

## Across the editors desk

**Club Dues Article** – Last week I published an article dealing with [Club dues](#) which received quite a few comments. Several of the comments were not posted until many of you had read the article. I think it would be beneficial if you guys would go back and read these comments. So here's the link to the article and the comments left. <http://www.sierrarotorcraftclub.org/2012/01/13/editors-editorial-on-club-dues/>

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**Central Sierra Helicopter Meet** - I made a mistake in last week's newsletter referring to the dates of the meet. The corrected dates are May 4, 5 & 6 2012.

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**Gyro wanted** by Jon - Hi Jim I am out of Fresno. I was just looking around to find a gyro for sale and to learn for about them. It seems there are few places in the US to find a used gyro. Especially not in ca. please send me any leads you might have.

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**How you ask?** - By John Parks

How you ask? (How to get members to start coming back to club meetings), The answer is simple, Meaningful topics, such as who is doing what, safety is always top on the list. Good food, good drinks, and a good simulator. (Some dancing girls couldn't hurt)

**Editors Comment** – John has just hit it on the head - [Meaningful topics, such as who is doing what](#) – we can't have meaningful topics if no one sends anything about what they are doing (updates) with their projects. What problems are you running into; we can't help you if you don't ask.

**Newsletter** – Me (Jim) is just the editor, I am not a reporter. I do not go out and find things to write about. I depend on you guys to send my stuff and give feedback. If I don't hear from you guys, I have nothing to write about for the newsletter. The same goes for the website.

**Simulator** - As for our helicopter simulator, that is the primary concern. At the moment, this is a big issue for it is now mounted on a trailer for mobility. The trailer needs modifications to stabilize it for safety. You can read all about the clubs simulator on the website. Just go into the Sitemap and scroll down to page 6 and 7 and look for [Category: Project-Simulator](#). The see videos of the simulator scroll down to pages 8 and 9 under the [category: Video](#).

**Events** - As for everything else John mentioned, hey come to the clubs Fly-in and other activities.

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**HIBERNATION** by John Park

Good morning Jim, Parks here. I just wanted to say I was really excited when I found a club on the west coast that was all about gyro's and helicopters. I check my emails and am all ways anxious to see what is going on with anybody in the club, and waiting for a response to anything I have written about, OR what you have written about. So when I received your email, one thought came to my mind, IS EVERYBODY IN HIBERNATION?

For the last month I am the only one that I have seen a response from. The only thing I can think of is it is winter, so everybody must be in a cave somewhere, I sure hope out of 70 members a crossed the world there is someone awake somewhere, and doing something!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.

On a second note: Well, I took and passed my commercial written test with a 90% and will be taking my practical check ride within three weeks. I have contacted helicycle and got on the list for their number 7 run, quit a wait though.

I wrote an email to the property owners for the meet in May last week and offered to cook a pig in ground for everybody, but have not heard anything back as of yet.

Well Jim, I hope everybody is alive and well, chat with you later.

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**Young Eagles** by John Parks

**Editors email to John** - Hey John!

Do you have a flyer or a website about the Young Eagles program on the 30th of June? I would like to put it in the events area of the clubs website.

**Parks Reply** - Jim, thank you for the response. I do not have a flyer, I just advertise this local up here. I do this the last Saturday in June. We have had 65 kids the first year and 62 the second.

This year I am trying to get the coast guard to come and do a lift demonstration and am trying to get other helicopters for display so as the kids wait for their ride they will have something to do. Also our local fire department shows up with trucks. Last year they parked where the kids could not get to them so this year I am going to have them show up early so we can position them so the kids will be able to climb on them also while they wait.

This is an event to try and educate the young children on what aviation is all about, but it is also about bringing our small community together for some fun, and you can't beat the beauty of flying at the base of the alps.

In addition to my helicopter, I have two other guys that in the past have shown up with their airplanes, a 182, and a v tail bonanza. But I am a helicopter buff, and would love to see one of every kind of helicopter ever built show up for this annual event. In addition to static displays and flying, I try to get one of the local businesses to provide lunch for the aviation and ground crews.

It is always nice to know in advance who will be participating so anyone interested can contact me via email at [parksarcs@gmail.com](mailto:parksarcs@gmail.com) and if you are flying an airplane up, check your AFD, O54, because this is one way in and one way out, and quite a steep runway.

It is fun to watch the helicopters land, because it is a good slope to practice slope landings!!! Also be advised there is NO fuel. The closest fuel is O85, Benton airport or Redding airport KRDD. If I know in advance that there will be a need for 100LL, I will bring 100 gallons up in my truck, And may be able to find someone with a Jet A fuel tank if need be. Thank you for your interest and hope to see a lot of the club member attend, it is a great excuse to go flying!!!

-Parks-