

# Collective Pitch

Newsletter of the Tri-State Helicopter Club

AMA Chartered Club #3373

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## CLUB OFFICERS

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### Club Meeting schedule and agenda

Our next club meeting will be on Tuesday August 10th.

It will be held at the usual place – SLIM’S MAGNIFICENT AERODOME !

Bring your chopper and let’s fly !!

### Correction and Apology:

It appears that I have inadvertently left Brady Pack off of the Club Officers Listing. Sorry Brady ! Please note that the listing above has been changed to reflect all of the Club Officers with their home phone number.

### Fun Fly News

OK. The official results are in and are as follows! (I think I need a drum roll for this one . . .)

The event turned out to be the best that this club has ever seen. Of the 20 members that the club has left, 16 SHOWED UP ! There were helicopters there that had not seen daylight in 5 years or more ! I was unable to attend due to an unfortunate conflict with the reason that I can afford this hobby – work.

I guess some of you guys had to really “dust off” the choppers that you had stored in your closets and bring them out to try and cash in on the prizes that we had for this Fun Fly. I’ll get to the official list of prizewinners later.

You guys ate so many Red Hots that Slim had to go fly so he could get some rest. John Pennell and Bob Belluomni were trying to see who could eat the most Red Hots and tied at 5 each. Just as they were about to claim it an “official tie” for the record books, John Anast came through with number 6 (with the bun !) and put them both to shame! GO JOHN GO !!

I might go ahead and mention a word of thanks to all of the guys who showed up to help get the field ready for this event. It is really great when you guys come out to do more than just fly. It’s usually left to a handful of us that come

out early on the day of the Fun Fly to mow the grass, run the weed eater and put up the shelters, but we had a great group of you that came early to help. Thanks.

EVENT	WINNER	POINTS	PRIZE
Limbo: Lowest upright	John Pennell	6.0	V-Blades*
Limbo: Lowest inverted	Bob Belluomini	8.0	Case of Fuel*
Most loops in 30 seconds	John Anast (22)	10.5	New Tx Case*
Smoothest Autorotation	Bob Belluomini	4.5	\$50.00 Gift Certificate*
Cone pick-up	John Anast	5.5	Blade Covers*
Longest Hover	Slim Helson	6.5	OS 61WC*
Overall Winner	John Anast	16.0	Millinium Kit*

Don't you wish that you had made plans to be there ? WOW ! What a party. If only it was all true. I have a confession to make. Instead of 16 out of 20 club members in attendance, there were only 4 out of 20. The prizes were all fiction as was the report of the events that could have taken place if you had been there. Me too. (items denoted with an "\*" are virtual prizes and cannot be claimed unless you have the money to pay for them)

I know that it's difficult to get out on the weekend when there are so many other things that need to be done. That's why we try to PLAN these events – so we can all make it out to the field two or three times a year to swap stories and see if we remember how to fly these crates.

Anyway, that was fun fly number 2. All in all I think that the 4 participants had a good time in spite of the rest of us. If we can all get to the club meeting on AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) maybe we can plan for one more before the end of the year. It might even be a little cooler. See you on Tuesday.

Treasurer's Report - by Al Drees

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**We now have 20 members!!!**

**As you can tell – the membership list has gotten smaller. This is due to the fact that after repeated attempts to contact the members that have not paid their dues, the Executive Council decided that they no longer deserved to be given a free ride – so we cut them off.**

**This also means that our Official Membership Roster that is turned in to the AMA has been appended and now shows the correct listing of Real Genuine Club Members. That's you. The others no longer get the Collective Pitch (you know, the title of this newsletter that you're holding in your hands?).**

For those of you that have paid your dues – you are still receiving this rag called a Newsletter. Maybe if you have to suffer through another boring issue of the Collective Pitch you too will decide to NOT pay your dues ?

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

Beginning Balance	\$ 841.79
Due's Received	\$ 00.00
<u>Expenditure's</u>	<u>\$ 44.97</u>
New Balance	\$ 796.82

Please check the attached Membership Roster to see if there is anyone on the list that you know. Maybe they were abducted by aliens and forgot to pay their dues. Maybe they forgot how to read and couldn't see that their name was

(and has been) in RED for the past 6 issues of the News Letter. . . maybe they . . .ok, I'll stop and let you fill in your own "maybe" from this point.

**NEWS THAT YOU CAN USE DEPARTMENT:**

**August Meeting:**

**WHEN:** August 10, 1999

**TIME:** 7:30 PM

**WHERE:** Slim Helson's Aerodrome

**See You There!**

**Hobby Shop News**

<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 (YA'LL)</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 [dalemercerc@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dalemercerc@worldnet.att.net).)

**Bob Belluomini 513-245-0590**

- 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.

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

- JR PCSII PCM Transmitter. Great Condition - Transmitter module, Strap, Extra Battery and Metal Case - \$430 OBO
- Vario Sky Fox - 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:

How many (active) members does it take to make a club?

Ac\*tive\`ak-tiv\ adj. 1:characterized by action rather than by contemplation or speculation 2: productive of action or movement 3: still eligible to win a pot in poker 4: able to juggle many aspects of life and still find time to fly helicopters 5: having practical operation or results. Effective.

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