

Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



Monthly Newsletter

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Next Club Meeting

Date: Friday, October 27th
Time: 7:30 PM Sharp
Where: Lyons Township Hall

Special Topic(s):

- Airport Etiquette Discussion
- Club Officer Nominations



Next Club Meeting Topics

The next club meeting will feature a discussion on airport etiquette led by the questionably sane Tom Milton. Topics will include proper patterns, radio protocol, right of way, FAA rules and more.

Nominations for club officers will also be held at the next meeting. Got somebody in mind for the club's leadership? Come to the meeting to make your nominations.

Monster Hangar Build Team Progress Report

We are back on the cold weather schedule, meeting Wednesday evenings at Sun Aero's Hangar.

Last week, the club moved camp back across the runway to Sun Aero's hangar. Ken has been nice enough to invite the club back for the winter, and as always, the club is grateful.

For anyone looking to attend a build night meeting, Sun Aero is more secure this year, and it is likely that the front office will be locked if you arrive later in the evening. If this is the case, just call one of the build team regulars (Adam, Nick, Tom, or Jim) to let you in through one of the gates.

We plan to assemble at least three gyros this winter, while also assisting on individual club member machines.



Some hippy talking to Jon Vos at the Gyro Bash picnic, held at Lansing Airport on September 16th.

Mentone 2007

In case you haven't already heard, the Chapter 18 build team will be heading to the PRA Convention next year... only this time we will be bringing aluminum and parts to build a complete gyro at the convention.

The plan is currently to build and fly Larry Schoenenberger's machine at Mentone next year.

Gyro for Sale

Gregg Geffe has a gyro for sale. Details will be posted on the club site within the next few days.

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Gyro Bash '06 Report

This year's gyro bash saw some good fun, fun flyin', and hot cookin'. We started out with our club meeting, followed by several flights made by the likes of Nick Costa, Matt Novotney, and Adam Helwich. Stan Foster flew in for the event in his Sparrowhawk, and Chuck Roberg was available for flights in his Sparrowhawk.

...the day, however, was not without controversy (also termed "bad fun"). Apparently, some folks over at the R/C flying field believe they saw a gyro with a light blue tail chasing their planes, and since our club has doesn't have a gyro with a light blue tail, we weren't exactly clear on what was going on.

The night was capped off with the Lansing Airport Premier of *The Great Skycopter Rescue*.



Adam's hand doctor prepares for a flight with Chuck.

Movie Night Recap: Flyboys

On October 4th, the gyro club went to see one of the greatest aviation films of the past two months, *Flyboys* starring James Franco. Because the critics didn't give the film any respect, several club members didn't have very high hopes coming in... but after watching the film, it had exceeded our expectations and managed to win us over. We'll rank it somewhere between *The Aviator* and *The Great Skycopter Rescue*.

In attendance were Adam, Nick, Jim, Joe Mahr, Rich Vitt, Larry & Flash, Randy, Tom, and Brian "I talk during movies" Burke. Afterward, we partook of some fine dining at the local Bennigan's, where we enjoyed deep-fried and/or sugar coated meals served by flirtatious college girls.



Gregg Geffe and Bill Borgstrom were in attendance at the Gyro Bash.

Recent Gyro Purchase

New club member Randy Myers recently purchased Hans Manske's gyro from Tom Milton. The build team will be working with Randy this winter to help inspect and rebuild the machine. The work has already begun, with his machine being pretty well disassembled during the October 18th build night meeting.



Joe Mahr "taxiing" his gyro. Do I see training wheels?

Upcoming Events

October 27th – Club Meeting (7:30 PM) – Lyons Township Hall
 November 1st – Monster Hangar Build Team Meeting – Sun Aero's Hangar

*The Monster Hangar Build Team now meets on **Wednesday** evenings in the Sun Aero's hangar.*