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Mike Taylor & Scale Bell 430



Johnnie Russell



January 12, 1940 – November 16, 2017

Johnnie Russell, a long-time member and former officer of the Lake County Radio Control Club, passed away on November 16, 2017. Johnnie, who had been suffering from a heart ailment for some years was involved in a serious automobile crash when his car was broad-sided by another auto as he was entering a highway. Johnnie told police officers who responded to the accident that he had passed out at the wheel before the accident. He was taken to the hospital where initially it was thought that he would be released within a few days. However his condition deteriorated and he passed away the following day. It was a double tragedy for the family. Johnnie's wife Lucy had been ill for quite some time and was in hospice care at the time of John's passing. She passed away a few days later.



Johnnie or JR as many called him, became a member of the Lake County Radio Control Club in 1973, shortly after its founding. He was an active member of the club until moving to the Phoenix area several years ago where he joined the Sun Valley Fliers Club. For a considerable period of time, Johnnie, along with **Al Parshall**, served as flight instructors and trained many of the club's members including some of the club's current best pilots. At right, at a scout day at the club, Johnnie shows some scouts how a transmitter works.



Johnnie takes home the Fun-Fly Travelling Trophy once again. At left is Dave Fulton Junior and at right is Steve Yeaton. 3rd, 1st and 2nd place trophies respectively Circa 1978

For a period of years, LCRCC held monthly fun-fly contests throughout the flying season with a different contest director each month. At the end of the year, the club would have an annual banquet and awards ceremony. At the banquet, the pilot who had accumulated the most points at the fun-flies would be awarded the Fun-Fly Travelling Trophy and have his name engraved on the trophy and keep it for the year. Of the ten years that the trophy was awarded, Johnnie won it eight times until the trophy was finally retired and went to JR permanently.

Johnnie was not shy about his flying skills and was, how shall we say, flamboyant. He liked to compete, and he, along with close friends **Ron Bearth**, **Al Parshall** and **Steve Yeaton** frequently travelled to fun-flies and contests around the country. The group attended the Toledo show every year for quite a number of years as well as going out to the annual Byron Striking Back event in Iowa. At right, Johnnie and friend Ron Bearth at LCRCC's New Year's Day event, 2001.





In addition to his piloting skills, Johnnie was also a good builder. He was always helpful at shows the club would put on at shopping malls and other shows such as the United Way Benefit Show at Lake County Fairgrounds where Johnnie and other club members put on flying demonstrations and static displays. Even after he moved to Arizona, Johnnie remained attached to the

Lake County Radio Control Club and even attended last year's annual picnic along with his wife.

Another awards photo, l-r Steve Yeaton, Johnnie Russell and Al Parshall from the late 1970's.



(Lead off photo courtesy of Jim Spice. Remaining photos courtesy of Steve Yeaton.)

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.

Dave Taylor has again made arrangements with Beach Park Middle School for the use of their gymnasium for indoor flying this winter. The gym is three full basketball courts in size and provides plenty of room for flying. The first indoor fly was held on November 12. Photographs are courtesy of **Terry Peterson**. See last page for remaining dates.



l-r Tim Neuen, Dave Taylor, Tom Stolarik



Red Matson flying a small drone

Mike Taylor's new scale helicopter is based on the Bell 430, an American twin-engine light-medium helicopter built by Bell Helicopter. It is a stretched and more powerful development of the company's two-bladed Bell 230 predecessor. The Bell 430 features several significant improvements over the 230, the most significant of these being the new four-blade, bearingless, hingeless, composite main rotor. The typical configuration seats a total of ten, eight passengers plus pilot and co-pilot. The helicopter has a top speed of 140 knots, a service ceiling of 14,600 feet and a range of 372 miles.



Showing Mike next to the helicopter gives a good idea of just how large the model is

Mike's model was made by Vario Helicopters, a German manufacturer building scale helicopters since 1974. The Bell 430 is a 1:5.3 scale model with an overall length of 8.5 feet, a height of 28 inches from bottom of retracted wheels to the top of the head, and a width of 25 inches. AOW is 50 pounds. The heli is powered by a Jakadofsky Turboshaft Engine PRO 5000.

Mike has been working on the model, most recently improving the scale interior and moving the gyro which had been mounted off-center to a new centered location. On Dec. 3, Mike had the heli at the field and was doing some test flights to see how the gyro worked in the new location. A video of the flight may be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jdSgo2C3I>

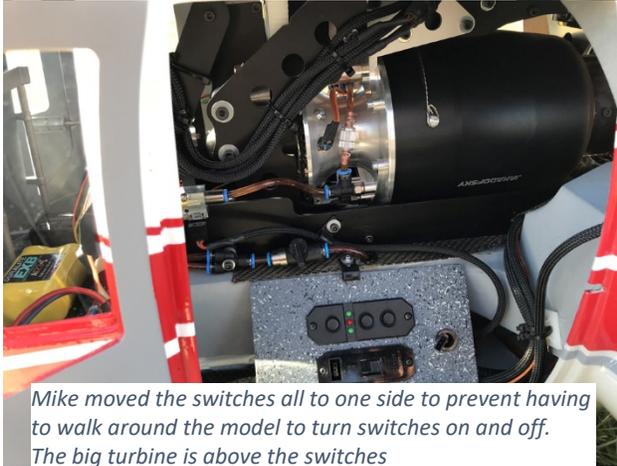
Mike designed the paint scheme and had it executed by a California custom car shop. The call sign "MT 430" – well you guessed it, Mike Taylor 430.



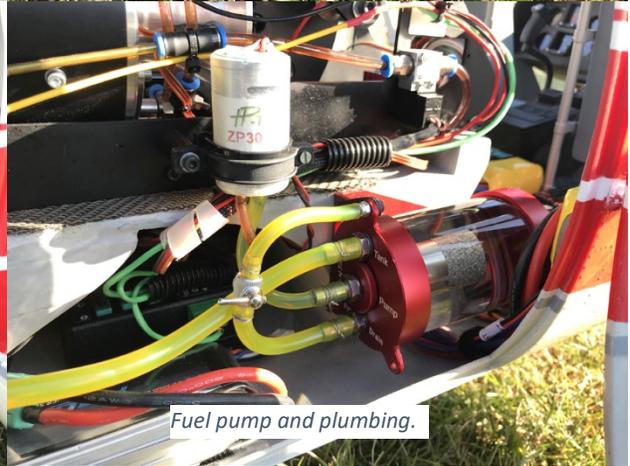
Looks like you could just sit in it and take off



detail of retractable gear



Mike moved the switches all to one side to prevent having to walk around the model to turn switches on and off. The big turbine is above the switches



Fuel pump and plumbing.



Call sign MT 430



Exhausts

A Touching Moment. The author was on a Southwest Airlines flight recently when the flight attendant made an announcement. “We have a very special passenger on today’s flight. It is his 95th birthday today. And if that weren’t special enough, this is the first time he has ever been on an airplane.” The passengers all started clapping and cheering. The flight attendant continued, “So if you all could, as you are getting off the airplane when we land, stick your head in the cockpit and wish our pilot a Happy Birthday.”

Winter’s coming but we have been enjoying at least some nice flying weather.



11-8-2017 Russ setting up



11-8-2017 I'm cold but I'm happy



11-8-2017 Russ jumping his car over a parking block



11-8-2017 Spinning out in the gravel

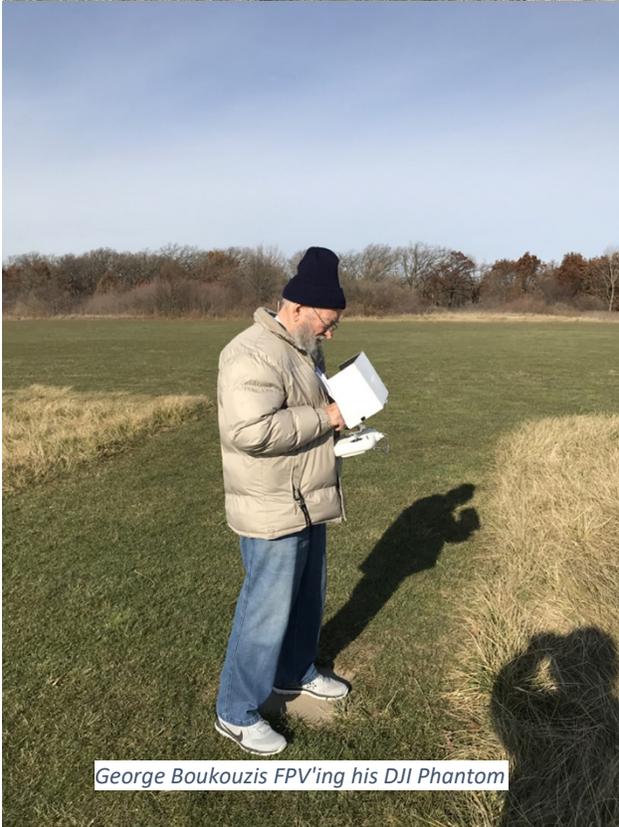
And we had some absolutely glorious weather December 1, 2 and 3 with temps in the mid-50's, sunny and light winds of 6-8 mph:



l-r Russ Scott, Dick Hultz, Mike Taylor, Eddie Okrzesik, Tom Stolarik and Max



George Losson, Russ Scott in background



George Boukouzis FPV'ing his DJI Phantom



Turbine Tom Stolarik and grandson Max

September 7, 2017 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 7:15pm with 13 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:

Field looks good, probably won't require mowing due to lack of rain.

Field Safety Officer's Report:

No issues.

Events Director's Report:

Cub day 10/8/17 big thanks to Dave Harrington for the great food and cooking!

January 1st will be the season opener we need someone to pick-up doughnuts and cook chili with fixings. Chuck Smith will reimburse expenses.

Old Business:

Steve Yeaton mentioned the website is obsolete; the club needs to update and have someone take over the handling of our site.

New Business:

Indoor flying has begun; contact Dave Taylor for time and dates.

Nominees were submitted for December's elections: **Gary Shakin** for president, **Chuck Smith** for treasurer, **Glen Learnahan** for field director, **Bill Rago** for secretary, Events Director position is open, please consider filling this vital position so our events have food and drink.

New Members: One new member Paul welcome to the club!

Show & Tell: No Show and tell presented

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

Bill Rago, Recording Secretary

**Treasurer's Report For
October 2017**

(Represents September 2017 Activity)

Opening Checking Balance	\$ 6,503.40
Dues	
50/50 Raffle	
Sticker Sales	
Donation (Zig)	30.00
Total Receipts	<u>30.00</u>
Glenn Learnahan (gas for mowing)	\$ (193.65)
Ed Okrzesik (September picnic supplies)	(159.39)
Jim Doubek (August picnic supplies)	(223.75)
Red Matsen (Picnic beverages)	(35.88)
Pats Services, Inc. (Porta Potty)	(84.40)
Total Disbursements	(697.07)
Ending Checking Balance	<u><u>\$ 5,836.33</u></u>
Bank Balance	
Difference	

2017 Upcoming Events Schedule

- **NEXT MEETING** – December 7, 2017 7:15 pm. Lake Villa Library, Room A, 1001 East Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, IL.
- Indoor Flying at Beach Park Middle School
 - December 10, 2017
 - January 14, 2018
 - 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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