Lake County Radio Control Club

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Special Notice Regarding Club Officer Elections for 2027

Club officer nominations for 2027 will take place at the upcoming club meeting on November 5th. Members interested in serving as a club officer are encouraged to attend and participate in the nomination process. Officer elections will be held at the December 3rd meeting. All club members are encouraged to attend both meetings to share their input during nominations and participate in the voting process.

October 1st, 2026 LCRCC Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Lake County Radio Control Club was held on Thursday, October 1st at the Lindenhurst Village Hall located at 2301 Sand Lake Road in Lindenhurst, IL 60046. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM and was led by George Ulrich. There were 8 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

Glen did not attend the meeting. George reported the field is ready for this year's final event. Thanks George!

Safety Officer's Report

Rich did not attend the meeting. There is nothing to report.

Events Director's Report

Jim reported that he and Bill Rago will be cooking at the final event of the year on October 4th.

Old Business

No old Business.

New Business

George is requesting members to please step forward to help with cooking for monthly events and to help with field maintenance.

New Members:

No new members.

Show & Tell:

No show and tell.

Adjournment:

On a motion and second George concluded the meeting at 7:43 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 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. 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. There 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.

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	Tom Flynn
	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	Robert Schoen
July	Thursday July 2nd	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday July 5th	10:00 AM	Monthly club event - Precision Landing Contest	Flying field	Tom Flynn
August	Thursday August 6th	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday August 9th	Event cancelled due to weather. Annual picnic to be held on Sunday September 13th.			
September	Thursday September 3rd	7:15 PM	Monthly club meeting	Lindenhurst Village Hall	N/A
	Sunday September 13th	10:00 AM	Monthly club event - Annual picnic	Flying field	Joan & Jim Doubek
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	Bill Rago
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

The final club event of the year was held on Sunday, October 4th. Thank you to everyone who attended, and a huge thank you to Jim Doubek and Bill Rago for hosting and cooking the food.

Thank you to everyone who hosted events this year, thank you to everyone who attended events this year, and thank you to Jim Doubek for doing an outstanding job of organizing all of the events throughout the year.

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, 2 year, and 3 year membership options
LCRCC Club Membership	Annual
Forest Preserve Permit	Annual
FAA UAS Drone Regisration	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.

Wanted: MonoKote. If you have rolls of MonoKote laying around that you know you're never going to use and you're looking to get rid of it by giving it away, please contact Ryan Smith at rsmith1000@yahoo.com. I am always restoring and recovering airplanes and will put it to good use. I would especially like to re-cover the club trainer.

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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