.

*Ken Losch, Vice President*

***Learn from others mistakes.  
You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.***

## **NEW SOLO PILOT !!**

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

To our newest solo pilot, Luke Stevenson. Luke also has the distinction of being the first student to solo at Paul Urquhart Field. Way to go Luke!



# ***It has been a busy month! ....***



*The club came out in force for our **"all hands day"** and the final push to get Paul Urquhart Field Open. An amazing amount of work was accomplished!*



# ***... Flying has begun at Urquhart Field! ...***



# .. and the finishing touches continue!

## Over seeding the field

*Thanks Lynn, Ken and Mark!*



## Bulletin Board Restored

*Thanks Bill and Brian!*



## Pilot Stations marked



## New Sign is up!

*Thanks, Skip!*



## Wind Socks are up!

*Thanks, Ken!*

## ***Upcoming Events!***

**Wednesday, September 16th - 7:00 PM**  
**CHAIN-O-LAKES EAGLES MONTHLY MEETING**  
Rusty Nail - 4520 Ringwood Rd - Ringwood, IL

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 2 PM**  
**Paul Urquhart Field Dedication and Club Picnic**  
7918 IL 173- Richmond, IL

**Saturday. September 19th - 8:00 AM to 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 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**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**  
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map and directions



# **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 August 31<sup>st</sup>, we have 41 adult members, 4 junior members and 2 youth members for a total of 47 members.
- The current detailed treasure's report was presented at our meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:drew.durik@gmail.com) to request a copy of the report.
- Most of our revenue in August came from our Outreach and Education Program and 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 now open.
- Our lease on the Kemman Road Field expired on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 September 16<sup>th</sup>.

***Drew Durik, Treasurer***



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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT—Mark Beckman**

The August meeting was held at The Rusty Nail Saloon on August 19th, 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 an issue with the club's 501(c) tax status. He stated we made too much money from non member income sources. Larry added the proceeds from the Float Fly and Von Bergen events will be donated to the Hebron food pantry.

**Committee Updates - Larry Erbach -**

- Instruction: Larry and Ken each have two students.

**Field Maintenance - Mark Glawe -**

- The Cub is repaired and maintenance for the Toro is underway.
- Mowers will be moved to Urquhart field in the next week.

**Old Business:** Urquhart field development update:

- It was decided to put up the Urquhart sign at the gate.
- Bill T. and Brian G. volunteered to restore the bulletin board.
- Ken is working on getting the wind sock set up.
- Larry discussed the need for over seating the field at a cost of about \$2,600. A motion was made and accepted.
- The hangar sale was a success and grossed \$942.
- Our new website is up and active.

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

- Larry mentioned the flight boundaries for Urquhart field. A map is posted at the field.
- The field dedication and club picnic will be September 12th.
- Larry asked for approval to spend up to \$400 for food and supplies for the picnic. The motion was approved.
- Nominations will begin at the September meeting.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Mike Land and donated his winnings back to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

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*Mark Beckman, Secretary*

