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April, 2002

Next Club Meeting, 7:30 pm Tuesday, April 9th

At John’s Pizzeria, 100 E. Lake St., Addison, IL

Editorial

What a great meeting. By my estimate we had close to 30 members at our March meeting, and Terry balanced maybe as many as 15 sets of blades. Let’s all try and make the next meeting. It sure makes for a great fun night out.

It is time for all of the warm weather members to consider getting their choppers out of mothballs. Some great spring weather is on the horizon. This winter was not one of our best for flying, in my opinion. We had lots of wind and cloudy skies with mild temperatures. I would trade the mild temperatures any day for rich blue skies, no wind, and colder temperatures.

We have four new members to welcome this month, Don Bonk hangared in Lockport, Jon Childers hangared in Schaumburg, Marty Hagen hangared in Belvidere, and, last but not least, Tim Moran hangared in Elmhurst. Men, please feel free to add something to your newsletter.

The fuel buy that was orchestrated by Terry was a huge success, and a lot of hard work was done by Terry to pull it all together. If my math is correct, it was 3 quarters of a ton of fuel or 4,267 buckaroos. I think he stopped at all railroad crossings!!! I am not sure if his sign was flammable or inflammable on the back of his van. Read President’s Message for more info.

Members, don’t forget your newsletter is made up mostly of info sent in by you. You are the newsletter. Please send in things for: Local Eateries, Lots of Good Stuff For Sale, Better Ways and Shortcuts. Good Eats, Product Review, Info on New Products, Website, Flying Field Chat, and Event Calendar. Remember, without you there is no newsletter. Keep your newsletter alive and well!! Send in some stuff right now or write it down while you’re thinking about it and give it to me at the next meeting.

Let’s all try to make it to our next meeting. See you there. Marty

President's Message

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I hate to sound like a broken record, BUT I had to write this one a little early because I am going on vacation (again). So, when you are reading this, I will be in New Orleans. I'm hoping for 80 degrees and my transmitter in my hands. We are combining pleasure with vacation, something is just not correct about that last statement!

My wife and I are driving down to a fun fly April 6th just north of New Orleans. We are leaving Good Friday so we have a lot of time (over a week) before the fun fly. That is what I'm going to call a vacation. See, you can have your cake and eat it, too. Heli, vacation, fun fly, stay in a condo for a week, eat out, and on and on. Life is Good!

The fuel sale was a big hit this year. The club ordered 61 cases of fuel. That is 244 gallons!! I could just see my Vigor with the YS quiver with excitement as I unloaded all of that fuel into my shop. I didn't have the heart to inform it that all that fuel was not mine. I will bring the fuel to the April meeting. If you have fuel ordered, please pick it up at the meeting, or my Vigor might get to take care of it for you.

I made a statement at the last meeting that was not correct. I said Cindy and Ron were planning on joining the club, and I should have said **Cindy** was thinking about joining the club. My apologies!

Soft Landings!

Terry

Editor: Terry, wouldn't it be easier if you just let us know WHEN you're in town???

VP MESSAGE

APRIL 2002

When I met Terry at the club field to get my fuel, there was still a lot left to distribute. That means it should be a good turnout at the next meeting. If not, I suppose Terry will once again have to haul it around,

stack it, store it (burn it!). I think we should all give Terry and his stepson a big thanks for all the work put into the fuel sale so we can all stock up, save a buck, and have fun doing it; also for the courage to captain a tanker full of alcohol (and throw in a barrel of nitro, too). I'd hate to see what a ton of that stuff might do all at once (although I'll admit to a certain harmless curiosity!)

I received word from past VP Steve Jensen that he is still in China and hopes to return at the end of April. I don't think he's had a chance to do any flying there. Abstinence is a good practice for certain things (nose jobs, house fires), but flying is not among them. Always remember: Flying is Good. More flying is Better. Not flying is Bad. For his sake and ours, I hope he makes it home soon. None of us would want to see a poor fella, in full heli

withdrawal, attempt to fly two Raptors at once.

The past month's flying has been pretty infrequent for me, but no crashes, either, except for Realflight, where I added a bit of wind and found new reasons to crash and more reasons to practice.

It looks like my Realflight control box is getting the jitters, so this summer I'll have a look at the pots and turn them around or send in the unit or repair.

I wish you all would hurry up and purchase the rest of those raffle tickets; I could sure use the \$500 gift certificate. Oh, and if you happen to win, could you generously remember the guy who reminded you to buy your ticket?

I'll try to come up with an interesting and/or useful demo for the meeting. If not, I still intend to take up some of your precious life while I fail miserably at the above. Try not to be too depressed about it.

Hope to see you all at the meeting, where we'll be having pizza and fuel - two of my favorites!

Good Eats-Funeral Potatoes

Sent in by Ed Komaniecki

Recipe by Mrs. Spike O'Dell, Spike O'Dell is the WGN (720) Morning Radio Host.

1-Stick of margarine - softened

1-Can of Cream of Chicken or Mushroom Soup

1-Pint of sour cream

1-8 oz. pkg. of Shredded Cheddar Cheese

1-2 lb. pkg. of frozen O'Brien hash brown potatoes

In a large bowl, stir together the margarine and soup. Then, stir in the sour cream, cheddar cheese and hash brown potatoes. Spread mixture in greased 13" X 9" baking dish. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 75 minutes. Let stand ten (10) minutes - then spoon out. Makes a large amount. Perhaps you will wish to cut the ingredients in half at first.

Editor: Recipe should be good for other occasions also.

Better Ways and Shortcuts by Marty

1) I just crashed while making trim changes in forward flight. I became distracted while trying to listen to the number of input trim beeps. When I looked up, I knew I was in trouble because my sidekick was making all sorts of strange noises, and my helicopter was upside down and dropping like a rock. Neil stated that I always crash very relaxed. That's because I am not in it!!! Believe me, if I were in it, it would be a different story. My suggestion would be that, if you have to make any trim changes, it would be best to land and make them at your leisure on the ground. I know I will from now on. Isn't it neat how we learn from our mistakes??

2) I don't know about you but I have not been happy with the Raptor blade covering. You have to keep an eye on it and re-shrink it often because it is just a shrink bag that does not stick to the blade. This shrink bag will on occasion balloon up in flight and cause your blades to flutter. Recently I have been experimenting with shelving paper and heat shrink material as a covering. If I make a major breakthrough in this area I will let you know.

3) Let the club members know if you have access to a bulk parts supply or any generic parts to replace stock helicopter parts. Maybe bring this information to the next meeting. I know there are a lot of secret parts sources out there. I am going to try to pry all of this secret information out of each and every member.

4) When the inevitable happens, use this opportunity to rebuild your helicopter better than it was before. Don't be afraid to start over with all of your control geometry and replace or up-grade any suspect parts. So when the inevitable does happen it is really an opportunity to learn more about this great hobby of ours. Not just a way to lighten your wallet.

Raffle Update

At the last meeting the raffle tickets sold very well. There are only 15 left and one of those might be the winner. So support your club and maybe you can be the lucky winner of the \$500.00 gift certificate for anything you want at Al's Hobby Shop. See Ron Kwilinski at the meeting to purchase your tickets.

Flying Field Chat

The word at the field is to dismantle any new OS 50 before starting it and look for metal burrs. The talk is that the parts are not machined as well now as in the past to keep cost down. You do not want any of these loose metal pieces passing through your new engine. Be safe and take a look before you run it!!

Event Calendar

Bulletin: Take note, at its new location, the big event, the must see or fly in of the year will be here before we know it with all the big name flight demo's. The Al Fuchsen Memorial Helicopter Fun Fly will be held at its new location, the model airplane field just off of Campton Hills Rd. at the Fox Valley Aero Club site in St. Charles with overnight RV parking and lots of great prizes. I believe they had 100 entries last year at its old location at Fermi Lab, and they are expecting an even larger number in St. Charles. Some of the events this year are Drag Racing, Auto Contest, and Night Fly. Flight Demo's will be by Team JR - Dave Storey, Futaba - Scott Cathy, Kyosho - Dwight Shilling, Minature Aircraft - Ross Van Dorpe, Al's Hobby Shop, Thunder Tiger, Hirobo Representative – Jeff Rankin.

Hot food right off the grill is available at the field. When it was at Fermi Lab I gave it 3 Beer Steins* for taste and presentation, a relaxed back yard fare, with burgers and hot dogs done to a turn and a wide choice of condiments. Don't forget their 4 Beer Stein*, succulent roast pig dinner which is included with the 25 dollar entry fee. The fun fly will be on the weekend of June 22nd and 23rd. Registration is from Saturday 8:30 to 5:00 and Sunday 8:30 to 12:00. You will not want to miss this fun time. Let's try for 100% club participation. This news story is still developing with more detailed information to follow next month or call Cindy at (630)-832-4908 or email rc@alshobbyshop.com .

*1 Beer Stein = palatable, 2 Beer Steins = interesting, 3 Beer Steins = mouth-watering, 4 Beer Steins = lip smacking

Northern Illinois R/C Helicopter Association

Information supplied by Terry. Below are our 1996 club by-laws, which we may want to revise. Terry may bring this up at our next meeting.

Article 1

Charter

This club has been formed to strengthen and promote the art of building and flying radio control model helicopters. It is the primary objective of the club to foster interest in building and operating radio control helicopters.

All dues and moneys received will be used to provide and maintain meeting and flying sites and to implement the activities of the club.

Article 2

Organization

The officers of the club shall consist of a Board of Directors, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall consist of all the current officers, and the immediate past year's officers. The past President shall be the Chairman of the board. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the overall direction and planning of the activities of the club, review the qualifications of applicants for membership, act on the acceptance of new members, and periodically review the club activities of members to determine continuance of memberships.

Duties

Chairman of the Board: He/She shall preside over meetings of the Board

President: He/She shall preside over all club meetings and conduct them in a reasonably parliamentary manner. It shall be his/her responsibility to check all financial and other records to assure that the records are proper. The President is authorized to appoint personnel to special tasks and committees, such as field manager, newsletter editor, refreshments, etc.

Vice-President: He/She shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence. He/She shall guide and assist in all club activities and report to the President and the club members. He/She shall also act as head safety officer and entertainment chairman.

Secretary: He/She shall record the minutes of the club meetings and submit them to the membership for approval at subsequent meetings. He/She shall be the custodian of the club records, including the points of all members in regards to the established point system. Records of the Treasurer are not subject to the secretary.

Treasurer: He/She shall collect all moneys and keep a record of the same. He/She shall report at each meeting the moneys received and spent. He/She shall maintain a bank checking account in the clubs, and arrange for transfer of same to succeeding Treasurer. Treasurer may not run more than two consecutive terms. At the end of the term an outside accounting of the books will be taken.

OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTION PROCEDURES: Officers shall be members of this club. Officers shall be elected at the November meeting and shall be installed at the December meeting. Officers shall serve for one year. An officer may serve more than one year consecutively in an office. Candidates for President must be a member prior to the election. The Board of Directors shall present to the members, nominees for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations may be made from the floor subject to acceptance by the nominee and the above criteria. The nominees shall be then voted upon by secret ballot by the membership. The President shall appoint election judges who will distribute, collect and count the ballots and advise the President of the results. The President will announce the newly elected officers to the membership.

Article 3

Membership

General: The number of club members shall not be limited. Dues shall be \$2.50 per month per member. Dues for senior members age 60 and over shall be \$1.25 per month. The dues shall be payable in January. Failure of a member to pay his dues by the March meeting may be cause for the Board of Directors to cancel the membership. All members shall be responsible for payment of all special assessments approved by the membership. All dues paid after the March meeting shall be assessed a \$5.00 penalty charge.

- A. **Application for Membership:** Upon review and approval of the qualifications by the board of Directors, the applicant will be assessed monthly dues prorated for the balance of the year, and the insurance if applicable. An applicant may fly as a quest of the club, pending qualification, providing he conforms to club field regulations and safety rules.
- B. **Conduct:** Any member deliberately breaking club rules, not acting in a sportsmanlike manor, or showing uncooperativeness is liable for expulsion from the club by the unanimous decision of the Board of Directors. Such recommendation for infraction of field rules, may be initiated by a signed petition of any member.
- C. **Responsibilities:** All members shall be responsible for personal and property damage caused by themselves, and shall assume said responsibility before resumption of flying. The club shall subscribe through the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), to a minimum of \$1,000,000 insurance. An insurance policy naming the party holding title to our flying field as the insured party will be included yearly.
- D. **Reinstatements:** If a member applied for reinstatement, his application shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, who will review the condition under which the previous membership was terminated. Applicants who have been out of the club for more than one year will be subject to the same qualification criteria as a new applicant.

Article 4

General Club Operating Procedures

- A. All voting issues subject to a membership vote must be passed by 70% of members present. A Quorum shall be 30% of the active membership.
- B. Additions or revisions of the by-laws are subject to $\frac{3}{4}$ approval of the Board of Directors prior to being submitted to the membership for a vote.
- C. For other than additions or revisions to the by-laws, $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members of the Board shall constitute a Quorum for Board meetings. A simple majority of the Board members casting votes shall be required to pass a resolution or a motion.
- D. Any member may, by petition, bring any matter before the board of Directors for a discussion.
- E. Club operating expenses will be paid from the treasury or by special assessment funds voted by the membership.
- F. The Board of Directors is authorized to spend up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in a single expenditure with a yearly maximum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- G. Club Meetings shall be conducted when and where the Board of Directors shall direct.
- H. The budget shall be presented by the March meeting to the membership for discussion and approval

For Sale, Lots of Good Stuff

For Sale: OS Max .32 SX less than 3 gallons, excellent cond. asking \$80.00 plus Shipping - JR Flight Pack - (5) 507 servos upgraded to 517, R600 6 channel receiver less crystal, JR 1100 mAh battery, on/off switch harness, excellent condition asking \$ 150.00 plus shipping

- Hobbico Volt Watch - very little use - asking \$8.00 plus shipping. If interested please email Rod at DaRaceNGuy@aol.com or call (312) 853-5740. Thanks, Rod Laureano

For Sale: Lite Machine, it has a Sport Piezo Gyro, Hitech radio. New parts include: motor, clutch, tail boom, main blades, main shaft gear, and canopy, pretty much all of it is new. Have extra engine and other parts too. Asking \$500.00 please page or e-mail Jorge, Pg. (708) 378-1351 e-mail jreality@juno.com

For Sale: Bergen Intrepid Gas Helicopter, hovered one time. All new equipment, including all Futaba 9203 servos, Futaba Piezo Gyro FP-501 with High response S9203 servos. Asking \$1150.00 OBO.

X-cell Graphite Gas Helicopter hovered only, 5-6 times, all new equipment, custom painted canopy and tail fin, also comes with the stock canopy and fin, Bergen cooling fan and shroud, JR.NEJ 120S gyro, Futaba 9201 servos

except throttle. Asking \$1150.00 OBO. Will separate.

Futaba 8UHP 1024 Heli Radio, Channel 16, with 2 129 DP receivers. Pristine condition, no scratches or dents. \$550.00.

Can send photos, if anyone is interested in purchasing any of this equipment that they should either e-mail, Aeronut04@aol.com or call during the day 630 261 9281. Thanks Jim Nicosia

Editor: From what I understand, I firmly believe the above Bergen and X-cell gas helicopters were hovered only a few times by a little old school teacher with no mishaps!!!

NORTHERN ILLINOIS RC HELICOPTER ASSOC.

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We are actively looking for new members to join our Radio Control Helicopter Club. All that is required is an interest in R/C helicopters, field permit, and a \$20 membership fee. Please feel free to join us at one of our meetings to become a member or just for a visit. We hope to see you at the next meeting. Our Club web page is: www.nircha.com and is maintained by Web Guys, Rich Erikson and Kevin Cashman.

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month, at 7:30pm, at John's Pizzeria, 100 E. Lake St., Addison, IL (1/2 block East of the intersection of Addison Rd and Lake St.). During the summer, the monthly meetings are held at the flying field, June, July, and August.

Our Forest Preserve Flying field is located on Grace St., Addison, and one mile north of North Ave. Field permits can be obtained by calling 630-933-7200.

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Membership can be renewed at any meeting or sent directly to our club treasurer, Robb Rinn, 433 Lake Lawn, Aurora, IL 60506. Check should be made out to Northern Illinois R/C Helicopter Assoc. You are the club and the club needs your support! Please renew your membership NOW!

