

Lake-Geauga Helicopter Association

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RealFlight Woes

The RealFlight Simulator is one of the most popular tools to help pilots practice maneuvers on their computer. I remember when I first got my G2 version simulator, and the trials and tribulations I experienced with installing it to my computer. I already had a faster Video card installed to run Microsoft Flight Simulator, so I was already ahead of the game in video. I then needed to find the right sound card to satisfy the requirements of the simulator. I remember going through two sound cards, and lots of Emails to RealFlight support, before finally getting a hint from a support tech about using a Creative Ensoniq card. He wasn't supposed to favor one manufacturer of hardware over another, but my frustration was welling inside. He mentioned that he was using a Creative card with no problems on his system at home. I inferred that was the card to get, and that's what did the trick. I had been using RealFlight from then on with no problems.

Then my computer crashed. When the motherboard decided to take out my hard drive, I was lucky it did not corrupt the information on the hard drive, just corrupted the Operating System (XP), and was not able to boot using the hard drive. After installing another motherboard, CPU, RAM chips, and new hard drive, I was back in business with a fresh, new computer. I was able to install my corrupted hard drive into an external enclosure, and transfer many of my main files over to the new hard drive. Of course, many programs that had hidden files in registry on the corrupted drive (RealFlight being one of these), were not able to be transferred. Installing RealFlight from scratch onto the new hard drive proved fruitless because of no support for an outdated software. I am able to use the corrupted drive to access RealFlight for my practice, but it's inconvenient. I learned to make backups often, and that a hard drive will die eventually.

Rotorhead Ramblings

October 2007

The September LGHA meeting was held September 5th. Members who attended were: Mark Himmelman, Jeff Venecek, Matt and Dave Klein, Richard Walker, Eddie Petrick, Alex Rodriguez, Mike Louie, Myron Levine, Andy Jones, and Richard Greene.

The LGHA would like to welcome Mike Louie as a new member to our club. Mike is flying an Evo 50 and a TRex 450SE. He has been a guest at some of our FunFly's, and is a very good pilot, as well as being an all-around nice guy.

Club members and others got together for the September 22nd Funfly/Picnic at Takacs field. Mark Himmelman, Matt Klein, Andy Jones, and Bill Takacs were there. Potential members Eric Orszag and Roger Lohrey, came out to demonstrate their abilities. Eric is progressing quite nicely in his flying abilities, and he is talking of winding his own motors to get more power to his rotor. A pretty smart fellow, with lots of ambition. Roger Lohrey just purchased a TRex 450, and is learning how to hover. He built a pretty terrific landing gear set that would help him if he were to get close to a crash. Cool stuff.

October Meeting

The next LGHA meeting will be held on October 3rd, at 7:00 PM.

Grand Rodeo Mexican Restaurant
28611 Euclid Ave.
Wickliffe., OH 44092
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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!

Geauga Co. Airport Day

A few club members participated in a helicopter and electric airplane demonstration at the Geauga County Airport Day at Middlefield airport held on September 15th. Even with the cold crosswind that day, members had fun demonstrating how a helicopter flies, and answered questions about the aircraft and the club. Members got to see some full size experimental and noteworthy aircraft, as well as get educated in duties that the local volunteer fire department performs. The airport manager, Patty Fulop, was very appreciative, and would like to see us back next year!

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