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Next Club Meeting, 7:30 pm Tuesday,

October 8th

At John’s Pizzeria in Addison

Editorial

Our fun fly was fantastic and set a recent club record of 28 fun fly participants, but we came close to not having it at all. Terry had many obstacles placed in his way and once stated, “he was about ready to throw in his hoop jumping shoes”. Chef Neil also had to endure many challenges and almost turned in his spatula. We must thank our lucky stars that they both hung in there and stayed the course for the good of the club. Terry spent many long hours working on the fun fly, and it showed! Everything was as perfect as it could be. Terry has laid a strong foundation for our future fun flies, giving us more time to concentrate on the promotion end of our future get-togethers. Chef Neil also worked long hours preparing for this event. The Chef toted his professional gas grill from home, two large tables, food enough for an army, coolers, ice, his own fresh home grown

tomatoes, and the list goes on and on (I brought the BS and the hawking expertise). It was a good thing that Terry kept his hoop jumping shoes and Neil kept his spatula. Please take the time to thank both of our hard working leaders.

Terry was the first member at the field, and by the time I arrived he had his tent, speaker system, tables, and all the misc. setup things that a contest director needs. I arrived next and couldn't resist having some good clean fun by telling him he had the wrong weekend.

Chef Neil outdid himself this year with a very fine breakfast burger, a tasty luncheon burger, and the dinner piece de resistance double cheeseburger that was out of this world. Who could have thought that the soy burgers would have gone over so well (only kidding)?? How he accomplishes all of this in the roughest of conditions out in the field is beyond me. It was a real honor for me to witness this and be part of it in some small way. Great job, grill man!!!

Member Steve Krauleidis still holds the club record for five burgers from last year's fun fly. I personally sent Robb Rinn over by Steve to act as a shill with a juicy double cheeseburger. I instructed him to eat the juice laden double cheeseburger while standing directly in front of Steve to try and get Steve's gastric juices flowing. The ploy worked to some degree, but he never got close to his last year's club record.

There was some controversy about my two industrial strength bee traps. Some said a coke can worked better, but I do not believe that to be the case. There were only two kinds of bees, the ones that left or the ones that got stuck in my traps!! We had little or no bee swatting both days. The only problem was all the heads bumping into the hanging bee traps.

Member Tony Loquercio was kind enough to pass out pairs of forceps to any one within ear shot at the fun fly. The forceps will make a great addition to my toolbox. Later in the day Tony had the honor of being the first and only fun fly participant to have a mishap, although this editor came pretty close on more than one occasion.

My head is still spinning after trying to follow Jim Stark's helicopter demonstrations around the sky. That vertical 400 foot, tail first dive to the ground with a last second pull out was something to watch. I would hate to have to try and pull that 90 mph, 12 pound spear out of the ground.

We are going to have a new section this month. If you own a small business let me know, and we will run a small ad for you to let the other members know what you're

up to. A little plug for your business won't hurt anyone.

Correction: In last month's newsletter I got my wires crossed. I am an electrician, and this wire crossing happens from time to time. I had Jorge down as of "Swamp crashing fame", but we all know Ray C. Capitulo is of "swamp crashing fame".

President's Message

Well, I guess that I DO have some pull with the weekend weather. We had 2 good days for our fun fly. If you missed it, all I can say is "it sucks to be you". We had a 28 pilot turn out, 10 more than last year. We had the best food in town. Many thanks go out to Chef Neil and Trainee Marty. The burgers were excellent. I gave them 4 beer steins, but more importantly everyone I talked to said that the burgers were very good. Side note: I did not hear if Steve made an attempt on his world record burger consumption?

We were able to witness some very radical flying. Neil and Marty both want to try the 1000-foot, tail first, lawn dart maneuver, to a last second pull out! I guess if you succeed in the pullout it would not be called a lawn dart maneuver, would it now? The DuPage County Forest Preserve Rangers were very gracious during their visits and even provided extra trash bags.

See articles in elsewhere for the Stats to the games and other info. There is another article that you need to pay close attention to. It was authored by Rich Erikson, and it has to do with Club By-Laws. If you do not put any effort into making the bylaws truly, "by the people, for the people" something like Rich's experience could be a reality!

<G> Soft Landings! Terry

VP Message

FUN FLY STUFF

First and foremost: My many thanks go to President Terry King for all his efforts before and during our Fun Fly. It was a job well done. Terry has a way of making it look all so easy.

I think I can speak for all who attended the Fun Fly by saying Ahad a GREAT time@. I believe Day 1 had zero crashes, and Day 2 had near zero carnage. Nobody crashed this year in the heli events (could this be sorta >cause we had strange weather on Sunday and didn't have an auto contest?). I think that=s great considering the number of flights and

the diversity of helicopters flying. We had just about all brands of helis, from small electrics all the way to YS80 powered helibeasts. We even had a gasser big enough to carry Mini Me Marty around (had to be there). Of course we also had the usual pack of Raptors circling for the kill. I helped set up a brand new Kalt, and it ended the day hovering quite well (with lots more help down the line, thanks Brent).

I=ll admit to being a little more than inspired (awestruck?) by the advanced flying on Saturday, but I really think a whole bunch of the club members have jumped up a good 2 notches this year as well. I really enjoy being around a group who basically just loves to fly and improve when and where possible. Not all clubs are thata way, guys and gals. We have a very Aopen to all@ feeling in our club that shouldn=t be taken for granted.

OTHER STUFF

With the winter season approaching, some of us will be building new helis/ upgrading old ones. I had that in mind the other day when I went flying with a friend who had a fiberglass canopy entirely in primer gray, no windshield. We both had a hard time seeing orientation on that featureless, mummy-faced bird. It will get painted or replaced this winter, I=m sure. If you think you would like to add a little color or design to your canopy, start thinking of ideas, looking at other paint schemes, decals, etc. The right tidbits of color or text here and there can help you keep that heli in one piece. I even know a pilot who soberly said that a little lime green Cool Power sticker on the top of his tail boom really showed up well. I guess I=ll just have to believe him, because at 100 mph tail straight down, all I can see of his heli is whatever happened 2 seconds before! Yeah Baby! Mark

Event Winners

Copter Soccer: **1st Rich Erikson 29.31 sec**

2nd Mark Clausen 54.02 sec

Pick-up Hooks **1st Mark Clausen 4 hooks in 2min. 49 sec.**

2nd Rich Erikson 4 hooks in 3 min. 22 sec.

Bomb Drop (Scott Cathey 120 pts Club Record)

1st Rich Erikson 100 pts

5 way tie for **2nd** Orval Abney 60 pts

Mark Clausen 60 pts

David Hurst 60 pts

Steve Jensen 60 pts

Jim Stark 60pts

This year the force to be reckoned with was Rich Erikson. What he did not win, he came in 2nd place, Way to Go Rich! Sunday started out cloudy and gloomy and we did not have the turnout to hold the other competitions that we normally have, so we don't have any more to report. Other than, Sunday cleared off by the early afternoon to another beautiful day of flying. Thanks to all that participated! Terry

September fun Fly Recap

We had a great turn out, more pilots than last year. We will try to increase that for next year! We had some pilots from Michigan (Grand Rapids), Indiana (2 from Valparaiso and 1 from Elkhart), and Wisconsin (Juda by Monroe). The weather cooperated, and we had a blast. Several pilots were on hand to show us how to get the most out of a helicopter. I tried several times to mentally keep up with some of the maneuvers, and I crashed and didn't even have a transmitter in my hands. I talked to several people who were interested in getting into helicopters and were just there to check it out. I saw several people helping others get things set up correctly. I tried at the end of Sunday afternoon to help a newbie check his heli over and go through its first start, but there was too much that needed to be done.

We even had a group troubleshooting session on my helicopter. It worked fine early

Sunday morning when I flew about a half a tank. Later I went to fly again, and I had no control over the heli. Luckily I found this out before I started it, so we set about tracking down the problem. Checked the Battery it was good. Steve Hubbard flies on the same channel I do, so we brought over his module and plugged into my trans and checked to see if it would work, no go. We then used his trans and module that did not work either. Steve suggested I hook it up with the DSC cord, and it worked okay. So that left the receiver crystal. Changed that with a spare that I had with me and it worked without a flaw. Thanks for all the help, guys.

Rich Erikson was the lucky person to win the Futaba GY401 Gyro Donated by **AI's**, in the raffle. Kevin Cashman won the radio Donated by **Great Planes** and Neil Nesheim won the cordless Dremel Donated by **Dremel**

Thanks, Terry

Priceless

Hi Terry....

Just dropping a note to you because I was unaware of the new policy at our club meetings... I stayed back at the meeting and was talking to our new member Paul, and enjoying the night. We ended our conversation and Steve Jensen, Paul and I headed out the door. This is when the new bylaw (which I must have missed the day we voted it into action) came into affect. I am not sure of the wording of the new bylaw but I am sure it goes something like this:

Members will gather at a meeting place to be determined and hold said meeting in accordance with all of the guidelines set forth by a unanimous vote of said members. Club will supply a comfortable place to hold said meeting and promote good will and the hobby. Due to the time of said meeting a collection will be taken, and pizzas will be purchased and consumed by said members donating funds to the pot. (This is the good part). Treasurer is then to pretend to make payment to establishment and sneak out back door in a cloak of darkness and mystery. Congregated members stream out of said establishment in an inconspicuous manner. When the group has dwindled down to the last couple of members it is the responsibility of the next to last member to run out the door shouting..."Last one out pays for the pizza!!!" being very careful to laugh and point. Back up plan if second to last member out the door should fail his responsibility is to have the owner of said establishment chase last member out the door waving the unpaid bill (the back up plan is effective but not as much fun as primary point and laugh plan).

I think I have accurately depicted the new bylaw.... if I missed anything please let me know...I always want to stay on top of new policies. Rich (good thing I carry American 'priceless' Express) Erikson

Here is a list of “My Favorite” web sites to go browse around in, Terry

Forums (questions and answers)

Runryder.com	Forum for helicopter only discussion
Rotory.com	Mike Mas’ forum and other info
Rcuniverse.com	Lots of Radio Control forums not limited to Helicopters
Rcshowroom.com	Lots of Radio Control forums not limited to Helicopters

Heli & Engine Manufactures Websites

Acehobby.com	Raptors
X-cellrchelicopters.com	X-Cell
Jrheli.com	JR

Kyosho.

com

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Modelrec.com	Hirobo
Quickheli.com	Quick (HHI)
Osengines.com	OS

Most importantly is our website NIRCHA.com. If you go to the LINKS PAGE it does list all of the above and many online shops as well. Terry

Hot Setup!!

I have fought my receiver antenna wire for the last time. I now only use the Horizon base loaded antenna. It is available at your local hobby shop for fewer than ten bucks. You would think that your range would be less but with my Futaba transmitter antenna collapsed I get well over the 200 feet. Just make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions and as an added safety margin add heat shrink tubing over the quick release connection. Give your latest rocket ship a quick range check and your good to go!!

Marty

Snow Removal, Yes You Heard Me Right!

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

Displaying Our Country's Flag

For those of us who are displaying our country's flag we must remember to have it dry-cleaned or replace as needed. When your flag needs to be replaced the old one can be taken to your local VFW for proper disposal. They are the experts in this area and may have other options for you.

Í Good Eats by Chef Marty Í

Our Old Family Recipe for a *Quick Cherry Dessert* (Keep secret, for club members only)

1-can cherry pie filling

1-box "Jiffy" cake mix, yellow or white

1- stick butter

Pour cherries into 8" by 8" baking pan, cover top of cherries with "Jiffy" cake mix. Melt 1 stick of butter and pour on top of cake mix. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 35 minutes or until golden brown. It is very, very rich and serves four. Leftovers microwave very well the next day. It doesn't get any easier. Bon Appetite! Reprint from June, 2001 newsletter.

For Sale or Wanted, Lots of Good Stuff

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. Great winter project. 100 bucks obo, 630-377-1865 Marty

For Sale: USED:RealFlight Deluxe with Transmitter Interface and Generation 2 Upgrade. Asking \$95.00 NEW:RealFlight Generation 2 with Mode 2 Transmitter. Asking \$175.00 If interested call Ed (I have an answering machine) 773-239-2470 or emkoman@juno.com Thank you, Ed

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 jreality@juno.com

Addresses and Phone Numbers of Local Hobby Shops

(630) 832-4908	Al's Hobby Shop, Inc.	121 Addison	Elmhurst, IL
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(815) 786-8553	G & D Hobbies	1950 W. Church Street	Sandwich, IL
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	Hobbytown USA	3627 E. Main	St. Charles, IL
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(630) 587-1256

Venture Hobbies

23 Huntington

Wheeling, IL

(847) 537-8669

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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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