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Next Club Meeting, 7:30 pm Tuesday,

September 10th

At John’s Pizzeria in Addison

Editorial

About two weeks after you receive this newsletter we will be having our September 14th and 15th Fun Fly extravaganza. Terry should be totally exhausted by now with his non-stop hoop jumping. Not every club has such a great hoop jumper!!! Just for the record we are very lucky to have someone like Terry to be our Contest Director who is willing to meet all of the many challenges that are needed to pull off our club fun fly. Next time you see Terry, thank him for all of that extra effort.

Just a reminder that we are done with our summer meetings at the field, and our next meeting will be at John's Pizzeria in Addison.

Well, it has been months since we have seen our good friend Dr. Van Dorpe at the field. Rumor has it that he has been keeping busy on his farmette west of St. Charles. I am sure that keeping up with the critters and with Mother Nature can be a full time job on all of his beautiful green acres. Let's hope he finds time to get to the field and a meeting sometime in the near future. Stop by, I'll drive!!

Our mystery part turned out to be a fuel shut off. Terry was kind enough to supply the shut off for only 25 cents each. When was the last time you got anything for your helicopter for only a quarter? Terry said the club would make a few dollars even selling them for only 25 cents each. I picked up four of them. I believe I have seen the same part for as much as three dollars. Thank you, Terry.

Also, at the last meeting Steve Jensen gave out over one hundred free plastic boxes (yes, one hundred). I gorged myself and picked up six of them. The boxes will be great for storage and/or whatever. A line formed, and all were spoken for in minutes. Steve even supplied plastic bags to help us take home our booty. Thank you, Steve.

Make sure you read Must Read in this month's newsletter.

I take great pleasure in welcoming two new members to our club, and the new members are: Patrick Lizer of Glen Ellyn and Charles Tittelbach of LaGrange. It is good to have you both in our club. How about putting something in your favorite club newsletter next month??

This month our tabloid is being sent all the way to India to member Dave Mosquera. Let's hope Dave can make it back in time for our fun fly. India ties China for the distance record, I believe.

At our field I just got done making my first vertical figure eight. There was some hullabaloo about it being more of a five than an eight (one thought more like a paper clip), but in grade school I swear that is how I made my eights. Think way back when you printed your first eight in grade school. What did it look like, and was your pencil moving over 60 miles an hour the first time you made one???

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.

We are not getting a consistent response from our membership in the Good Eats by Chef Who Ever section. So I think we should include recipes from Wives and/or Girl friends in this area. Please, talk to your Honey Bunch and have her send something in soon.

Another must read this month is an email from member Jorge Gonzales.

Let's all make a special effort to get to our fun fly on September 14th and 15th. You can bring something to fly, something for static display, or just to watch or maybe just bring a healthy appetite. Join in on the fun. We are hoping for a 100% club turn out. All fifty-four members!!! Marty

President's Message

This month we are back to John's for the meetings. We also go back to the 7:30pm-start time. I hope to get to the field before the meeting to see if I can still fly a heli. This is the last meeting before the fun fly. I have ordered the weather for our fun fly. We will see how much pull I really do have when it comes to ordering weekend weather. I still have a few hoops to jump through to make this all pull together. I thought I was done with the exercise portion of this fun fly, but as it turns out, I have some last minute hoops to attend to. We will finalize the games portion of the fun fly this meeting. So if you have a game that you have seen done or think will be neat to do come to the meeting and explain it to us. I still have to check out the famed Bomb Drop contraption to see if I can get another year out of it. This will make the 3rd year for this set up. Maybe I can get a chance to practice a little with it. Nah, that would be an unfair advantage, although it will be hard to beat Scott Cathy's high score from last year. By the way, this is a game that can be done by just hovering, too. So you don't have to be a 3D guru to do this one. Copter soccer is also one that is done by hovering. Food this year will be by the famous Chef Neil and his right hand man (and food critic) Marty. I can't wait; my mouth is watering already. Maybe we will be able to witness Steve break his most hamburgers eaten at one sitting record set last year!

Soft Landings! Terry

VP Message

Wow, the summer is going fast! It won't be long before it is too dark for me to fly after work. It will be weekend flying only, and that is that. This time of year I envy those who get home earlier than I do.

We do have the club fun fly to look forward to. It was a ton of fun last year, although I came late and missed the hamburgers off the grill. So this year I plan on concentrating my efforts on the eating competition! If my heli is still flying by then, I will also try the flying games. I'm a bit worried about the heli, though. The frame is broken in 5 places. Instead of the bomb drop, I may just do an engine drop!

Happy flying, Mark

9/11 Lights On!!

PLEASE forward this email to everyone in your address book asking him or her to also forward it. Please join us on 9/11.....we have over a month to get the word out all across this great land we love and call the United States of America. Let's see how powerful e-mail can be! On Wednesday, September 11, 2002, everyone in the USA who will be driving a motor vehicle is asked to drive with his or her headlights on during daylight hours. Though no explanation is needed as to why we are commemorating September 11.....we hope more importantly to pay respect to the victims of that day, show our nation's solidarity and show support for our men and women of the Armed Forces. You can help by sending this e-mail on to others!

Remember.....9/11 LIGHTS ON! (I received this today from my brother, and I am passing it on.) Marty

Academy of Model Aeronautics

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The AMA is raising the fee schedule, and it will affect all of us. A standard membership is going to \$58.00 up \$10.00. A senior (over 65 years young) membership is going to \$48.00, again a \$10.00 increase. The yearly club charter is \$30.00, which is again a \$10.00 increase. The insurance Certificate that we get for the Grace Street Field is going to be \$60.00. That is a \$40.00 increase! The sanction application fee for our September Club Fly is \$20.00, and that is \$5.00 higher than this year.

Keep in mind that \$58.00 is still pretty cheap for the insurance coverage. I'm sure the death of the pilot in Arizona this spring and the costs incurred by 9-11 have hit the insurance companies pretty hard. I would expect AMA rates to go up again the following year, too. This is just my opinion. I do not have a WORKING crystal ball.

Terry

Must Read

A good tip from Ron and Jamie: At the field the other day Neil found that his antenna broke away from his receiver. On closer inspection Jamie and Ron found that silicone had been used on the antenna connection. Neil had applied silicone on his receive antenna to seal it, reduce vibration, and strain in that area. Jamie and Ron both stated that silicone contains an acid and should never ever be used on or near any electronics. Over time the connection will turn black and rot the wiring. After much arm-twisting Neil finally gave in to what he had done, except he thought the color was more of a very dark gray instead of black.

Anytime is a good time to fly...

I have a good habit of keeping my Rappy charged and in my car almost all of the time so that I can fly when the opportunity shows itself. Well, it just so happened that on my way to a work related seminar, I was getting dangerously close to the Heli field (a rare event since I work in Morton Grove). The gravitational pull was too much to bear, and my car just ended up in the parking lot. Since I had left that morning with ample time to arrive I had 40 minutes to burn...burn fuel that is. For those who don't know, our field is awesome in the morning, sun at your back, and light or no wind. It was about 7:30 in the

morning and it was great...except for not having anyone to chat with. Moral of the story.... be prepared.... keep your eyes open for opportunity and go fly...ya never know who might be out flying!!

Keep the stuff that spins out of the dirt.

Rich Erikson

Flying Field Chat

At the flying field the other weekend Jamie mentioned that he cut a hole in the bottom of the canopy of his Raptor for better cooling. It looks like an obvious answer to engine over heating, and I am a little embarrassed I had not thought of it before. In the front of the canopy about an inch or so up from the bottom attachment point he cut a triangular hole about the area of one inch square directly in line with the glow plug. It sure looks like a great idea to me.

Interesting Email From Member Jorge Gonzales

“Of Swamp Crashing Fame”

Hi Marty,

I thought it would be a neat idea if our club was on Wild Chicago TV Show, which showcases Chicago's hidden side such as special interest clubs and hobbies. This might provide us excellent exposure to our club and the hobby we love.

Well, here is the response from the e-mail I sent them. I thought their response should be fwd to the appropriate committee in charge of marketing. I'm sure it will be in good hands with you. Thanks in advance.

Jorge Gonzalez

Hi Jorge!

I was wondering if you can give me a little more info on the Radio Control Helicopter Association and if there is any way you can give me a number to get a hold of you I would greatly appreciate it. Thanks!

Cheryl Romanoski

Wild Chicago

Editor: It sure sounds like Jorge has got us moving in an interesting direction! This could be our club's 15 minutes of fame. I will keep you posted as this story develops.

More news: Terry brought this up at our meeting with many people interested but a few members were uncomfortable about the possibility of our fun fly being put on TV. I am not sure, but it looks to me like a few of our members may be in the witness protection program or have some outstanding warrants and don't want to be seen on TV (only kidding, but the club could supply makeovers or disguises if needed). Please let us know at the next meeting if you need assistance in this area. My sidekick will be in charge of any needed makeovers or disguises.

More, more news: This great idea may be too late for anything this year, but you never know. Wild Chicago film crew could show up without any notice!!! I doubt if they will be at our fun fly, but you never know. Our hoop jumper CD does seem to have his hands full trying to pull this fun fly off and may not need this extra hoop!!! I just want to let you know where we stand on this. Jorge sent this information to me. I passed this on to Terry. Terry has his hands full with the fun fly and gave it back to me. I just made a lateral pass back to Jorge. It's Jorge's baby!!! Only time will tell. See you at our fun fly on the weekend of September 14th and 15th. Who knows, you may end up on the boob tube, Sunday night on channel 11 at 10:30PM!!

Note From Gary Ohlin (Mr. Helping Hands)

For those of you that do not know, Gary has turned pro! He wants to let everyone know that for a few shekels he will build and/or setup any brand helicopter. I know that Gary is very knowledgeable (he has answered a million of my questions), and I am sure he builds a great machine. For those that are interested, he can be reached at 630-629-6177. As most of you know, Gary is semi retired, and I hope this new venture will keep him out of trouble and off the streets. With too much free time you never know what trouble an almost senior could get into!!! Do your part to keep an almost senior on the right track!!! Call Mr. Helping Hands Now!!!

Event Calendar

News Flash: It is one of the up-and-coming Fun Flies of this millennium. Our annual NIRCHA Fun Fly, September 14th and 15th. Please, mark it on your calendar right now. We will have the same great food as last year with our renowned Chef Neil and his talented pot scrubber trainee, Marty. I give the burgers, chips, canned cokes, and maybe some morning Krispy Kremes an unabashed, *2 Beer Steins (Tums will be located in the rear of the concession area, available only on a first come, first serve basis and please, no pushing and shoving like last year). Let's try for a 100% club turnout. Drag racing, Auto contest, and bomb drop are among some of the activities planned with lots of great prizes. Spectators are welcome as long as they have ravenous appetites. Our masterful Terry King will CD this event and can be contacted at 815-547-7016.

Sandwich Fair: It's a blast!!! Great relaxing fun and one of the best in the state, bar none. It is at a much slower pace and more fun than our local county fairs and the dates are September 4th through the 8th. Check web site, www.sandwichfair.com for particulars and directions (815-786-2389). I would never steer you wrong on this one. The Truck Pull, Fiddle Contest, and Harness Race are just a few of the many things to see and do. It is just plain good clean fun!!! Once again check out Fay's pork chop dinner with its usual *4 beer stein rating. Don't let the long line scare you off. They are so well organized you move through the line in minutes. If you like the pork or chicken let me know because I have access to the much sought after secret ingredients. One of this rag's seasoned reporters was able to track down the secret ingredients.

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

For Sale or Wanted, Lots of Good Stuff

For Sale: 1 flown but never crashed .30 Quick Pro EMS Carbon Heli. No electronics, motor, or main blades. Painted Fiberglas canopy and fins. Carbon Frames, Metal fan, smooth as silk (New sells for \$499.99)

1 new in box .30 Quick Pro EMS Metal Heli. Unassembled and still in original packing. (New sells for \$399.99)

I would like to sell both together for \$400.00 See Terry King

For Sale: OS61SXH-WC engine new in box, \$175 also 600 mm fiberglass blades. Semi-symmetrical, \$20.

Wanted: CP 30% heli fuel. If you have too much fuel and don't want to winter it, let me know! Call Mark Clausen at

815-325-1565 or Markclaus@hotmail.com

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: 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 jrealty@juno.com

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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