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**Next Club Meeting, 7:30 pm Tuesday,
November 12th**

At John’s Pizzeria in Addison

Editorial

I hope everyone still looks forward to getting his favorite club newsletter each month. If you do, I think a lot of the credit should go to member Jeff Anderson! When I first took over the club newsletter, what seems like almost 3 eons ago, Jeff stood up at a meeting and said, “Make sure you put something in the newsletter.” (I’ll bet he didn’t think I was listening.) While that is easier said than done, I do try to remember that simple but invaluable piece of advice each time I put your newsletter together. We are also lucky that we have a large group of people who regularly contribute. Just remember, if you do not send in anything for your favorite newsletter, I will always fill in with something good about me, which reminds me....

The morning shift at our flying field, consisting of Jamie, Neil, and myself are all now flying inverted only inches above the ground. Jamie is flying inverted to within 12 hundred inches of the ground, I’m down to 120 inches, and Neil is down to 12 inches. Who would have thought all three of us would be flying inverted only inches off the

ground?

Let's welcome two new members, Paul Barsamian from Glenview and Dan Miller from Romeoville to our club. Men, please don't hesitate to send in something to your club newsletter.

At next year's Fun Fly the Chef and I need access to Terry's P.A. system for any food related announcements and specials. When Chef Neil is up to speed it is a very fluid and fast environment to work in. A good example would be serving those tasty breakfast burgers of Neil's with just that slight hint of grill grease congealing on a fresh bun first thing in the morning!! For that great taste alone we must have instant communication with the public to keep Chef Neil's cuisine served hot and in a timely manner.

A must read this month is Good Eats by Chef Ruby. If you are a fan of truly great clam chowder, this is the one to copy down for posterity!!

Marty

President's Message

I don't know about you'all, but I have a hard time adjusting to the ending of Daylight Savings Time. I know with some people it puts an end to any weekday flying, and they switch to weekend flying. That has to be a real bummer. For me when time changes I have to go into work an hour earlier, BUT, I get out of work an hour earlier, too. So if I rush right home and do not have anything else to do, I can sneak in a flight. I hope to get my list and my honey do list whittled down so that I can get some flying in this fall/winter. This is a good month to make sure you make the meeting. It is time to finish up the "next year's officers" project. We are still looking for a replacement for Neil unless someone is able to talk Neil into staying on for "one more year". Maybe if enough of us plead, pester, coerce, and threaten him he will reconsider.

We had a promise of a very enlightening demo on Battery maintenance, facts, and theory. It will be one we all want to attend. It will attempt to explain how the magic smoke works inside our battery packs and what happens when the magic smoke leaves the battery and becomes visible to the naked eye. The one thing that I have learned over the years, listen up because this is deep and it applies to life in general not just RC. If the magic smoke leaves its container (TV, Fan, Air Compressor, the list goes on forever), the piece in question will most likely never work again (without costing you big bucks).

Soft Landings!

Terry

Editor: I hope everyone remembered to set his clocks back one hour. Jamie got an early start Sunday and arrived one hour early.

VP MESSAGE

It's not Fall/Winter, It's early Spring!

It's the time of year for many of us to dust off that trusty simulator CD and pop it into the PC. Time to sit down and think of what new moves you may want to start learning and really practice them. If you can look at it that way, the fall season and time change are really just opportunities for a fresh start. Sort of like an early spring.

LEAN, GREEN and MEAN

Or

Uniflow Fuel System

Or

Why I Now Use 2 Fuel Clips On My Heli

Have you ever noticed your heli running leaner towards the end of a flight? Or maybe the flight starts out too rich and then ends up OK. Either way, what happens is a

tendency towards running leaner near the end of a tank of fuel. This is true for all normal fuel setups as far as I know, except when using a pumped YS engine. Lower nitro (green) fuel is a bit more sensitive to this effect, as I am finding out. On 15% fuel, I've had flights that started out just fine and ended up where the heli got a little lean and mean.

The usual way to plumb a fuel tank is to run a line from the muffler to the vent on the tank. Another line runs from the clunk in the tank to the engine or header tank. There is another way that I've been experimenting with that is supposed to keep the engine from going leaner when the tank empties. I believe the idea is to eliminate the effects of varying fuel level in the tank. Some people call it a uniflow system. In this system, there are two lines inside the tank. They both have clunks on them. To provide the second line, I drilled a hole in the tank and installed another stopper, fuel line and clunk. One line goes to the engine as before, and the other line goes to the muffler. The vent on the tank now stays sealed off during operation (with a fuel clip) but must be opened when fueling the tank. So far the system has been working very well for keeping the mixture the same from a full tank all the way to empty. I intend to keep running it to see if there are any drawbacks. If I find a problem, I'll report it next time. For an explanation of a uniflow system, see website

http://www.fraserker.com/heli/unifl...iflow_works.htm

Mark Clausen

JUST for YUCKS!

Oooohh Nooooo, I'm going to tell a joke:

What do you call a very nice Italian chopper?

Heli fino!!!! Mark

Christmas Party

I have talked to John's, and they will set up the food like last year. It is served buffet style and was very good last year. The cost again this year will be \$15.00 per head. We charged everyone last year, and I think in order to maintain our treasury the same should be done this year. You will be able to bring your girlfriend or wife. It would not be a good idea to bring both. We will have a sign up sheet at the November meeting, and you will be able to prepay if you desire.

We plan on having our Christmas raffle, and this is how it works. For every member that attends (and pays for dinner) you will receive 1 ticket for the raffle prize (yet to be determined). We will draw for the prize toward the end of the night. I would like to hear suggestions on what to have as a prize. In the past we have given away a GY401 gyro.

Terry

Our Member and Good Friend Ed Komaniecki Passed Away

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On a sad note, the second week in October I received a phone call from Ed Komaniecki's sister, and she informed me that Ed passed away a few weeks ago. I am afraid I did not get all the details other than he had not been well for some time. If anyone has any other information please share it with us. I know we all enjoyed talking to Ed at our meetings, and he was a great person to know. He seemed to always carry a current copy of the Chopper News with him at the meetings, and you know how much I liked that. Ed will be missed by all of us. I hope some of our members will have more information to share

with us. Marty

Open Email from our President Before October Meeting

Guys,

I am sending this to all of you to inform you that I do not plan to run for President next year. I have enjoyed my last 3 years on the Board, and I feel that I have accomplished some of my goals for the club. We are no longer operating in the RED and have a little over \$2,000.00 in the account. This is not very much money, but considering that it was not very long ago we did not have enough money to set up a Christmas Party, I think we are headed in the correct direction.

Membership is close to 60 and growing with every meeting. I think it is time for some fresh thinking. I am not planning on leaving the club by any means. I would still like to take care of the fun fly for the club if you guys want me to. I plan to stay very active in the club and maybe even run for another office in the future. I'm just getting a little burned out and have a very busy year in store for next year.

October is traditionally the month for officer nominations, and I hope that we have someone willing to step up and take on the challenge of the presidency. I would be more than happy to help whoever is elected to take my place.

If anyone would like to move up to a different position let me know ASAP. I do also need to know who is going to continue in his present position.

Thanks, Terry,

Call 815-547-7016

Mark VP

Neil Secretary

Rob Treasurer

Appointed Positions:

Paul	Membership Coordinator
Marty	Editor
Linda	Number one proofreader
Neil	Grill Man
Marty	Pot scrubber, Hawker, and Instigator

Editor: (I may have added the last five positions to the list.) Terry, you have done a great job for the club. You always gave it your all and, because of that, we always had a large turnout for each meeting. Your leadership will be missed. The good news is you are willing to stay on as CD for our next fun fly. Many, many thanks for all of your time and hard work!!

Email From Terry after October Meeting

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To all NIRCHA club members:

Change is in the air. It is the time of year for nominations for next year's club officers. Based on the bylaws of the club, (you did read your bylaws, right?) the month of October is nomination month and elections (if needed) are held at the November meeting. I was hoping for a large turnout of members at the October meeting. That did not happen, and that is why I am sending this to all the members. Let's get right to the point.

President

I am not planning on running for President. I will continue to set up and CD the fun fly. I will also help out in any way that I can. Rich Erickson has decided to accept the nomination for President. If there is anyone else that would care to volunteer for president call me or email me or send me a registered letter (just kidding). The point is to let me know so we can set up the election for next month. If there is no interest in this, Rich will run unopposed.

Vice President

Mark Clausen has done a good job as VP. When I asked if he wanted to be the President he said, "VP is good." I take that to mean that he will continue in the VP position. If there is anyone else that would care to volunteer for Vice President call me or email me to let me know so we can set up the election for next month. If there is no interest in this, Mark will run unopposed.

Treasurer

Rob Rinn has indicated that he would like to step down and pass the envelope on to someone else. Rob took this over as a favor midterm to help out. It is now a year and a half later, and he is still doing it. Many thanks to Rob and his accurate envelopes. Charlie Tittlebach has expressed an interest in the treasurer's job. If there is anyone else that would care to volunteer for Treasurer, call me or email me to let me know so we can set up the election for next month. If there is no interest in this, Charlie will run unopposed.

Secretary

Neil has also said he would like to step down as he has many things on his plate right now, and his time is a little scarce. He did say that he would CONSIDER staying on as Chef Neil for future fun flies. Thanks, Neil, for all the hard work in the past. If there is anyone that would care to volunteer for Secretary, call me or email me to let me know so we can set up the election for next month. Note: We might be able to talk Neil into staying on as Secretary and Chef Neil. It might take someone to volunteer to help Neil out, sorta like a Secretary in training type of thing. Give it some thought, and if you

would like to lend Neil a hand during meetings and such, get in touch with him. Maybe he will retract his resignation.

Editor in chief

I am hoping that Marty will continue to produce the much sought after Chopper News, and it is also hopeful that he will continue to employ his right hand person, Proofreader Linda. Producing this monthly newsletter is no easy task, and Marty makes it look professional. The thing that we all have to remember is that without submissions and articles from all of us he would have a much harder time getting this done. So if you have a tip or article be sure to submit it to Marty and help him out.

If anyone has any comments, questions, or suggestions, please contact me.

Terry

Editor: Terry, Neil (there may be a chance he will retract his resignation), and Rob worked many long hours for the good of our club, and we hate to see them not run for office again. Great job, men, and many thanks!! We all really do appreciate your leadership and hard work!!

It is good to know that Mark is going to stay on and continue his good work as VP. Mark will be able to help our new leaders get a good start in the right direction.

Rumor has it that Chef Neil will be staying on for one more year, so we can all enjoy more of his culinary treats. What can't he do with burgers and those fresh tube steaks???

Paul has done a great job for us in keeping our ever-changing membership list up to date. But really, the most important thing that he accomplished was to get most members to get their newsletters by email, thus saving the club a bundle of money. Thanks, Paul, and we hope you will stay on another year as Membership Chairman.

My number one proofreader said she is willing to continue on, so I guess I will, too. I'm

more or less just a figurehead anyway or at best maybe a small rudder here at the Chopper News. Our number one proofreader has her job cut out for her each month, just keeping up with my too many commas and my legendary run on and on and on sentences.

Í Good Eats by Chef Ruby Í

Clam Chowder, from Bratten's Seafood, Salt Lake City

Ingredients: 2 (6 ½ oz.) cans minced clams, 2 cups finely diced potatoes, 1 cup finely chopped onions, 1 cup finely chopped celery, ¾ cup butter, ¾ cup flour, 1 quart whole milk*, 1½ tsp salt, dash of pepper.

Chef Ruby states: Drain juice from clams into soup pot. Add vegetables and add enough water to cover vegetables. Simmer covered until tender. In large saucepan melt butter and add flour. Blend and cook, stirring, 2 to 3 minutes. Slowly add milk; cook and stir until smooth and thick. Pour into vegetable mix. Add clams; heat through. Add salt and pepper. If needed, milk** may be added until desired consistency is obtained. Bon Appetite!!!

* Some Chefs prefer half and half.

**Or bottled clam juice.

Editor: Chef Ruby and her husband Jim are our good neighbors who I grace with our club newsletter from time to time. I think this recipe is her way of thanking us for receiving such an insightful and well-rounded newsletter.

Chef Ruby, please forgive me for I just can't seem to leave well enough alone. So in addition to the two cans of minced clams, I threw in a drained 10 oz can of whole baby clams on the theory that if a little is good, more has got to be better. Either way you have

it, it is great. The flavor is to die for!! This great recipe may just have saved me an 18-hour drive to the state of Maine for my chowder fix!!! All I need now is a touch of salt air. This is the clam chowder recipe I have searched for my whole life!!!! Dust off your pots and pans, men, and give it a go!!!!

Cheap Screws

If you are in need of special screws and nuts made of stainless, aluminum or alloy (which are the black and the strongest) you can go to www.fastener-express.com and find everything you need in metric or standard.

Ron Kwilinski

Email from Somewhere in China

It's lunchtime in China, but it's raining. Thought I'd get something out to you guys. Spent last weekend in Beijing, will fly to the far side of the Yellow Sea and spend this weekend in an old German beer town, Tsing Tao (also spelled Qing Dao). China's most popular beer is brewed there. I'm not much of a beer lover, but you gotta do something when you can't fly heli's. Still on track to return home on 10/25. Hope you guys are doing well and having fun.

The following sounds pretty good to me, but I bet it takes awhile.

Subject: Exercise Advice

For those of us getting on in years and needing a bit of exercise, I thought I might let you, my friends, in on a little secret I've found for building my arm and shoulder muscles. You might wish to adopt this regimen three days a week or so. I started by standing outside, behind the house, and with a 5-lb. potato sack in each hand, extending my arms straight out to my sides and holding them there as long as I could. After a few weeks, I moved up to 10-lb. potato sacks, then 50-lb. potato sacks, and finally 100-lb. potato sacks. Finally I got to where I could lift a 100-lb. potato sack in each hand and hold my arms straight out for more than a full minute. Next, I started putting a few

potatoes in the sacks, but I would caution you not to overdo it at this level. Steve Jensen

Editor: And I thought I was the only jokester in the club!! Could this be the start of a joke section??

Event Calendar

Our third annual Marty and Sidekick Non-Invitational Krispy Kreme First Day of the New Year Fly-In Non-Sanctioned Casual Free Donuts for Anyone Get-Together (MSNIKKFDOTNYFINSCFDFAGT) will be here before you know it. This January 1st my Sidekick will be providing hot gourmet Sanka coffee or equivalent to go along with my four boxes of free hot fresh Krispy Kreme donuts. If you remember, my Sidekick was a little under the weather last year from some bad peanuts he had the night before. Let's hope he stays out of that establishment this January 1st. Also, I think Patrick promised to forgo his annual trip to St. Thomas to play outside with us at our annual Krispy Kreme doughnut fest!!! Besides, why would he want to put up with sand in his shoes year after year in all of that heat?? This almost non-planned, non-event, casual gathering is for one and all, starts early about 8am and goes until all the donuts are gone. Please mark it on your calendar right now, January 1st, about 8 AM or thereabouts. See you then, Marty and Sidekick

Editor: Greg R. Reed, where are you??

Small Business Ads

Hi Marty,

I saw your request for small business ads and while I don't per se run a small business with a retail location, I do computer related things on the side. This includes things like basic computer troubleshooting, repair, or upgrading all the way to wiring a business or home for network connectivity. I also can write programs to any specification (golf manager, billing, etc. If you can think of it, I can most likely write it). I have been looking for a way to get my services out to a wider audience. This is a good place to start! People can contact me via email or phone at 630-449-1119. Thanks!

Eric Zimmerman, CON-WAY Logistics

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Snow removal: This fall if you are looking for a reliable snow removal service keep our fellow chopper flyer John Spatola in mind. John runs a lawn and snow service. I believe his motto is “Have snow blower, will travel” (small driveways and walks only, please). John can be reached at 630-543-4939

For Sale or Wanted, Lots of Good Stuff

For Sale: An 8 channel Futaba PCM transmitter, FP-T8UAP, on frequency 45, \$175 new, first 100 bucks takes it. Such a deal, 630-377-1865, Choppernews2@juno.com, Marty

For Sale: Wife says, “It has to go!!” Fiberglass fuselage including wing plans for a P40 War Hawk, 1/5 scale, by Nick Zirolì. I have a finished model for you to look at. This P40 has a 94-inch wingspan, will weigh about 28 lbs, needs 4 hp to 8 hp chainsaw engine, 6-inch wheels, and 24-inch prop. It would make a great winter project. 100 bucks obo, 630-377-1865, Choppernews2@juno.com, Marty

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 or e-mail jrealty@juno.com

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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 Helicopter Forest Preserve Flying field is located on Grace St., in Addison (on the border with Lombard), and about one mile north of North Ave. Field permits can be obtained by calling 630-933-7200.

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