

# Collective Pitch

Newsletter of the Tri-State Helicopter Club

AMA Chartered Club #3373

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## Safety Officer's Corner:

This Month – the things that make you go “Ouch. That’s gotta hurt” --- a collection of things that we should NEVER do. . .

A member of a heli club used to hold the tail fin and bring his shuttle to a hover to check tracking. He stopped when it broke 3 fingers.

Someone else had his bird tied down to a bench to adjust it, forgot?? it was running and stood up into it. (now he wears a hard hat)

There was also this guy who duct taped a toad to the tail of his heli and took it for a ride, complete with spins, loops and rolls. Aside from being dizzy, it hopped away ok, though in small circles. (Don’t try this at home. He was a trained idiot)

One member of a club (no prior experience with RC) decided to test it in the garage. This is his story: Well I knew the throttle would not close completely but then it was only a small opening so I thought “I’ll adjust that later”. The motor started with no problem but it was running kind of fast so I let the blades go (heli sitting on the floor). I could not stop the engine (linkage not adjusted properly) and blades were spinning too fast so I decided to let it run until fuel runs out. Of course the smoke started choking me so I put the radio on the ground right next to the heli tail and left the garage. Now when the fuel started running out the engine speed increased and kicked the tail, tail kicked the transmitter throttle to full up and heli took off full power until it hit the ceiling of the garage and came down crashing. I was standing outside listening to all this and when the dust settled I went back expecting tiny little pieces all over the floor and a \$1000 lesson. Imagine my surprise when I learned that outside of broken blades, feathering shaft and one linkage everything else was OK. (oh, I forgot about the big dent in metal light cover on the ceiling ). Looking from the perspective of time it was good thing since I learned:

- 1) Darned things have the mind of their own.
- 2) Got respect for heli as a possible deadly weapon without getting hurt.
- 3) Learned to make sure everything is checked and perfectly adjusted before not **after** the flight.
- 4) Think ahead and predict consequences (should never leave that transmitter next to tail).
- 5) Helis are much stronger than you should expect them to be.

6) Got hooked on a new hobby.

**Club Meeting schedule and agenda**

Our next club meeting will be on Tuesday July 13th. Pizza? You'll just have to come to find out.

Also --- Summer Safety item: don't forget to drink lots of water during these very hot days. Under "normal" conditions we should all consume about 8 glasses of water per day. When it's as hot as it has been, you should increase that to 10 – 12 glasses per day if you are outside all day. We don't need anyone fainting from heat exhaustion with a helicopter in the air.

Also since we can fly later into the evening, bring your heli and let's fly before the club meeting starts (at 7:30 – or whenever John Pennell makes us stop flying).

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**Treasurer's Report – by Al Drees**

**We now have 31 members!!!**

We still have some members that have not paid their dues!! It's almost the mid point of the year – so please try to get your dues to me. Even if you don't see me at the field, you can clip your check to the wall in Slim's shop and he will be sure that I get it.

The coffer still has money in it and the following is the accounting for the June club meeting:

Beginning Balance	\$ 912.71
Due's Received	\$ 30.00
<u>Expenditure's</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
New Balance	\$ 842.79

Please check the attached Membership Roster to check your "paid" status and forward your dues (STILL only \$30.00) to me if your **name is in RED**. If you have any questions about the treasury report, please see me in person (with your check in hand for the 1999 dues).

**NEWS THAT YOU CAN USE DEPARTMENT:**

**July Meeting:**

**WHEN:** July 13, 1999

**TIME:** 7:30 PM

**WHERE:** Slim Helson's Aerodrome

**See You There!**

## Hobby Shop News

(Or –more places to spend your money)

<i>Carl's Hobbies</i>	742-5880	<i>Forest Fair</i>
<i>House of Hobbies</i>	248-9220	<i>Milford</i>
<i>Northern KY Hobbies</i>	283-1110	<i>Florence</i>
<i>Pit Row</i>	891-7487	<i>Kenwood</i>
<i>Slim's Chopper Repair</i>	831-3173	<i>Milford</i>
<i>Starfleet Hobbies</i>	984-9889	<i>Blue Ash</i>

## – Classified Ads –

(Please e-mail me with info to [dalemercercer@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dalemercercer@worldnet.att.net).)

### **Bob Belluomini 513-245-0590**

- Vario Benzin (gasser) New glass blades, many upgrades, BH Hanson Engine performance mods, great performer - call for prices
- Robbe CSC-4 Helicopter Speed Control - \$75 obo
- Hitec 325 Fast Field Charger - \$35

### **John Anast 513-829-3950 –**

- Schluter Scout II – 60 tons of Futura updates - carbon tube drive - OS61SX - \$450 obo
- GMP Cobra Jet Ranger - Fuse finished only needs paint, Pro head, Enya 60 motor - \$450 obo
- Act Competition Heading hold gyro \$100 obo
- Robbe CSC-4 Helicopter Speed Control - \$75 obo

### **Dale Mercer 606.689-5953**

- Hattori #777 Tuned Pipe and #778 Header (60HTS-3) \$100 obo.

### **Gary Jefferson 513-777-0402**

- Futura Gas Conversion Kit - \$100 obo
- Airtronics SG-1 Dual rate Gyro - call if interested
- Super Tigre carburetors - .46 & .60 sizes \$35 ea

### **John Pennell 513-231-7364 before 10:00pm**

- JR PCSII PCM Transmitter. Great Condition - Transmitter module, Strap, Extra Battery and Metal Case - \$430 OBO
- Webra P5 60 with tuned pipe - No Blades - Carbon Fiber Tail Boom - \$650 OBO
- B.H. Hanson Tuned Pipe for a Gasser - \$60.
- Chapman V-Tech mufflers (3) - \$25 each

### **Slim Helson 513-831-3173**

- Robbe Millinium 60. \$1300 or best offer. Excellent shape, low hours. Webra 60 P5, Steel header and Novarossi tuned pipe.. Every possible metal upgrade part; Main blade holders, Tail blade holders, Mixing arms, Washout unit, Bell Cranks, Aluminum fan. Invested over \$2200

## – Service Advertisements –

## Slim's Chopper Repair

Machine shop services are available from Slim Helson, call him at 831-3173. He offers a full range of machining services and custom fabrication. Slim also has an extensive Robbe/Schluter parts supply. Slim's shop is conveniently located at 1033 St. Rte 131 in Milford.

*"IF YOU CAN DRAW IT, HE CAN MAKE IT!"*

## Vector Helicopters

Building, setup or repair services for all makes of helicopters is now available. You can also get your wood rotor blades professionally built, weighted and covered to your specifications. Prices range from \$15-\$35 depending on size and complexity. Call John Anast at 829-3950 for an estimate. *Remember - **No job is too BIG!***

### Authorized Robbe Field Representative

Contact John Anast at 513-829-3950, e-mail or visit his website at Vector Helicopters

## Web Addresses

This area of the newsletter will be dedicated to interesting heli-related Web Sites. I have included some of the ones that I frequent – but since this is essentially YOUR newsletter, please send me your additions and I will add them to the list.

Bryce's R/C Heli Page	<a href="http://www.byelectric.com/~fribab/">http://www.byelectric.com/~fribab/</a>
East Coast Model center	<a href="http://www.ecmc.com/#rc">http://www.ecmc.com/#rc</a>
Heli-fever Web Page	<a href="http://helifever.com">http://helifever.com</a>
Leisure Tech	<a href="http://24.113.44.156!/heli/">http://24.113.44.156!/heli/</a>
Netscape Heli Page	<a href="http://www.metareality.com/~nathan/visit.cgi/heli/">http://www.metareality.com/~nathan/visit.cgi/heli/</a>
Rick's RC Heli	<a href="http://www.rcheli.com">http://www.rcheli.com</a>
Tailrtr's R/C Heli Links	<a href="http://www.pcez.com/%7etailrtr/links.htm">http://www.pcez.com/%7etailrtr/links.htm</a>

### **Quiz of the Month:**

What happens on July 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> ???

Come to the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> to find out !!!

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