

Lake-Geauga Helicopter Association

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Heli Demonstration

Mark Himmelman was asked to demonstrate his R/C helicopters at the Perry Elementary School, where his friend teaches Science. A brief talk was given on aerodynamics and how physical forces relate to all flying aircraft. After establishing a flight line and a few ground rules of flying these models, Mark took to the sky. A few classes of young students were able to witness Mark flying his Futura gas helicopter, until it suffered a hard landing, and broke the landing gear. A demo of the TRex in front of the entire elementary school proved to be just as spectacular, ending in a mild chicken dance when landing on a surface that was uneven. The crowd thought that was part of the demonstration, and clapped loudly at the mishap. Mark explained the greatest concern in our club was safety, and anything could happen, so precautions are in place to make sure no one gets hurt. The crowd was finally pleased to see the Hirobo XRB take off, even though the wind was mild. Mark demonstrated piroettes and some Figure 8's at a low altitude, and explained the virtues of having counter-rotating blades. The XRB did extremely well outside. The Science teacher was so impressed, he asked Mark to come back the next day, to explain in detail to some other classes, how the helicopter flies. An indoor demonstration of the XRB and Picooz helicopters brought many questions from the students regarding the hobby, and real flying characteristics. Mark stressed how important it was to have adult supervision in this hobby, and how the club has helped him immensely, teaching him the correct way to fly. Mark noted the use of an R/C simulator as being the best teaching tool for this hobby, citing cost as a factor when it comes to repair of a helicopter. Some of the kids had tried R/C planes and cars, but were delighted to see that helicopters could also be controlled in the same manner.

Rotorhead Ramblings

May 2007

The regular April LGHA meeting was postponed, because of the annual Spouses Dinner held at the Willoughby Brewing Company. Many club members and their wives showed up to dine heartily on fine food and beer. It was a great setting, and good conversation- hobby and life related. Thanks to all who participated at this very full table.

The new frequency clip box is almost complete, and will soon be erected at the Takacs flying field. We need to talk to Bill Takacs regarding the proper location for the box, so it will not interfere with his farming operation. We will provide a portapotti again this year, for members in need.

We hope to have more club picnics and a FunFly this spring or summer. We will further discuss this plan.

2007 LGHA Roster

LGHA Secretary Mark Himmelman will be handing out Roster update sheets at the May 2nd meeting. Please come prepared to fill out any new information you might have, ie: address change, helicopter additions, or frequency changes.

May Meeting

The next LGHA meeting will be held on May 2nd, at 7:00 PM.

Grand Rodeo Mexican Restaurant
28611 Euclid Ave.
Wickliffe., OH 44092
(440) 833-0472
1/4 mile east of I-90
and Euclid Ave. exit, on the north
side of the street.

Please note: the new name of the restaurant is now **Grand Rodeo Mexican Restaurant**. Same location, and same back room, with more food choices- Great!

Toledo Show

The Weak Signals R/C Expo held in Toledo on April 13, 14, 15, was very crowded, especially on Saturday, the 14th. The crowds seemed to be gathered around the usual booths, like MRC, Futaba, Hobby Lobby, and Horizon, but many people found the more obscure booths just as exciting. There were many more electric helicopters being offered this year than in the past, like the Century Swift, the Hurricane by Advantage Hobby, and the Comet 500, by CS Models. Many battery chargers were on display, like the MRC Super Brain 989, and new radio gear from Airtronics. If you couldn't attend, you missed a lot.

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