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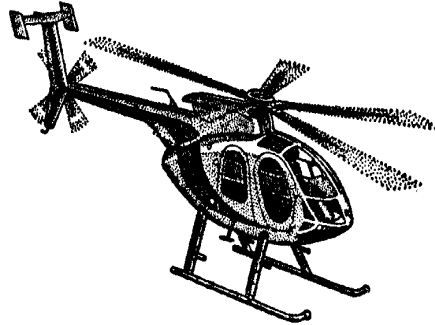
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Northern Illinois Radio Control Helicopter Assoc.

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Next Club Meeting, 7:30 pm, Tuesday, November 8th, 2005

Meeting is at John's Pizzeria!!!

From the Editor...

Newsletter articles get sent to: lstevens@ksbhospital.com Thanks!

Larry

President's Message

Well the season for most is winding down. I myself will not fly in temps below 55 degrees. Why? Cause I am a wuss, plain and simple ;-). I did however finally find a day to go and fly and because it was the end of the season. I took lots of chances and won!!! I flew more aggressively than I have ever flown before and added a number on new tricks to my bag: loop with a piro at the top, forward flip, fast piro stall turns, consecutive hovering rolls both ways, consecutive hovering forward flips(not bad since one tank before was my first forward flip), consecutive hovering backflips, short bits of inverted hovering, half roll into a half loop and half loop into half roll. And I only lost it once or twice with a scary bailout. I told my buddy to yell at me come spring time to do all the same tricks again so I don't revert to my safe and happy flying style of only one loop or one roll per pass. I had a hoot throwing my Rappy 50 around with reckless abandon!! If I can get out one more time this year I really want to try a Death Spiral (get up high...quarter roll on to it side, 0 pitch, and full back elevator) Seems do-able!! I am also tearing up the sky with my flying wing. Man, those things can take a hit, cause I am also tearing up the sod with it!! I was practicing low inverted circuits with the thing when my brain went dead and I pulled back instead of pushing up. Remember when inverted, up is back and back is expensive!! High speed nose dive right into the

dirt, but the Zagi took it. Everyone there thought I would be picking up pieces. Nope! My hatch popped off and only needed a piece of tape to put it back on.

If anyone is thinking of getting a plank, I highly recommend these foam wings, tough tough tough!

My e-flight Blade has taken a down turn, I am having issues with flight times all of a sudden. Very frustrating, cause I liked it so much and was having a great time with it. As soon as I find what is going on with it I will be sure to report back so anyone with a similar problem can benefit from my experience.

Remember the Christmas party is coming up and we need to get a head count going. So please let us know if you are planning to attend or not so we can get a head count to John's for the dinner. Please let us know either way, if you are or are not coming, but we hope you are!!! Same deal as last year, \$10 a head for members or guests, white elephant gifts under 5\$ must give one to get one, great food, XRB flights will be available and more!

And as a last note, we are desperately in need of a person to take over the president office as I won't be able to do it next year. I have taken on a second job and my time will not be my own anymore. Please give me a call (815)356.8518 if you are interested or know someone who might be. So come on, step up and be the Big Man on Campus!! :-)

See ya at the party!!!

Rich Erikson

Minutes for October Meeting

The meeting was held at John's Pizzeria with 12 members present and 2 guests.

Rich Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Officers present were Rich Erickson, Mark Clausen, Charlie Tittlebach, Ron Kwilinski, Paul Girard and Larry Stevens

Treasurer's report is \$1563.32

Minutes for the September meeting were read

The membership report is at 42

Old Business

You **MUST** tell Al's you are from the club so we will get credit for the rebate program when you make a purchase

There were no nominations made for any offices

New Business

The Christmas party will be at the December meeting. The cost will be \$10.00 per person, Paul Girard will be contacting everyone to find out if they are coming

Crash and Smash award was won by Tony Loquercio, uncontested

Demo

Rich Erickson demonstrates the Blade with an upgraded tail

Jeff Anderson brought in a TRex with many aluminum upgrades

The raffle was held. Pizza was eaten

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Other

Steve Krauleidis brought a heli into the meeting, which he had just got from Al's. It was

an Xcell Stratus, still NIB. He doesn't like the colder weather so he's going to take his time on the build. It will be powered by a YS 91

A Raptor 50, a Raptor 30 and an eFlite Blade were brought in for sale at the meeting.

submitted by ***Ronald Kwilinski***

My time with a Blade

Last month I wrote about how, when you are asked to be a spotter for a pilot you have a responsibility other than getting a bit of a sun tan. The purpose of the article wasn't to express how Cindy and I got into an argument, but how the argument could have been avoided had a pilot's spotter done her job. I hope if nothing else it got a few of you thinking. I really don't care who you use as your spotter, including your significant other. Actually Cindy and I have a nice time when we're on the line together.

Anyway, a couple of things happened this month that put in my hands on what many of you already possess. I got my very own Blade. I managed to put a few dollars away, and Horizon finally got caught up with demand. This last sentence in itself says a whole lot. The demand has been so great for this product that it took several months for Horizon to get caught up. Obviously, for those of you who don't have one yet, this micro heli is not a toy. It is truly a miniature version of a full size helicopter.

Regardless, Rich has already written quite a bit about his feelings regarding this micro. I had some similar experiences, and a few things of my own preference were addressed. In the past I've had quite a bit of experience flying the Ikarus Piccolo, and Century Hummingbird. I haven't flown a micro in a few years, but I didn't think there'd be much in the way of a different feel. Boy was I wrong. I got the thing home, put some AA dry cells in the transmitter, and as the instructions said, discharged the supplied battery. That first hop was mister toads wild ride... I was all over the TV room. Just as Rich mentioned in his first writing, I was picking up a pretty serious glitch also. The glitch was solved simply by collapsing the transmitter antennae about half way. I'm not a radio technician, but I know from previous experience that these glitches are sometimes caused by over radiation at the antennae tip, and can be eliminated by reducing the length of the antennae. (sounds good anyway-at least it works) I finally got a decent hover just as the battery died. Much more of this and I would be the ex-owner of a Blade. First thing I said to myself was "pull the darn ratchet out of the throttle stick" For those of you who've never done this, it's not a big deal. There's four screws that hold the back of the transmitter case in place. Remove these screws, and you'll see the piece of bent metal that forces the throttle stick to ratchet. I simply removed the gizmo, and re-bent it so that it would place some friction on the throttle, but not ratchet. I didn't feel like dragging my NiMH charger out of the cabinet, so I plugged the battery into the supplied wall charger and called this first flight fun.

The next morning I got up and while still wearing my comfy shorts and a sweat shirt I decide again to practice a little hovering. I'm sort of flying around my TV room about half under control when the thing starts to drift towards me. Mentally I was pushing the stick, but not getting the response I needed out of the helicopter. OUCH!!!! this thing hurts when the main blade spins into ones thigh! Back on the floor, hovering around, and this time it's drifting to the coat rack... Same thing, I'm pushing the stick, but not getting any response. Cut the throttle, and hit a pair of gym shoes. The laces get all wrapped up in the main blades. Crap, two flights, and one set of blades. What the heck is going wrong? The fix was simple. I again removed the back of the transmitter case, and took about half the tension out of the centering springs by simply loosening the tension blocks. Very simple fix. I don't know if it's age, or what, but those centering springs seemed to be awfully strong. I always preach to fly the airplane, (or heli) not the transmitter. For this reason I fly with very soft sticks. These two simple fixes, seemed to be, at least for me, just what the doctor ordered.

For those of you who don't have one yet, but would like to stay active during the winter months, this is a nice affordable electric helicopter. Like Rich, and many of you who already have one are finding out, these things are not only a good tool to have around, but they're just a plain blast to fly.

Denis McFarlane

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*Up and Coming Events by Terry King
2005*

NIRCHA Frozen Fingers Fly

January 1st, Addison field on Grace street

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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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