



# Rotor Wash

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## Message from the President

*Monthly update*

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We have made it through another fun fly. The weather was 100% better than last year, heck if we had held it a week later we would have been into 90 degree temps. I want to thank everyone who helped with the setup and tear down. You don't realize how much smoother this goes than when the event was down at Schnepfs Farm. I had some great help during the event and I want to thank a few people: Paul Clifton for helping man registration, Al Stills and Chris Alex for running a smooth radio impound, Bob Bayless for getting some great stuff for the raffle and the guys I "convinced" to run the various events. Jason Krause was able to bring in some of the entertainment as well as a peak at what the new TREX 600 glow helicopter would look like.

I also want to thank Josh Fivecoat for flying on camera for channel 3 (Bryce if your reading this thanks for forwarding my number to Bruce H) even if it was 7:15 AM on Friday. And for those who thought I was insane for pushing a micro heli pylon race, go to the fun fly web site and watch the video (although I knew this had been done before, no one told me it was supposed to be a timed event running one helicopter at a time not seven, my bad). It was a definite crowd pleaser. We made a little over one thousand dollars this year after expenses. The camping issue probably cost between 10 to 20 pilots. However over all I think it went very well with some great exposure for us and SVF.

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### Next Meeting

April 5, 2007 @ 7:00pm

Deer Valley Airport

I'm going to keep this short. Just a reminder, the summer sun is coming so remember to pack the sun block and drinks. Also when flying at SVF please keep a safe distance from the Ramada when flying. We had several members that had a bad experience when a novice showed. Now we are likely to see people show up that we don't know, that's when to be on your toes. In this case the individual (at least to my understanding) refused any help, began to hover and the helicopter got up and over him. The helicopter ended up in the engine compartment of a truck. This could have been a lot worse, so be on alert when the "new guy" shows up. Most of us having been doing this for a while and know what can happen.

That's it for this month.

Eric

# Technical Tips/For Sale

## *A Finer Edge Starter Upgrade*

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You may have seen them at the field (I think John was the first); I just recently upgraded to the "A Finer Edge Mfg" Starter upgrade. He (Kevin Marsden) provides an adapter for Hobbico & Sullivan starters. The adapter allows you to use a Makita LXT 18V Li-Ion Battery Pack. Pretty much everyone is using the 18V 3.0 Ah pack (part# BL1830); I found a Pack for \$66.00 on EBay but I've been told there are other versions.

It's a very easy install; just requires a little soldering or crimping and a bit drilling. The upgrade includes everything you need (except for the Pack). Kevin does a great machining job and this starter has enough power crank a VW!

You can find more info at the "A finer edge" website:

<http://www.afineredgemfg.com/>

## Video of the Month

Here's a pretty cool video of some full scale Heli Aerobatics submitted by Steve Flarity...enjoy!

<http://www.flixxy.com/bo105-helicopter-aerobatics.htm>

## Stuff for Sale

From Barry Beagle [notarheli@hotmail.com]:

For Sale: Raptor 90SE. With or without engine, radio. You decide how you want it and make a reasonable offer.

## Photos from the field(s)...

### Flying at the Dump!

Well...19<sup>th</sup> Ave has gone down hill since we stopped flying there in mass. Here are some shots from early Feb. when Sun Valley had the IMAC event.





The East Pad Dump...pretty sad.



## Notes from the Editor

### *Member Profiles*

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I'd like to add member profiles to the mix. If you're interested in sharing your story...drop me an e-mail.

Paul

## Upcoming Events

*San Diego Fun Fly*

*May. 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Reno Fun Fly*

*June. 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>*

For more details check out the "Events" section on RunRyder.

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