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Northern Illinois Radio Control Helicopter Assoc.

One of **The World's Largest R/C Helicopter Clubs**

AMA CHARTER NO.2099

Next Club Meeting, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 10th, 2006

at Al's Hobby Shop!!!

N.I.R.C.H.A. Fall Fun Fly, Woohoo!!!!

It's all in the books.

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

Larry

September 12th Minutes

The meeting was held at the Al's Hobby Shop with 11 members and 0 guest present.

Mark Clausen called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

Officers present were Mark Clausen, Charles Tittlebach, Ron Kwilinski and Paul Girard.

The treasurer's report is \$510.60

There were no minutes to read. (out of town again)

The membership report was given by Paul Girard and stands at 34.

Presidents Message

It was stated that we need people to step up and do your part as an officer of this club to keep things running.

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.

The club Fun Fly was another success. There were 20 pilots and all had a great time

New Business

Election for president is coming up soon.

Charles Tittlebach will stay on as treasurer for one more year.

Ronald Kwilinski will stay on as secretary for one more year.

Tony Loquercio offered to take on the position of vice president for one year.

A discussion was had about trying to see what the members want out of the club. It was decided to put out a survey which we hope everyone will fill out and put some input.

Cindy talked to the owner of the Pizza place next door about a Christmas party and that's taken care of.

There was no Crash and Smash reported.

Demo

It wasn't a demo but there was a discussion about battery safety.

There was a Raffle. Pizza was had.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm, "good meeting"

Ronald Kwilinski

Guest speaker Next Meeting!

Members~

Dan from True R/C will be at the Oct 10th meeting. He will talk about lipo batteries, charging and other questions you might have. The meeting will be at Al's at 7:00. Hopefully, alot of you will be joining us.

This will be the first of several guest speakers, so let's have a good turn out.

Cindy

Always put off today what can be done later

This really doesn't have much to do with model helicopters, although the aftermath did have an effect on the size of my personal air force.

It happened on the recent weekend of September 21/22. The blonde is a student at Purdue University in Lafayette, IN. I'd made plans to go visit with her, leaving on Friday afternoon, tailgating all day Saturday and then returning to Lombard on Saturday evening.

When I left Lombard everything was fine. The skies were clear, the temperature was warm. Once in Lafayette I set up my camper and waited for my daughter and her friends to arrive for supper Friday evening. As I said it sounds like a typical family story. The only thing to make it more boring would be home movies.

Saturday, I had just poured a cup of coffee and had stepped outside to read the morning paper. I had tried a couple of times to get in touch with Cindy, but she wasn't answering the phone. Nothing big, perhaps she walking Willie our dog or in the shower getting ready for work. Around 8:30am my phone rang. My first comment was "Where the heck have you been?" You must now stop reading, take a breath, and in the loudest, fastest you can yell, say "**The house is flooding!!**" As most of you know, I'm deaf, so I wasn't sure exactly what I'd heard. "**The house is flooding!!**" was again yelled into the phone. After I managed to calm Cindy down I was able to determine a series of thunderstorms had passed through our area on Friday evening around 5:30pm knocking the power out to our house. We'd been without electricity now for 15hrs, it was still raining and the resulting rising water was now in our home.

At once I got in touch with brother-in-law John, the fireman, explained the situation, and asked him if he'd go to Menards and get a generator. It took several phone calls, but he picked up a decent portable generator, and got it running. Our last call happened at 10:30am, when he told me he had the generator running, and the water was going down quickly. At that point my cell phone went dead, and I was now out of communication. I was still about an hour away from Lombard, and driving like Tony Stewart. (I had no idea just how agile a 10,000lb class-c motorhome can be when you're in a hurry) Once home I surveyed the situation, found a Com-ed employee, and after talking with him figured I'd need to get some more

gasoline for the generator. It seems a tree had been blown through a set of power lines, and in-turn knocked power for my area. I'd be without electricity for several more hours before the lines were repaired. Power was restored to my residence at about 2:30pm, a full 21hrs after the incident began.

Flooding was limited to the room I refer to as the "dungeon" it the utility room, furnace, washer drier, SUMP PUMP, etc. The walls and floor are unfinished poured concrete, hence the term dungeon. It's also my hobby room. All our valuables which were in storage are kept in plastic bins. My helicopters are high on a shelf, but not the airplanes. I lost at least two, perhaps three airplanes. The only one of value being a 1/3 scale Sopwith Pup that's not finished. I've been chipping away at the airplane for 3 yrs now. It was not a good feeling to walk downstairs and see the wings floating around the room. My transmitter case was also sitting on the floor. The transmitter was out and on the work table, but I also keep a quick field charger, and a voltmeter. In this case, I'm under the impression that once these items are completely dried out they'll work perfectly, but I doubt I take that chance.

Once the water had receded I put a ruler against the wall. We got between 5 and 6 inches of water. In all honesty we were lucky. There are two sumps in our utility room. One for rain water and the second is an injector for waste. Thank goodness the gate valve held. That would have been a real disaster. I can replace a couple of older airplanes. Our valuables came through unscathed.

As I write this things are for the most part back to normal. It quit raining Sunday morning and the sun came out shortly thereafter. With the sun and resulting breeze I was able to open a window and this helped considerably with the cleanup. In fact with nothing more to do but wait and see, I took the ribs I'd taken with me to Lafayette and grilled them for Cindy and I to enjoy Sunday evening. The ribs and a cocktail helped my attitude considerably.

We'd only been in the house a couple of weeks when I noticed the sump pump wasn't working properly. When I replaced the unit I thought to myself if ever a major storm came through and we lost power for any length of time we'd be in trouble. I had known this for several years, but getting a backup generator was always a round-tuit.

Don't get caught with your pants down like I did. If you foresee a problem be a boy scout, and be prepared.

Mad Mac

HO HO HO!!!!

The clubs Christmas is coming up in no time.

This year we have a new place to party. It will be at the Pizza Palace, 117 Addison Ave, Elmhurst. It is right next to Al's Hobbies.

The date is **Tuesday December 12** at 7.30pm. The dinner starts at 8.00pm.

The cost is \$10.00 for members and \$10.00 for guest also.

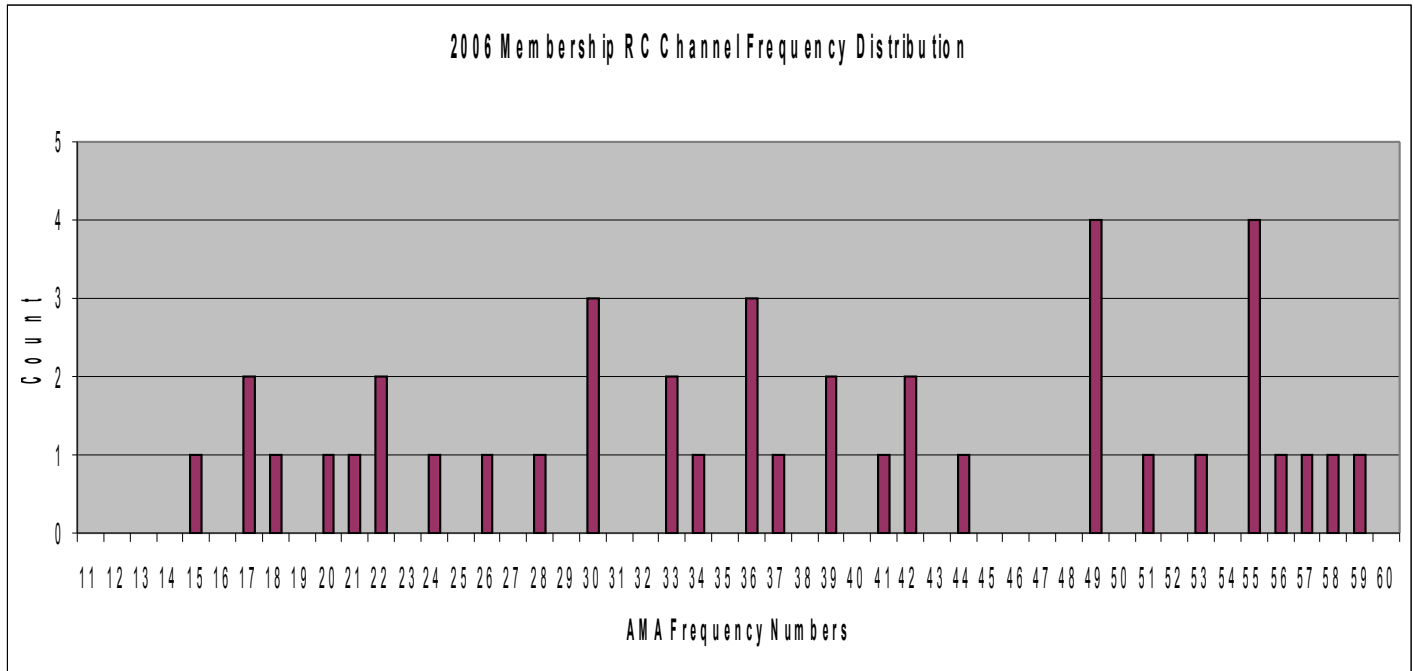
A cash bar will be available. More info to come but mark you calenders now!! The food is great there

Thanks Cindy

Kevin gains experience and inspiration at the fun fly

Kevin here. Howdy to all. I've been trying to get a couple flights in every day. Took one up tonight and set her back down to refuel and my glow wire broke, so I had no heat to the plug. Bummer! I'd just been experimenting with pitch and throttle curves to get more response in climbouts and descents. Getting more familiar with the 9303, I've noticed the more linear I get with the curves especially with throttle, it increases my idle from a quarter throttle trim for start up to almost zero trim. Just a little higher idle than necessary, throttle travel adjust? Maybe I need to back some numbers off. I'm glad to be finally getting to understand the programming aspect of the hobby. Fun fly was cool! Lots of good stuff and awesome flying. I couldn't find a flight pack with the servos I wanted for my new Raptor 50, so I'm gonna buy it individually. I hope to have my 50 flying in a couple weeks. I hope anyway! That thing is so much lighter than my JR 30 its unbelievable! Looking forward to seeing it up! All for now. Kevin Pocius.

Frequency Usage Chart by Paul Girard and Dave Mosquera



Up and Coming Events 2006

Winter 2006/2007

October 10th NIRCHA Club meeting @ 7:00 pm

NIRCHA meeting will be held @ Al's Hobby Shop in Elmhurst

Check your Model Aviation for further details

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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 7:00pm, at Al's Hobby Shop, 121 North Addison Rd, Elmhurst, IL. 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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