

October 2026

THE TALON



From the President

The 2026 season is starting to wind down, but what a great month we've had in September!

In spite of the rain we've enjoyed some wonderful flying days and hopefully we'll have plenty of late season flying days ahead!

Thanks to all of you who participated in our Picnic and Dedication of Paul Urquhart Field. We certainly celebrated all of the team work that went into creating our new home in style. You also made it a very special day for Paul Urquhart's family. They enjoyed the day so much that they visited again on Sunday before Paul's children headed back to Colorado!

Nominations for 2027 officers (President, VP, Secretary & Treasurer) will be accepted at our October meeting. 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 at our meeting on October 21st and remember to save Saturday October 24th for a club member Fun Fly - weather permitting!

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It's been a very productive year!

I was looking at some pictures taken over the last year. The new field has come a long way. It was a cornfield at this point 12 months ago. And as happy as I am to have our new home set up and usable, I understand there are some adjustments to be made. It's certainly not as good as it can be. But if we can work together it will get there.

I can't thank everyone enough who helped us get this far. Please try to enjoy some flying time the rest of this year, and we can address some of the things that need to be done over the winter.

Please come to the next few meetings with any ideas you have and we can come up with a plan for the spring. Most of the heavy lifting is done, so it shouldn't be too bad to make a few changes.

Thanks again to everyone that helped this year moving things, painting, planting, fertilizing, pounding posts, and digging holes. It was amazing to see all the work that got done in a pretty short time.

Thank you again,

Ken Losch, Vice President

"Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right."

NEW STUDENTS!!!

WELCOME!

To our newest Introductory Pilot Students! Craig K. (pictured right), as well as father and son duo Greg and Aaron P. (not shown) are our 3 latest student pilots. They are all working hard toward solo flights and getting to know the folks at the field!



Urquhart Field Dedication Day!



above: The Urquhart Family (L to R) Jason's Fiance Stacy, Jesssica, Cynthia and Jason. **left:** the family checking up on the Toro! **lower left:** Ken and Skip helped the family place the dedication plaque on our bulletin board.



PAUL URQUHART FIELD

Dedication in honor of

Paul Urquhart and all club members,
past and present, whose passion for
model aviation has inspired others,
strengthens our community, and the
enduring good of our hobby.



Their commitment lifts us all.

1st Club Picnic at Urquhart Field



*Check out the website
gallery for more pics!*



Von Bergen Family Fun Fly



Show & Tell



Brian Gross showed this beautiful, scratch built “Slow & Low” designed by Dave Scott at our September meeting.

Safety Corner

At our September meeting, Jim Steward offered a few great reminders!
Please ...

- Fly from the designated flight stations only.
- Use “call outs” - taking off - on the field - landing
- Do not break in engines or run out batteries / fuel in the pits

Let's all ***politely*** remind each other to follow our safety rules and procedures to maintain a safe and enjoyable flying site!

Upcoming Events!

Wednesday, October 21st - 7:00 PM
CHAIN-O-LAKES EAGLES MONTHLY MEETING
Rusty Nail - 4520 Ringwood Rd - Ringwood, IL

Saturday, October 24th - 9:00 AM to Noon
Members Only Fun Fly!
Weather permitting
More details at the October meeting!

Wednesday, November 18th - 7:00 PM
CHAIN-O-LAKES EAGLES MONTHLY MEETING
2027 Officer Elections!!
Rusty Nail - 4520 Ringwood Rd - Ringwood, IL

Wednesday, December 16th - 7:00 PM
CHAIN-O-LAKES EAGLES HOLIDAY PARTY!
Significant Others and Significant Mothers welcome!
Rusty Nail - 4520 Ringwood Rd - Ringwood, IL

Treasurer's Report (Drew Durik)

- As of September 30th, we have 42 adult members, 4 junior members and 2 youth members for a total of 48 members.
- The current detailed treasure's report was presented at our meeting on September 16th 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.
- The portable toilet is scheduled to remain at the Urquhart Field through October 31st.
- Club dues for 2027 will be \$125.00 for full adult membership.
- 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 October 21st.

Drew Durik, Treasurer



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

SECRETARY'S REPORT—Mark Beckman

The September meeting was held at The Rusty Nail Saloon on September 16th, 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.

Committee Updates

Instruction: Ken Losch:

- Ken reported he and Larry both have students they're working with.
- Luke Stevenson has recently solo'd.

Events - Larry Erbach:

- Larry recommended canceling the upcoming Float Fly due to weather.
- Larry discussed the upcoming Von Bergen event.

Safety - Jim Stewart:

- Jim addressed and reminded us of safety procedures.

Education - Lynn Garnand:

- Lynn noted KBYF class on November 15th at Fox Lake will be the last class of the year. MCC will start up in the Spring.

Field Maintenance - Mark Glawe (Larry filling in)

- Larry and Mark G. worked out a schedule for mowing from 11am to noon as needed.
- Mark is preparing to winterize the equipment soon.

Old Business:

- Bill Tobin discussed the solar system shut off that he added.

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

- Larry asked for us to please remember to bring home our trash.
- 2027 Officer nominations have begun.
 - Nominations made and accepted were:
 - President - Ken Losch
 - Vice President - Brian Gross
 - Secretary - OPEN
 - Treasurer - Drew Durik

Show and Tell:

- Brian showed his scratch-built 8 foot Slow and Low trainer.

50/50

- Brian Gross was the winner of the 50/50.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P

Mark Beckman, Secretary

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