

Lake-Geauga Helicopter Association

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Sunglasses

It may seem an obvious point, but good sunglasses are essential while piloting your aircraft. One never knows when the aircraft will pass in front of the sun, rendering the pilot temporarily blind, causing a possible collision with another aircraft or the ground.

Many of us use RayBans or common Polaroid sunglasses to enhance our flying experience, which is better than nothing. Some of us need to use prescription glasses to see, utilizing shades over the prescription glasses to cut glare and brightness.

Very important, is the need to see without glare, which can be just as bad as no sunglasses at all. Some very good brands of sunglasses come at a hefty cost, but may save you when you need them the most. Some of the best brands, like Zurich and ModelGlasses, can be had at:

www.zurichsunglasses.com

www.modelglassesusa.com

www.mscompositusa.com

These sunglasses are made especially for pilots to enhance the vision, and cut down on glare.

Of course, you could kill two birds with one stone if you are interested in Aerial Photography, with the use of wireless "Eyetop" video glasses. These glasses incorporate a small video monitor into one side of the sunglasses, so the pilot can still operate the aircraft, and also glance at what is currently being shot by the onboard camera. Cool stuff.

First 2008 LGHA Picnic

The first LGHA Picnic and FunFly of 2008 will be held on June 28th, 2008, at the Takacs Flying Field. The event will start at 9:00AM, and lunch will be served around 1:00PM. The club will provide burgers, munchies, and drinks, as in past events. The porta-potti will be in place by then. The frequency board and safe flying areas will be in use, to avoid conflicts.

Rotorhead Ramblings

May 2008

The April 2nd meeting was attended by: Mark Himmelman, Jeff Venecek, Dave and Matt Klein, Andy Jones, Richard Walker, Myron Levine, George Wasickanin, John Gelsimino, Steve Zuzek, Bruce and Brian Munson, and John Balanik.

John Gelsimino showed off his completed MA Razor, and can't wait to see it flying. Matt Klein demonstrated his new mini-heli from the Flying J Truckstop. Very nimble. Brian Munson showed his new Trex 500, and talked about the similarities to the TRex 450. The group discussed the different 2.4 GHz alternatives on the market- offered by Spektrum, Futaba (FASS), and XMS. Mark Himmelman told of his recent experience of updating his older JR X347 transmitter, enabling swashplate choices for the newer CCPM helicopters- a feature built into the radio, but not enabled without an internal program change. He also stressed the importance of having your radio gear looked at by a service station. Mark recently sent away two transmitters for memory battery replacement to Horizon Hobby, and had many repairs made- for free!!! Horizon even paid shipping- Great!

May Meeting

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

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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.



Coming Events

Ravenna Thunderbirds Night Fly

May 31, 2008
Ravenna, OH

www.ravennathunderbirds.com

2008 Hirobo Cup USA

June 20-22, 2008

LaSalle, MI

Mid-America R/C Heli Fun Fly

June 27-29, 2008

Detroit, MI

2008 IRCHA Jamboree

August 14-17, 2008

Muncie, IN

www.ircha.org

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