

# Lake County Radio Control Club

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## **2025 Club Membership Dues – Renewal Reminder**

Please remember to submit your club membership dues payment for 2025. The renewal application and payment should be sent to the Treasurer (Chuck Smith). The renewal application can be accessed on the club website using the following link: [Member Application and Renewal Form](#)

## **Club Membership Count**

The club has 30 members as of April 3.

## **Statement Regarding The Resignation Of Our Club President**

*The following is a re-print of what was communicated to club members via e-mail on April 7.*

As many of you may know, Gary Shakin has presented his resignation as President of Lake County RC Club to the board of directors.

"Hi. Guys,

Hope all is well with you!

This email is to inform the board of my resignation as President of LCRCC. effective immediately.

I want to thank all of you for your support and making the club a fun, non political and easy going experience.

It is my wish that you find a new president that can keep the spirit of flying as a group with camaraderie as the number one goal.

All the Best,

Gary Shakin"

This had been expected since Gary announced moving his family to Michigan. I join the club in wishing Gary well in his new adventure and thanking him for his years of service to LCRCC.

As the club's Vice President, I will assume the responsibilities of Club President until the next regularly scheduled club meeting as prescribed by the club's by-laws. This shall serve as notice that a confirmation vote shall take place to elect/confirm a president to fill the remaining term until the next general election in December. I also enter my name in nomination to fill that interim term.

Again, many thanks to Gary; see you all at the next meeting.

Regards,  
Steve Yeaton, Vice President and Safety Director, LCRCC.

### **April 3, 2025 LCRCC Meeting Minutes**

The monthly meeting of the Lake County Radio Control Club was held on Thursday, April 3rd at the Lindenhurst Village Hall located at 2301 Sand Lake Road in Lindenhurst, IL 60046. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM and was led by Steve Yeaton. There were 8 members in attendance. Although the meeting was held, meeting minutes were not recorded and therefore there are no meeting minutes to be published in this month's newsletter.

### **Hobby News, Events & Topics of Interest**

Great news! The FAA has raised the altitude limit for our flying field from 400 feet to 700 feet. You can read more about this change here: [Higher Altitudes](#)

Weekly AMA podcasts ("AMA Air") can be found here: [AMA Air](#)

Several model airplane fly-ins are scheduled at clubs throughout Illinois and nearby states. To find an event visit: [Calendar](#).

The club's flying field is designated as an FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) so that we can comply with the Remote ID requirement.

The new FAA safety test called "The Recreational UAS Safety Test" (TRUST) is now available. Thankfully it appears to be failproof. Information regarding the TRUST test can be found here: [Trust Test](#)

The AMA has provided guidance on how to register under the FAA Drone Zone Registration and Renewal Process. Information can be found here: [Drone Registration](#)

Motion RC is a local online hobby shop retailer located in Gurnee. They have a wide selection of RC hobby products and supplies, and they seem to be continuously growing their product lineup. They even offer a "will call" option that allows you to pick up your order from their local Gurnee warehouse which saves you money on shipping. This is a great opportunity to support a local business when fulfilling your hobby needs. Their website is here: [Motion RC](#).

There is an amazing aircraft builder in Calgary, Canada who shows videos of his aircraft builds on the internet. His primary focus is jets, but he occasionally builds some propeller-driven airplanes and helicopters. His skills are amazing and his videos are very informative. Check it how here: [The Lighter Side of RC](#) and here: [The Lighter Side of RC After Dark](#)

Sig has started offering a line of aluminum spinners that are machined from bar stock. This is good news considering that Tru-Turn recently stopped selling spinners, and there seems to be some availability issues with the Vortech line of spinners. Information about the Sig spinners can be found here: [Spinners](#)

Robart has found a buyer for their retractable landing gear business. A company called HighViz RC ([www.highvizrc.com](http://www.highvizrc.com)) has announced that they have purchased the retractable landing gear business from Robart. This is great news. Robart fills the void between the low-end market (such as E-flite) and the high-end market (such as Electron).

Park Flyer Plastics, a maker of plastic canopies and other RC products, has sold their business to a new owner operating under the name Fibertech RC. Their website is: <https://planecrazystuff.com/home/>.

## **Club Meetings**

As a reminder, club meetings are held on a monthly basis on the first Thursday of each month and start at 7:15 PM. Meetings are held at the Lindenhurst Village Hall located at 2301 Sand Lake Road in Lindenhurst, IL 60046.

## **2025 Calendar of Club Events**

The calendar of club events for 2025 is now available and is shown below. Please consider hosting an event this year. Without volunteers these events would not be possible. Please contact our Events Director Wally Szempruch if you are interested in hosting an event.

The Lake County Maker Faire event was held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The club participated in this outreach event for the second year in a row and it was very well attended. Several people stopped by the club's booth to learn more about our hobby. Hopefully we will get some new members. A word of thanks to our Events Director Wally Szempruch for hosting the event, and thanks also to Chuck Smith, Ryan Smith, George Ulrich, and Robert Schoen for participating. Pictures from the event are below.











The Waukegan Airshow (officially known as the “Northern Illinois Airshow”) is a 2-day event this year and will be held on September 6th & 7th. During the February club meeting there was a discussion on whether or not the club would participate in the airshow this year. The club has participated in the airshow the past several years, and several club members have participated by displaying their aircraft and helping with setup and teardown. A volunteer is needed to host the event if the club is going to participate this year. Duties will include submitting the exhibitor application, serving as a liaison with the airshow organizers, transporting tables to and from the flying field and the airport, serving as the person in charge during the airshow, and recruiting club members to participate in and help with the event. Please contact our Events Director Wally Szempruch if you are interested in hosting the event. If a volunteer does not step forward to host the event then the club will not participate this year. Information regarding the airshow can be found here: [Northern Illinois Airshow](#)



Month	Date	Time	Event / Theme	Location	Host / Lead
January	Wednesday January 1st	9:30 AM	New Year's Day season opener	Flying field	Gary Shakin & Bill Rago
	Thursday January 2nd	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
February	Thursday February 6th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
March	Thursday March 6th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
April	Thursday April 3rd	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday April 6th	10:00 AM	Opening day	Flying field	Wally Szempruch
	Saturday April 12th	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Lake County Maker Faire	College of Lake County, Grayslake Campus, Physical Education Center Building	Wally Szempruch
May	Thursday May 1st	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday May 4th	10:00 AM	TBD	Flying field	Gary Shakin & Bill Rago
June	Thursday June 5th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday June 8th	10:00 AM	TBD	Flying field	TBD
July	Thursday July 3rd	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday July 6th	10:00 AM	TBD	Flying field	TBD
August	Thursday August 7th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday August 17th	10:00 AM	Annual picnic	Flying field	TBD
September	Thursday September 4th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday September 7th	10:00 AM	TBD	Flying field	TBD
October	Thursday October 2nd	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday October 5th	10:00 AM	TBD	Flying field	TBD
November	Thursday November 6th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
December	Thursday December 4th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A

## **Memberships & Registration Quick Reference Guide**

The following table lists the membership, permit, registration, and testing requirements that apply to us modelers.

Requirement	Frequency
AMA Membership	1 year and 2 year membership options
LCRCC Membership	Annual
Forest Preserve Permit	Annual
FAA Drone Registration	Every 3 years
FAA TRUST Test	One time

## **Flying Field Mowing Schedule**

Please be advised that the flying field maintenance crew mows the field on Thursday mornings, therefore the field is closed on Thursday mornings.

## **Classified Ads (Items For Sale and Want Ads)**

This is a classified ads section in the monthly newsletter where club members can list R/C hobby items that they want to sell or buy. For example, do you have a used airplane that you want to sell? Or have you been looking for a good radio to buy and maybe another club member has one they'd be willing to sell? If interested please send the editor a list of what you'd like to include. Let's please limit this to only R/C hobby items (kits, airframes, engines/motors, radio equipment, and related hardware). We will not list anything non-R/C related.

### Airplane for sale

#### *Submission by Wally Szempruch*

This is almost a give-away and a very nice scale biplane. It's a Liberty Sport. I'd like to get something for the OS .50 motor and installed servos. Otherwise, if you want to install your own stuff, I'll remove and give you the plane if you will enjoy it. I've got plenty enough to fly now and I want to make room for perhaps new planes. The plane is

flyable. Just check the CG and it's ready to go. Contact Wally Szempruch if you are interested.



### **Club Member Content Submission**

*[No submissions this month]*

*Note to all members: Please feel welcome to submit articles, build pictures or topics of interest to be included in future newsletters.*

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