



Hello IRCHA Members!

I would like to say hello to our IRCHA Members from our first IRCHA newsletter in quite some time. Like many of you I have been involved with RC Helicopters for many years. My interest in the hobby was fueled by the first ever-local event I attended, which was hosted by the Huntsville Heli Flyers in Huntsville, AL. It was the excitement of seeing great pilots and enjoying the camaraderie of all the heli pilots in attendance which ignited my passion for the hobby. Local events are the backbone of our hobby and help to both support local club activities and to introduce new pilots to the hobby. I encourage each of you to take the time this summer to attend some of your local events. Remember to spend time with the new guys and offer your assistance as someone most likely did for you when you were new. It is with the help and support of each other that we help turn a first time helicopter pilot into a lifelong hobbyist.

As we are at the beginning of May, the 2017 IRCHA Jamboree planning is well under way. We have a full lineup of returning sponsors, along with some new companies again this year. We are changing our golf car company to P&P Golf Cars (check the IRCHA Website/Facebook Page for full information), and we will also be changing food to Texas Roadhouse this year. We are fortunate that this year the AMA has decided to schedule National Model Aviation Day activities for Saturday August 5th. This will provide us with additional activities for children during the event, so we are all very excited. We will have some new activities at the event this year including Booth Side Seminars, and other educational opportunities to learn from your favorite pilots and companies. Please visit the IRCHA website and IRCHA Facebook page for updates and full scheduling information.



In industry news, there are several items that are being release this summer. **Scorpion** has released a new line of ESCs called Tribunus. There are versions ranging form 6s-14s , which will cover most every size model. This ESC offers a very nice level of integration with the Mikado V Control radio, so lucky for you if you own a V Control. Align has just released their newly designed TREX 500x Dominator.

Building upon the rich history of design and with a focus on what helps modelers succeed in RC Helicopters, **Align** is proud to announce the release of the 500X Dominator.

The TREX 500x is a fantastic beginner machine that can also take the pilot through aggressive 3D. It can do this without breaking the bank, which is important for many beginners.





SAB is releasing the Fireball, which is sure to be a “hot seller”, and if you need something bigger, they have also released a new Urukay Carbon and Ennio Graber edition. While designed for FAI, the Urukay also a great all around model. By the time the Jamboree rolls around, the list of new products will be much longer, so keep your eyes out for all of the summer releases.

If you have any questions, or would like to see something in particular covered in one of our newsletters, please contact us and let us know what you would like to see. I would like to say thank you to everyone for supporting IRCHA and to encourage you to attend the 2017 IRCHA Jamboree. Thank You Charles Anderson President IRCHA.

Regional News

Fredericksburg Area RC Club was pleased to host the 8th Annual Heli Spring Fling. The event was scheduled for a total of 10 days from April 28th through May 7th. The first weekend of the event the weather was beautiful; the temperature went over 90



degrees for the first time of the year. Many pilots arrived and took part in the day and night flying. During the week, the club also hosted Todd Bennett's Freestyle3D school. As Thursday and Friday came along so did some less than optimal weather. Despite the weather, more pilots were arriving on site. Between periods of rain great flights were displayed by pilots such as; Ben Storick, Bert Kammerer, Chris Diamanti, Jamie

Robertson, Jason Bell, Josh Goudreault, Justin Cook, Kyle Stacy, Matt Botos, Paul Andreoli, Tim Jones. As night came along the light towers were powered up and fire lit. Saturday night brought some epic tandem flights from Ben Storick and Jamie Robertson, and Bert Kammerer and Matt Botos. Along with flights from Kyle Stacy, Chris Diamanti, Paul Andreoli, and Tim Jones. Flying on Saturday did not end until 4 AM! After ten days, the total pilot count was 122 pilots. Pilots visited from as far as Florida, Connecticut, California, and Ontario Canada.



A BIG THANK YOU to all our sponsors:

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Seaview Rotary Wings RC Helicopter club held its yearly spring fun Fly aka the Spring Spool up on Saturday and Sunday April 22-23. Despite a rainy day on



Saturday in NYC, many pilots enjoyed flying in the rain and in between drops. Many used the simulator under the tents when it was absolutely unsafe to venture out. Despite the weather a good time was shared by all and everyone enjoyed the feast on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday, part two was to be had. The weather was much more cooperative

with blue skies and a light to moderate breeze. The majority of pilots in attendance arrived from Long Island



and they came fully armed with 3D ships, scale ships sport flying and everything in between. Flying went on till about 5PM when the event was officially over. Total pilots for this event was 41 over both days.



Seaview Rotary Wings holds approximately 3-5 events yearly and the next event will be a Precision Aerobatics Competition on June 3-4 2017. All skill levels are invited to attend and try a different aspect of flying for our great sport.

If you have a regional event you would like covered in the IRCHA newsletter email Mike Unger at Mike97Unger@yahoo.com. Please send a paragraph or two about your event along with pictures and we will be happy to get it in. Till next time happy flying!!