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New Year's Day

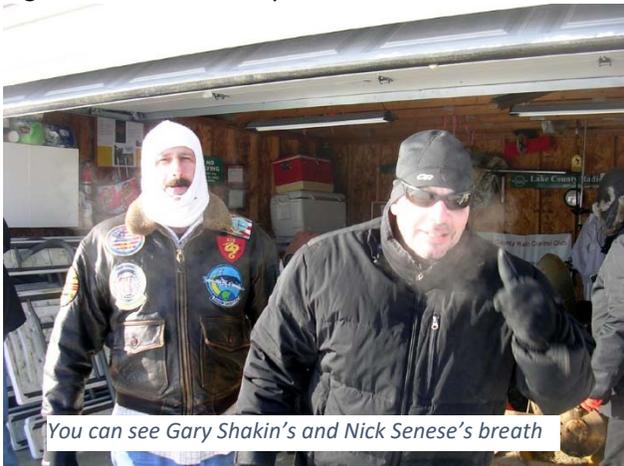
Some call them dedicated and tough



(Others might call them foolhardy.)

New Year's Day. The event was on again, off-again but finally tradition won out over good sense and it was actually held. At a bone-chilling -9 degrees, this year's first event drew a number of club members to usher in another year of flying. Three of them, disregarding cold and wind, actually flew planes, **Steve Yeaton, Gary Shakin** and **Russ Scott**. Steve got first flight of the year honors with his Eflite Mini Ultra Stick. Gary flew an ag plane modeled on a cartoon movie and Russ had a nitro plane out.

The weather made things interesting. Despite the best efforts of many, the tractors would not start and so remained in the garage but those present worked around them. No one thought to bring a heater so the garage was as cold inside as the weather outside. **Gary Shakin** brought chili, which may have been the only warm thing in the garage, at least for a while. Despite the weather and the threat of frost bite, a good time was had by all.



You can see Gary Shakin's and Nick Senese's breath



The hell with the cold – and a big thumbs up from Russ Scott



Gary Shakin readying his cartoon ag plane to fly.



Russ Scott flying while former club member Keith Storrs watches.

Credits: **Jim Buchanan** for plowing the parking lot. **Gary Shakin** for bringing the goodies. **Steve Yeaton** for all the event photos.



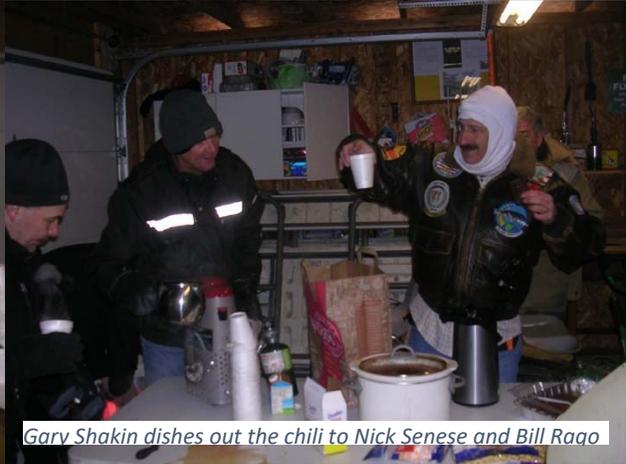
Steve Yeaton had the right idea. Transmitter glove equals warm (well warmer anyway) hands



With the garage door closed Gary Shakin, Nick Senese and Bill Rago can at least pretend it's warm.



Keith Storrs, Gary Shakin and Nick Senese



Garv Shakin dishes out the chili to Nick Senese and Bill Rago



Nick Senese, Jim Buchanan and Bill Rago



And this was how your author spent New Year's Day - sigh.

But if you think these guys are tough. . .

. . . compare them to the teenage girls in Waukegan who went for a polar bear plunge that same -9 degree day.



Now they are NUTS. No question.

RADIO CHATTER

Flypaper invites your contributions. If you get a new aircraft, or do something of which you are proud, or have a . . . uh . . .uh . . . “learning experience” with a plane or heli, or anything good or noteworthy to share, let Jack Cutrone know and he will write it up in the next Flypaper. His email and phone number appear in the masthead at the top.

Looking ahead to summer. As we reported last month, several members are working on putting together some special events this summer, something the club has not done in some time. A daytime event would be a fly-in or fun-fly or some other fun event. **Mike Taylor** is interested in putting together a night fly for both helicopters and planes. Tentative date for the night fly is July 14, 2018. We are working with the Forest Preserve to get their approval for both. We will need volunteers for either event, so contact **Wally Szempruch**, Events Director or Mike Taylor. We will keep you posted. (But just so you know – no volunteers = no special events. I’m just saying, you know.)

Former club member John Grimes (who we hope will rejoin the club) is working on an interesting project. An RC flight chair. No, I am not making this up.

John cannibalized a Spektrum transmitter and is building it into a lawn chair. The RC chair has a large stick for ailerons and elevator, a left stick for throttle, foot pedals for rudder. To the right of the chair will be the computer screen and toggle switches from the transmitter. Don't know if he is taking orders.



Dunkirk. If you are like the author, the best parts of the recent movie “Dunkirk” were the aerial scenes with a trio of Spitfires, a classic WWII warbird. Early in the film, hundreds of thousands of British and French troops form lines on the beaches waiting to be rescued. The troops are mercilessly attacked by German Heinkel HE-111 bombers escorted by Messerschmitt ME 109's. A squadron of 3 Spitfires leaves England to help protect the troops.



As they are setting out across the channel, the squadron leader tells the other two pilots to be mindful of their fuel as they will only have a limited amount to engage the enemy and be able to return to England. (You just know that's coming back to haunt them.) They continue across the channel but are jumped by ME 109's which bring down the squadron leader but which are then brought down by the Spitfire pilots. The Spitfires continue toward the beaches of Dunkirk where the German planes are creating carnage from the troops on the beach and the rescue ships. After saving his companion from an ME 109, one of the Spitfires is hit and begins pouring smoke. The pilot tells the remaining Spitfire pilot that he is going to ditch. Movie viewers watch as the Spitfire loses altitude, starts hitting the wave tops and goes in. The pilot is fortunate because he is within sight of one of the flotilla of small craft on their way to Dunkirk to rescue the troops and is picked up.



But wait a minute.



Oh no! Did they just put an invaluable warbird into the drink? A plane that was the veritable trademark for the Battle of Britain and the staunch determination of the British people. *"We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."* A Spitfire in the saltwater of the English Channel . . . for a movie? At least, that was the author's first thought which led him to turn to the internet immediately after the movie was over.

The three full scale Spitfires used in the film are owned by two American billionaire brothers Tom and Dan Friedkin: Mk.Ia AR213 (marked as R9632), Mk.Ia X2650 (marked as R9612), and Mk.Vb EP122 (marked as Mk.I R9649). (Sort of makes you want to become a billionaire.) But the filmmakers used giant scale RC Spitfires, Messerschmitt ME 109's and Heinkel HE 111'ses to crash into the sea in several sequences. At left is one of the Heinkel RC planes used.



Whew!!!!!!

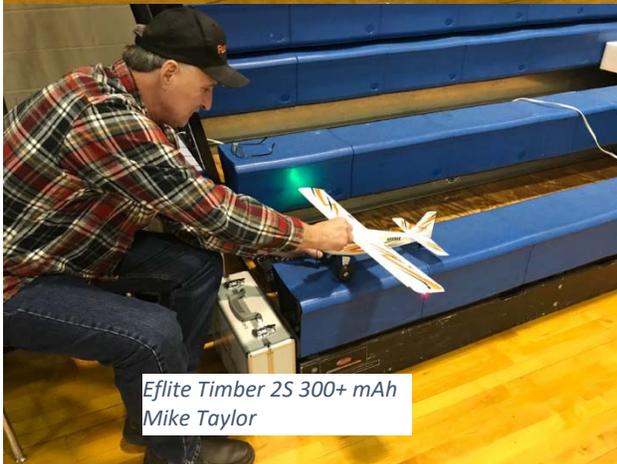
Indoor Flying continues. Last one was January 14th and next one is scheduled for January 28th. These are some of the aircraft flown and some of the pilots from the last one.



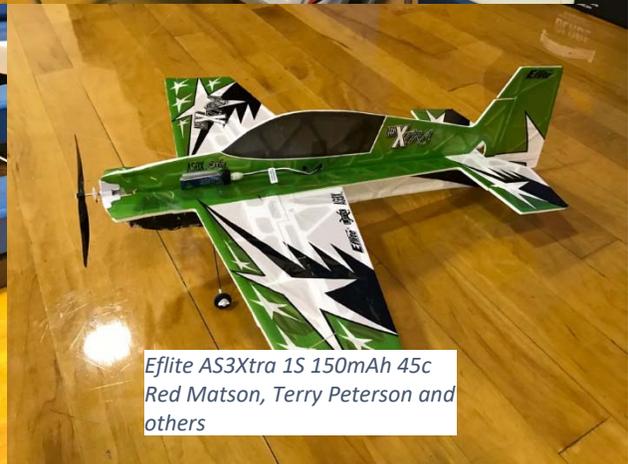
*Twisted Hobbies Crack Yak Mini
2S 300mAh Jack Cutrone*



*Eflite Convergence 3S 2200 mAh
Tom Stolarik*



*Eflite Timber 2S 300+ mAh
Mike Taylor*



*Eflite AS3Xtra 1S 150mAh 45c
Red Matson, Terry Peterson and
others*



Blade 180 QX HD 1S 500mAh 30C
Red Matson



FuriBee F36 Mini Drone 1S 150mAh
Dan Neuen



Blade mCX2- 1S 150mAh
Tim Neuen



Blade Inductrix FPV Quad 1S 150-250mAh
Jack Cutrone, Nate Henry, Karl Reichert,
and others



Blade Night 230 S with LED lights built into the blades -
3S 800mAh flight battery, 1S 150mAh for lights in blades
- Tom Stolarik – Ed. Note: Really Cool



Dave and Mike Taylor



Terry Peterson and AS3Xtra



Red Matson and Turbine Tom Stolarik



l-r Tim Neuen, Dan Neuen



Jim Buchanan and Smilin' Keith Bradley

In case you were thinking of going to the Waukesha Swap Meet and Auction – it moved. The Milwaukee Association of R/C Clubs will be holding the event in West Bend, Wisconsin, on January 28th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3000 Pleasant Valley Road, West Bend, WI. Entry is \$5.

January 4, 2019 LCRCC Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Lake County Radio Control Club was held at the Lake Villa Library Room "A" 1001 East Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, IL. **Gary Shakin** called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm with 12 members present.

Secretary's Report:

The previous month's minutes were accepted as written in the monthly "FlyPaper"

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was presented by **Chuck Smith** and accepted as read.

Field officer's Report:

Glen will continue as Field Director.

Field Safety Officer's Report:

No issues.

Events Director's Report:

Walter Szempruch is in the process of planning this year's events as well as organizing an invitational fly in later this year – to be determined.

Bill Rago will host the May 6th LCRCC event.

Please consider hosting an event this year, it's not that difficult actually and rather fun cooking for a bunch of hungry hobbyists who never complain and someone is always willing to help!
(Editor's Note: what club is Bill talking about?)

Old Business:

We still need someone to take over the website, once it's up and running Steve Yeaton has agreed to keep it current.

New Business:

Indoor flying is alive and well; contact Dave Taylor for time and dates.
[Ed. Note: see last page of this newsletter for dates.]

Show & Tell:

Wally brought in his hand built Sweet N Low fuselage – Great Job Wally, the wing came from Al Parshall.

On a motion, second and voice note the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Bill Rago Recording Secretary

**Treasurer's Report For
January 2018**
(Represents December 2017 Activity)

Opening Checking Balance	\$ 5,573.16
Dues	600.00
50/50 Raffle	20.00
Sticker Sales	
Total Receipts	<hr/> 620.00
 Total Disbursements	 -
Ending Checking Balance	<hr/> \$ 6,193.16 <hr/>
Bank Balance	\$ 6,277.08
Difference (uncashed check)	\$ 83.92

2018 Upcoming Events Schedule

- **NEXT MEETING** – February 1, 2018 7:15 pm. Lake Villa Library, Room A, 1001 East Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, IL.
- Indoor Flying at Beach Park Middle School
 - January 28, 2018
 - February 11, 2018
 - February 25, 2018
 - March 11, 2018
 - March 25, 2018
- Opening Day, April, 2018 date TBD



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