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Meetings - Third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the McHenry Township Senior Center, located at 3519 N. Richmond Road in McHenry (west of Rt. 31 & Johnsburg Road).

Online Forum - The COL Eagles forum is located on RCGroups.com. The web address of the forum is this: <http://www.rcgroups.com/col-eagles-768/>

Calendar

April 2016 Monthly Meeting:

Wednesday April 20th, 2016 - 7:00pm - McHenry Township Senior Center

May 2016 Monthly Meeting:

Wednesday May 18th, 2016 - 7:00pm - McHenry Township Senior Center

From the President (Larry DiRubbo)

It is April 2 and there is snow coming down. I guess it's never too late to put skis on a plane. Aside from that we are moving forward. The tractors were moved out of storage to the field on Wednesday. Thanks to Dave Harvey, Bud Christensen and Greg Kamysz for taking the time to drive them up Pioneer Road. The storage unit was cleaned out and I informed them we were out. Last year it took a month to get our deposit back, we'll see what it takes this year.

The sanctions applications have gone into the AMA for our two planned events. I have not yet sent the application into the City of McHenry for Peterson Park. That will happen one day this week when I can get over to the municipal building and talk to them.

With the next meeting coming up I want to offer a few items we should address. First, the final resolution of the sign question for the road. If we can and are still inclined to put a sign at the entrance, then we need a plan and a leader to acquire the necessary things. Also, in the past we have held intra-club swap meets at a meeting. We should consider this and decide if we are going to have another. Mowing season is coming and we must set a roster for mowing. We need to identify who is available and when and what machine they are comfortable operating. A mower training date for new volunteers also needs to be decided. Lastly I would like to propose to the membership that we make a donation to the AMA large enough to get a brick with our name on it at Muncie. Not to criticize, but I think we are one of the few clubs who have not gone on record as a contributor to our own organization.

If there is something you'd like to offer as club business call me or drop a line. It is more efficient if we are prepared for it.

(From The President, continued)

Some Miscellaneous thoughts;

I recently acquired an old kit on ebay. This time it is a Jack Stafford Piper Comanche, from the late 70s to early 80s. Some might remember Jack Stafford Models, a line of fairly accurate stand-off scale planes. The most noticeable being the B24. Others were an Ercoupe, L17 Bird dog and Luscombe. While on the web I found a build thread with this kit being constructed and modified to electric power. I also found Leisure RC Models out of Indiana. Steve Ort is making full and semi kits of the whole line. I also found that he made parts for the kits as well. He makes a molded windshield and side windows to this kit -- things that the kit did not include. Needless to say I contacted him and they are on the way at a reasonable price. Check him out if you like semi-scale. You can find a lot on the web. You know I have been talking about building. In particular I have shown and talked about the Berkeley Custom Privateer, the giant flying boat from the 50's. Well again a google search got me to information on this plane and three you tube videos of a guy from France flying his recently. Very interesting, apparently a gentle flier.

Last weekend went to the swap meet in Wheaton on Sunday. Sad to report many empty tables and very light crowds.

Lastly, bring your projects for show and tell.

From the Vice President (Mike Schulz)

Building season coming to a feverish close! Warm weather is forecast for next weekend, hopefully it will hold. I've talked with many members who are completing the build of a new model for the upcoming flying season. I've got a new one on the table as well. I ordered mine in February but it was out of stock and finally arrived at my house on Friday, April 8th. In case you are wondering, no, I won't have it ready for next weekend! But I know some others who will be ready!

Do you have a new plane for this season? Send me a picture so I can put something more interesting on the club web site and Steve can put some engaging photos on our Facebook Club page: <https://www.facebook.com/Chain-O-Lakes-Eagles-RC-Club-1042780039115121/> Steve and others have done a great job already making this an engaging group page on Facebook. Be sure to Like it yourself, add content, and tell your friends about it.

The club schedule was set at the March meeting. For your information, here are the dates:

Club Schedule for 2016

May 29	Picnic
August 20	Electric Fun Fly
September 10, 11	Float Fly
September 24	Picnic

Best Regards,
Mike

Secretary's Report (Ed Pate)

Meeting Minutes

March 2016

Larry started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There are were no visitors this week. Larry noted that Steve Pincombe, an old member, was present and is once again a member. Larry also noted that March 26 is Swap till you drop in Wheaton. Larry talked to McHenry about the Float Fly and the excessive fee of \$300.00 per day. The recommendation was made that the club send a letter to the park district asking for relief from the fee. With that being said, we need to set a date for the float fly (and the other events planned for the year). March 30th from 9-10 we will need several people to move the tractors to the field. Larry will pay for the field rent on Friday and will discuss future of the field with Barb and Wally. Gino installed a new bearing in the windsock. Field opening day will be April 3rd.

Gino read the treasures report we are currently at \$7,780.95, which is \$2,336.32 less than this time last year.

Equipment committee: Nothing to report

New Business

How do we attract new members? There was discussion about a trial membership perhaps half dues or 30 days free. No one knows that we exist so it is very hard to gain new members. There is a large void in our ability to advertise in an effort to obtain new members. It was suggested that a Facebook page be built. It was also suggested that we put up a semi-permanent sign at the field. Mike talked about advertising flags. Bob suggested that Ed contact De Benedetto at the Herald to write an article about the club. Different methods of advertising were discussed.

It was also suggested that we repair the outer fence so that it could become the landmark to locate the field rather than the blue house. It was determined that the fence will be replaced/repared. Bill Hood will look into the sign and Bud will look into fencing. The subject of training once again came up in the context that Mike is currently the only full time instructor and Mark also helps. The discussion ensued for some time centered on the fact that the weekday guys are willing to help pilots who are not classified as first time flyers (intro pilots). Training will be done from nine until noon on Saturdays; Bud has also volunteered to be an instructor.

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Show and Tell

Gina brought in a 1960 Gillow Arrow converted to electric which was originally rubber band powered. Bud brought in his nearly completed Tiger Moth, which is a true vintage aircraft. The full size airplane is built specifically to the pilot. In order to convert this plane to electric Bud need to move the firewall forward along with several other alterations.

(Secretary's Report, continued)

Note from the Secretary:

The club needs new/younger members to join our club; this has been the topic of discussion at several meetings. Last year we entered a float in the Crystal Lake parade with no resulting new members to the club. Regardless of this outcome it is a fact that more people became aware of our club through handing out candy with a business card attached and the visual of the float more than any other method we have previously tried or considered. Several thousand spectators attended the Crystal Lake parade and I would suspect that the Fiesta Day Parade is attended in the same numbers. I would urge the club to reconsider the Fiesta Day Parade since there was no cost to the club for the last parade, and I am again willing to provide all the candy for the parade (cost for the candy was in the \$300.00 range) and the float is already built (entirely by Larry I might add). With regards to geography, McHenry is much closer to our field and this may be the missing component over the CL Parade.

Nearby events this summer:

The Fox Valley Aero Club is hosting its Third annual "Windy City Warbirds and Classics" event on June 23rd thru 25th, 2016 in Saint Charles, IL. This was a great event in 2015 and we expect it to be even better for 2016. 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>

Hope you can make it.

Please tell your friends.

Treasurer's Report (Gino Santi)

		Field	General	Total
Starting Balance		\$4970.00	\$4304.95	\$9274.95
Deposits				
3/17/16	Dues rec'd	\$30.00	\$270.00	\$300.00
Subtotal				
		\$5000.00	\$4574.95	\$9574.95
Debits				
3/4/16	VD, Perry Storage, Final	\$135.00		\$135.00
3/16/16	Ck #1804, B & W Miller, Field Lease	\$1000.00		\$1000.00
Subtotal				
		\$1135.00		\$1135.00
Ending Balance				
		\$3865.00	\$	\$8439.95

Mar.2015 ending balance was \$8534.48 so we are - \$94.53 compared to where we were this time last year.
The club has 38 members as of 3/31/16.

Dues (\$75) can be mailed to Trimcraft Aviation PO Box 488 Genoa City WI 53128.
Checks should be made out to COL Eagles.

Pending Expenses: Pitel Septic

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

Membership Handbook

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 before they may 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.

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!