

Lake County Radio Control Club

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A Blustery Season Opener



Mother Nature did not play nice for the LCRCC season opener.

On Sunday April 17, 2011, She was tossing out wind gusts of 30+mph with near-freezing temperatures. For the few who celebrated this event, the coffee was hot and doughnuts were tasty! Thanks again Chuck Brzezicki for supplying the goodies! As far as I know the only pilot who braved the cold gusty conditions was Steve Yeaton. I missed his seeing flying expertise due to the generator requiring more liquid gold to keep the coffee from freezing.

**May 15 is Yak & Giant Scale Day
Cooks - Bill Rago & Cynthia Simmons**

Minutes for the LCRCC Meeting, April 7th 2011

The Monthly Meeting of the LCRCC was held in the Zion Public Library.

Dick Hultz called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. with 15 members present.

Secretary Report:

The previous month's minutes were accepted as printed in the "Flypaper."

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer's report was presented by Steve Yeaton, and accepted as read.

Field Officer Report:

Bill Lewis made a report on field conditions and said he felt the field was ready to go for the upcoming "Opening Day." He also reported (along with Steve), that Porta-potty service will resume this week at the field. He will be rolling the field in the next couple of weeks. He has tractor/mower repair parts to install.

Safety Report:

John Russell reported there have been no incidents reported and all seems well at the field.

Events Director Report:

Bill Rago commented on the upcoming season opener, the April 17th FunFly, saying that coffee and donuts will be available. He will be asking for additional "Chefs" to volunteer for upcoming events.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Dick reported on a conversation he had at Toledo with the AMA vice president regarding the ongoing debate between the FAA and AMA. Proposed limitations/regulations are to be presented later this summer for arguments/changes. The AMA urges all its members to contact their respective congressional representatives and

tell them how we feel. A link is provided at the AMA website. This is very important to the hobby, so let's all get our voices heard!!!

Dick also would like to propose that due to the elimination of "Training day" at the field, all instructors be given access to the clubs trainer planes (keys to shed).

John Russell made a comment that some of the people listed on the roster as instructors were unknown to him, and he needs to review who is or is not a qualified person before we do this.

The subject of back-up umbrellas for the field was brought up. After some discussion, Gary Allen made a motion for Dick to purchase two.

Then John Russell remembered he has a couple he will donate to the club. So, the end result was that if the umbrellas aren't suitable (that John has), then Dick will buy new ones.

There was discussion about the Toledo show and the lack of attendance generally.

Gary Allen notified the club that he has the Zion Library room booked for us through December.

Show and Tell:

Jack Bernard brought in an electric-powered Pterodactyl with a nifty V-tail and twin outrunners.

Jim Spice brought some O.S. and Saito engine repair manuals to give away, and yep, they're gone!!

There were no new members.

On a motion, second, and voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Jim Spice

Response from Joe Walsh Member of Congress

Thank you for contacting me about the model airplane exclusion amendment to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act of 2011 (S. 223). I appreciate your thoughts on the issue and look forward to having the opportunity to respond.

The Senate adopted S.amdt 86, an amendment to the FAA Reauthorization to deny the FAA the ability to regulate model airplanes. As you know this amendment would ensure that model aircraft flown for recreational, sport, competition, or academic purposes would not be subject to FAA regulation. The amendment would clarify that model aircraft weighing under 55 pounds would not be regulated by the FAA. I believe that we need to foster American recreational activities, not over-regulate them.

The House has not yet considered S. 223 but on the April 1, 2011, the House of Representatives voted and passed the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011 (H.R. 658) which did not include the amendment adopted by the Senate. Due to the differences between the Senate bill (S.223) and the House bill (H.R. 658) the two will be reconciled into one bill through the conference committee. When the reconciled bill comes to the House floor for a vote I will be sure to keep your thoughts in mind.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me on this issue. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you and the 8th district of Illinois. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future should you need further assistance.

I work for you,
Joe Walsh
Member of Congress

May 15th is Yak & Giant Scale Day. Food will be provided by Bill Rago & Cynthia Simmons.

We need a volunteer to take Bill Lewis's former task of providing soft drinks/water for upcoming events. If no one steps forward beverages will not be available at future events. If you're willing to take on this responsibility, please contact Bill Lewis at rcbillewis2@aol.com for a shopping list.

We need cooks for June, July, & October scheduled events - once again if no one volunteers to cook no food will be provided!

Treasurers Report For April 2011

March	Opening Checking Balance	\$2,752.20
Credits	Transfer from Savings	\$0.00
	Dues Deposited	\$830.00
	50/50 Raffle	<u>\$80.00</u>
March	Total Credits	\$910.00
Disbursements	Transfer to Savings	\$0.00
	Bill Lewis - January Refreshments#1426	\$13.43
	AMA Charter and Insurance #1427	\$150.00
	Debit Card - Davis Tractor - PTO Parts	<u>\$72.24</u>
March	Total Debits	\$235.67
March	Ending Checking Balance	\$3,426.53
	Deposits + Interest - Transfers	\$.23
March	Savings Account Balance	<u>\$3,015.75</u>
	Total	\$6,442.28



**NEXT MEETING - MAY 5,
2011 7:15PM AT ZION-
BENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

2011 Event Schedule

- **May 15 Yak & Giant Scale
Cooks - Bill Rago & Cynthia Simmons**
- **June 5 Warbird &?**
- **July 10 Biplane & Cub**
- **August picnic 7 or 14 to be determined**
- **September 11 Helicopter & Electric
Cooks - Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Brzezicki**
- **October 2 unusual airplane day,
bring something that flies**

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