

Lake County Radio Control Club

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Happy New Year!

2026 Club Membership Dues – Renewal Reminder

Please remember to submit your club membership dues payment for 2026. 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](#)

January 8th, 2026 LCRCC Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Lake County Radio Control Club was held on Thursday, January 8th 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 George Ulrich. There were 12 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by Chuck Smith and accepted as written.

Field Director's Report

Rick reported the field is ready for a long winter's nap. The tractor mower needs extensive repairs.

Safety Officer's Report

Nothing to report. All is okay.

Events Director's Report

Jim reported the New Year's Day event was a huge success! 15 members attended along with one guest. A big thanks to Jim & Wally for bringing doughnuts, Tom Flynn for bringing breakfast sandwiches, and Bill for bringing coffee. Thanks also to Bill for bringing a generator and George for bringing a heater.

Old Business

No old Business.

New Business

Bill Rago donated a vintage Top Flight "Elder" monoplane powered by a 1970 early production O.S. .40 4-stroke engine. Ryan has taken on the task of fully restoring the model for new member hands on training... Thank you Ryan!

New Members:

No new members

Show & Tell:

No show and tell.

Adjournment:

On a motion and second George concluded the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Bill Rago, Secretary

---- End of Meeting Minutes ----

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 out 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) 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/>.

A very good book was just published that tells the story of pattern flying from the 1950's through the 1980's. The book covers notable contributors to the hobby, aircraft designs, engines, radios, and other equipment throughout the years. The book is available for free download here: [Pattern History](#)

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.

2026 Calendar of Club Events

The calendar of club events for 2026 is set forth below. The next club event will be the opening day event on Sunday, April 12th at the flying field starting at around 10:00 AM. Volunteers are needed to host events throughout the year. Please contact the Events Director Jim Doubek if you are interested in hosting an event.

Month	Date	Time	Event	Location	Host / Lead
January	Thursday January 1st	9:30 AM	New Year's Day gathering	Flying field	Jim Doubek & Bill Rago
	Thursday January 8th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
February	Thursday February 5th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
March	Thursday March 5th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
April	Thursday April 2nd	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday April 12th	10:00 AM	Opening day	Flying field	Bill Rago
May	Sunday May 3rd	10:00 AM	Monthly club event	Flying field	TBD
	Thursday May 7th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
June	Thursday June 4th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday June 7th	10:00 AM	Monthly club event	Flying field	TBD
July	Thursday July 2nd	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday July 5th	10:00 AM	Monthly club event	Flying field	TBD
August	Sunday August 2nd	10:00 AM	Annual picnic	Flying field	TBD
	Thursday August 6th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
September	Thursday September 3rd	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday September 6th	10:00 AM	Monthly club event	Flying field	TBD
October	Thursday October 1st	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday October 4th	10:00 AM	Monthly club event	Flying field	TBD
November	Thursday November 5th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
December	Thursday December 3rd	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A

Events Coverage

Message from the Events Director:

Well, the first event of the year is in the books. The New Year's Day get together at the flying field, and I believe was a great success!! 15 members and one guest decided that the 12 degrees was not going to keep them from venturing out to the field for the event. There are a few members that I want to send out a big thank you to that made this event a great success. Tom Flynn for his breakfast sandwiches, Bill Rago who kept the coffee flowing and the generator that ran the space heater that George kindly brought. And with Wally, with the donuts and me with the bakery, sweet rolls, nobody left hungry. So now is the time to start thinking about the upcoming flying season and maybe volunteering for one of the events that are scheduled. Let me know if you wish to host an event.

Jim Doubek





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.

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.



Lake County Radio Control Club Officers

President: George Ulrich

Vice President & Safety Officer: Rich Granitz

Treasurer: Chuck Smith

Events Director: Jim Doubek

Secretary: Bill Rago

Field Director: Glen Learnahan

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