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CHOPPER NEWS

All of your helicopter needs and expert help are just down the street at your Local Hobby Shop!!!



This should buff-right out...

April 2007

Hurry up Spring!!

Al's Hours

Mon 12 - 8

Thur 10 - 8

Sun 12 - 5

Tues 10 - 8

Fri 10 - 8

Weds 10 - 8

Sat 9 - 5:30

Northern Illinois Radio Control Helicopter ASSOC.

AMA CHARTER NO.2099

Next Club Meeting, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 10th, 2007

At Al's Hobby Shop!!!

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

Larry

From the Executive Offices

A note from the Prez:

Club members,

Spring is upon us every one needs to remember to check their helis and charge their batteries. We do not need to see anyone get hurt. Last month's meeting went ok. Mike never showed up to do a talk on how to build foamies, but Tony ran the meeting well. Thanks Tony I got stuck upstairs and never got a chance to make it down to the basement. This month, Terry King is doing a talk on blade balancing. After that, it's off to the field for short meetings and hopefully a lot of flying, I might even try it. I know that is amazing. Everybody remember the fuel sale the prices are great if you are using fuel. For those of you electric guys maybe a battery sale sometime soon.

Thanks, The Prez

Minutes for March 03/13/2007

The meeting was held at Al's Hobby Shop with 10 members and 0 guest present.

Tony Loquercio called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

Officers present were Tony Loquercio, Charles Tittlebach, Ron Kwilinski and Paul Girard.

The treasurers report is \$680.00

The January minutes were read.

The membership report was given by Paul Girard and stands at 28.

Presidents Message - There was no message

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.

Ron brought in samples of club business cards to be given out to prospective members. One was selected and the order will be placed.

New Business

Tony is going to look into having a fun fly in the month of June or July at the Field at Irving and Cumberland. This would be a lot closer for many of the members.

There was no Crash and Smash reported.

Demo - The guest speaker didn't show up

There was a Raffle, but there was no pizza because of lack of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Ronald Kwilinski

Life out of balance? How about just your blades?

Terry "Balance Master" King will once again be bringing his blade balancing show to A's for all to see. He will explain the how-tos and the how-not-tos of blade balancing. Bring any/all blades that you would like balanced. The only prerequisite is that you **must already have the roots glued** for any woodies you bring. Show time is: April 10th @ 7 p.m.

Spring Has Sprung

Has this weather been unbelievable? It's hard to describe to friends or family who don't live in this area. It was just a couple of weeks ago that I had my Jeep in four-wheel-drive pulling our motorcycle trailer off its parking pad. Then, I had to shovel the coach out of a six foot snow drift in order to make our annual spring trip. Of course the only place to put the snow was where the trailer had been parked. When we got back from vacation I had to move snow around just to get the trailer back on the pad. Now, we're having record warmth. Of course all the rain that goes along with this warmth has the back yard under water, but what the heck... Like I said, how do you describe this to others who don't live here?

With the warm weather comes the desire to get outside and fly, but please, don't rush. I've said this many times, and will say it again. There are no rewards for being the first to crash at the opening of flying season. Over the course of this past winter all sorts of gremlins have found their way into the inner workings of our miniature helicopters. Before you rush out take a few minutes and once again, don't just look your machine over, but actually touch it. Your hands are much more sensitive than your eyes.

Honestly, just try it. You'll be amazed at the things you can feel that your eyes have not seen.

One last little thing, like I mentioned, it's spring and we all want outside. If you are like me and literally the hundreds of others who succumbed to the CX-2 craze your skills are not as sharp as they were last fall. I absolutely love the CX-2; I'm not knocking the product at all. I was flying mine in the TV room on a regular basis, all winter long, repeatedly practicing nose in. However, the CX-2 is not a Raptor-50. Take your time when you make that first trip to the flying field this spring. Check your heli over closely. Take a few short hops just to hover and make sure everything is working the way you remember last fall. Once you exit the CX-2 mindset, and enter the Raptor-50 (or your favorite helicopter) have some fun. We've got a full season ahead of us. Like I said there are no rewards for the first crash.

Well, I suppose I should clarify what I just said. That last statement means you. I've got two machines sitting in the dungeon awaiting repairs. I'm sure Gary has his share of repairs to make also, and that's just in our area. I suppose there are rewards for crashing, just not to those who crash. Perhaps I've spoken too soon. I know there is a huge selection of parts at my favorite hobby shop.

Mad Mac

Up and Coming Events 2007

Spring 2007 is coming soon to a field near you.

April 10th	Club meeting at Al's @ 7 p.m.
May 8th	Club meeting at Al's @ 7 p.m.
May 19th	Spring Club Fly at Belvidere
June 20th/21st	Todd Bennett Flying School
June 22nd/23rd	Al's Memorial Fun Fly @ St Charles
September 8th	Fall Club Fun Fly at Belvidere

Northern Illinois RC Helicopter Assoc. AMA Charter No. 2099

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.

Club Officers

President	Cindy McFarlane	630-832-4908	Treasurer	Charles Tittlebach	708-352-4915
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Al's Dynamite Fuel Sale*

2007

<u>Cool Power or Omega</u>	Normal Price(plus tax)	5 Cases(tax incl)	12+ Cases
5%	\$11.99	\$9.50	\$9.25
10%	\$12.99	\$10.99	\$10.79
15%	\$14.99	\$12.09	\$11.79

HELI FUEL

15%	\$14.99	\$12.09	\$11.79
30%	\$21.99	\$19.29	\$18.59

<u>Wildcat</u>	Normal Price(plus tax)	5 Cases(tax incl)	12+ Cases
10%	\$13.99	\$10.79	\$10.59
10% Extra	\$13.99	\$10.99	\$10.69
15%	\$14.99	\$12.49	\$12.09
15% Extra	\$14.99	\$12.69	\$12.29

<u>Power Master 20/20</u>	\$17.99	\$16.99	\$16.00
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<u>FAI</u>	\$10.99	\$9.05	\$8.55
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<u>Magnum 30% Heli</u>	\$19.99	\$19.49	\$18.99
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Each case contains (4) 1 gallon bottles of fuel. To receive the quantity discounts; cases can be mixed and matched. Ex: Ordering 5 cases: 3 Cases of CoolPower 5%, 1 case of Omega 10% and 1 case of CoolPower 15%.

We ask that you please place your order **48 hours in advance**. You will be required to pick up your fuel the day that it comes in, so plan ahead.

- When calling or faxing your order, please ask for Cindy.
- These special prices are in effect March 1st thru June 1, 2007
- One the 5 case and 12 case quantities, taxes are included in the published prices.
- * Not liable for printing error by Larry