

## EDITOR'S NOTES

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You should receive this newsletter BEFORE the meeting that's tonight at 7pm. Just amazing!

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## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

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I guess it's safe to say that the summer heat has finally arrived. The past several months I've reminded everyone to be careful out at the field. The overgrown weeds have been cut back, but there is still plenty of tinder around. Now that the full heat of summer is coming up, sun block and plenty of drinks should be the norm. Our helicopters are also feeling the heat, so remember to compensate. With summer coming in, the field attendance is dropping back a little, likewise the meeting attendance is dropping alot. I strongly encourage members to attend if possible if they want a word in what is going on.

I know that evenings in the summer can get busy for some of you, but if you plan ahead you can still make the meetings.

Per the club's previous approval, I have been obtaining the components for a PA system. At this point we now have 4 JBL Eon speakers and a Mackie mixer. I am still in the process of obtaining cables and such.

It is the clubs intention to use this at our fun fly as well as making it available to the other clubs in the area for a nominal fee. Sun Valley will probably borrow this system in October for the Scale Masters competition as it is a definite step-up from the bull horn type system they have been using.

That's it for this month. As usual I hope to catch you all at the field or at the meeting.

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## TECH TIPS

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Do you have a Raptor 30 with a Thunder Tiger 39 engine in it? If you do I bet it runs very hot. The TT 39 tends to be a hot engine, and I believe that the Raptor 30 doesn't have excellent air cooling. One fix for this is to use a cooling fan made by "Hobby Taiwan". It has 10 blades instead of 6 and they are bigger blades. I am not sure where to buy this fan. [www.rchelis.com](http://www.rchelis.com) carries parts from Hobby Taiwan, but I didn't see the fan there. The company has an email address: [hobby.taiwan@msa.hinet.net](mailto:hobby.taiwan@msa.hinet.net). I believe that Quick UK makes an aluminum fan for the Raptor 30 with 8 blades.

## JOKES

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This is no joke – I just heard it on TV:  
In the center of our milky way galaxy there's a very massive black hole – it is 3 million times the weight of our sun. And ... this mass is compressed down to the size of a speck of dust!!!!