



Rotor Wash

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Message from the President

Monthly update

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ARMS President

April seems to have flown by (or blown by if you noticed the windy conditions) and we are entering May. That means we are now into summer temps and sun. Remember the drinks and sun block when going out to the field, after all most of us usually outlast the fixed wing guys and use the runway in the afternoon.

I hope some of you were able to make the electric expo this past weekend. While it was not helicopter specific, there was still plenty to be seen. Jason Krause and company were flying several demos a day inside the stadium and I've got to admit for the first time I witnessed cameramen capable of following a moving helicopter (they were showing it on the Jumbotron and streaming video). There was a decent turnout for the first year and my understanding is that the organizers have the stadium for 2 more years so we could end up with a pretty nice show in our back yard.

We have had quite an influx of new members into the club. Some of this is from the fun fly which is great. I believe we will start to see more people as Phoenix starts to put into affect it new ordinance for the city parks. For those who aren't familiar with this, it establishes some rules for flying in city parks such as AMA membership, rotor span under 1M and weight of 3 pounds or less. There are similar rules for fixed wing, but as we are helicopter nuts I thought I would stay in our area. These rules (assuming they are enforced) will begin to force some pilots who choose not to fly at a club field to join clubs as essentially anything bigger than a 450 size electric is banned in the parks. This also means we may have some "full" days when there are quite a few pilots at the field. I am still working on trying to relocate the pad; it is requiring baby steps to deal with the government entity in charge.

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Next Meeting

May 1, 2008 @ 7:00pm

Deer Valley Airport

As a quick note, Sun Valley Fliers will be having their swap meet on Sunday, May 4th from 8AM to 1PM. The field will be closed to flying during that time. You can check out the slow roll at the SVF web site for full details. I do not believe that there is another scheduled event until October at the field. That's it for this month; hopefully everyone is getting out to fly. I still have fun fly shirts left in XL and XXL for \$10 each, give me a shout if interested.

That's it for this month.

Eric

Technical Tips/For Sale

Video of the Month

Trex 700 videos

The Trex forum has been doing a great job of posting the latest videos. Check out the 700 section; you may need to register to access them. Here's the link:

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

Stuff for Sale

Nothing this month...

Photos from the field...

























Notes from the Editor

Watch the gate!

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ARMS Secretary

Just a warning...with all the high wind of late you may want to watch out for the main gate. I wasn't paying attention last week and it caught my thumb!

See you at the field!

Paul

Upcoming Events

May 4th, Sun Valley Auction

For more details check out the "Events" section on Run Ryder.

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