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April 2018 Flypaper Cover Girls



The Gentry girls, Audrey, Olivia and Gwendaline

Opening Day, 2018

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.

Opening Day, April 22, 2018 After two postponements, the weather finally began to resemble Spring and the club was able to hold its season opener. (There was some grumbling about the club never having postponed or cancelled an event before. We won't name names, but the grumbler's initials are SY. Can you guess?) Not surprisingly, after all the uncertainty, turnout was limited, but all who came enjoyed a great day, good companionship and coffee and donuts. Thanks to **Bill Rago** and **Red Matson** for the drinks and **Jack Cutrone**, for bringing the donuts. Flyers included **Russ Scott, Bill Rago, Steve Yeaton, Ken Gentry, Eddie Okrzesik and Jack Cutrone.**



Who are those movie stars behind those Foster Grants?



In case you were wondering, this is SY.



A dapper Herb Ehnert wearing . . .



. . . a hat his son had made for a business venture.



Ken Gentry preparing to demonstrate his flying skills for his daughters.



Bill Rago, Eddie Okzresik, Buzz Paricka and Herb Ehnert enjoying some donuts.



Steve Yeaton and Russ Scott having some serious plane talk.

This blank space for all the members who didn't come.

Update on Forest Preserve. This is a slightly more detailed version of information sent out in an email recently.

To put things in context, last year, Jack Cutrone met with Linda Pedersen who is on the Forest Preserve Board and serves as its Vice President. We presented the idea of a one day or weekend permit that an individual could buy and be able to fly without getting an annual permit. She was supportive and facilitated a meeting with Forest Preserve District (FPD) staff. Gary and I met with John Nelson, Director of Operations and Greg Townsend, Superintendent of Maintenance. They were cordial but raised some concerns about the idea of a one-day permit and difficulties implementing it. John Nelson suggested that we might pursue a special events permit instead where the club would arrange an event and be permitted to invite pilots who did not hold an FPD flying permit for a one day event.

As of now, the FPD could not issue either a special events permit or set it up to allow people to buy a one day permit because it would be against existing FPD ordinances. Those ordinances are clear. The only people who are permitted to fly at the field are those who have purchased an annual permit and supply their AMA number to the FPD as part of the permit application process. There are no exceptions in the ordinances that would permit a one-day permit or a special events permit to permit people to fly without the annual permit. The only way we are going to achieve either is to get the FPD board to amend their ordinances.

Gary Shakin had a number of conversations with staff about a special one-day event. That idea was eventually rejected by the FPD based on a number of concerns and the suggestion was that

we pursue a one day permit. Gary Shakin had a number of conversations with FPD staff about that idea including Dan Stearns, Superintendent of Recreational Facilities for the Forest Preserve. He came into the picture when it appeared that the goal might be a special event permit to the club. Even after that idea went by the boards, he remained involved in the process to try to facilitate things.

Gary and Jack Cutrone met with Dan a few weeks ago. Dan said that he had talked to other staff and that they had some issues with the idea. One staff member was Chief Ranger John Tannahill. Dan relayed that Tannahill had concerns about extra burdens on his rangers who would have to enforce that flyers had a permit. Gary and I responded that his rangers already have the responsibility to enforce the permit requirement and that it would not involve any additional work on their part. Dan asked about how they could ensure that everyone was an AMA member. We suggested that it would simply involve requiring people who bought the day permit to put their permit and their AMA card on the frequency board and that the rangers could check that way. He had the additional concern that with respect to the annual permit, an FPD staff member verifies the applicants AMA membership with the AMA. Later, I learned that at least one member had applied for and gotten an FPD permit after his AMA membership had expired and before he had renewed it which led me to question how thorough the FPD AMA verification process is.

Another difficulty he said had been expressed by other staff was the mechanics of the issuance of a one-day permit. Gary and I pointed out that people can buy a one day permit for the dog parks or for horseback riding. A one day flying permit could follow the same procedures. Dan wrote a memo about our meeting and our suggestions and forwarded it to other relevant FPD staff including Chief Ranger Tannahill. I spoke with Dan recently and he said that the response was that FPD would not set up a one day permit.

Chief Ranger John Tannahill maintains his position that a change in the ordinances to permit one day permits would increase the workload of his rangers. Chief Operating Officer Mike Tully was the other individual that Dan mentioned as having a problem with the idea though he did not specify what it was in particular.

Jack Cutrone has scheduled a meeting with Linda Pedersen again. We recognize that she is not going to go against the recommendations of her staff lightly but it is hoped that she might be willing to encourage staff to be more receptive and to work to overcome the issues they see. Without her support and encouragement, the FPD will not go along with either the special event permit to the club or the one day flying permit to be purchased on the FPD website.

A cause for concern. While we are not going to share this with the Forest Preserve, but so members understand why it is important that we promote radio control flying, the fine field we maintain and promote club membership to attract more members, we have been losing members at an alarming pace. After a few adventurous souls formed the club in the 1970's, membership grew to over 150. After losing many members over the years, over the last few years that trend has continued. If we don't do something, the very existence of the club is threatened.



**Treasurer's Report For
April 2018
(Represents March 2018 Activity)**

Opening Checking Balance	\$ 6,953.99
Dues	780.00
50/50 Raffle	45.00
Sticker Sales	
Total Receipts	825.00

Total Disbursements	-
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 7,778.99
Bank Balance	\$ 7,778.99
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April 5, 2018 LCRCC Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Lake County Radio Control Club was held at the Lake Villa Library, 1001 East Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, IL. **Gary Shakin** called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm with 11 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, some flying going on despite the soggy conditions; drive slow on the access road or else your vehicle will be coated with road grime.

The gate lock is very difficult to re-lock and still has last year's combination!

Field Safety Officer's Report:

No issues.

Events Director's Report:

Wally Szempruch moved the season opener to 4/22/18 due to predicted weather conditions.

Bill Rago will host the May 6th LCRCC event.

Please consider hosting an event this year, it's not that difficult actually rather fun cooking for a bunch of hungry hobbyist who never complain and someone is always willing to help!

Old Business:

Steve Yeaton reported the website is coming along and will be fully functional including mobile compatibly soon.

New Business:

Indoor flying is over for the season.

New Members:

Tim from Kenosha joined LCRCC – Welcome Tim.

Also Scott Bailey and an old member Brian is returning to the club – Welcome!

Show & Tell:

Chuck Smith passed around some 3-D printed exhaust ports he had printed out; Chuck stressed the importance of using a “Quality” 3-D printer for making parts. Talk to Chuck for further information

On a motion, second and voice note the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Bill Rago Recording Secretary

2018 Upcoming Events Schedule

- NEXT MEETING – May 3, 2018 7:15 pm. Lake Villa Library, Room A, 1001 East Grand Ave, Lindenhurst, IL.
- May 6, 2018 – Biplanes and Giant Scale, Host: Bill Rago
- June 10, 2018 – Heli’s and Quad’s, Host: Leonard Martin
- July 8, 2018 – Warbirds and Electric Planes, Host: Jack Cutrone
- August 12, 2018 – Hosts: Jim and Joan Doubek
- September 9, 2018 – Jets, Host: Gary Shakin
- October 7, 2018 – Cubs, **Host: TBD**



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