

Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



Monthly Newsletter

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Next Club Meeting

Date: Friday, December 1st
Time: 7:30 PM Sharp
Where: Lyons Township Hall

Special Topic(s):
- Club Banquet
- Nostalgia Night



Monster Hangar Build Team Progress Report

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

This past month, we have begun making steady progress again. The holes have been drilled in all of the aluminum that has been cut for the three gyros.

Adam has made it a goal to have his gyro frame rolling by the end of December. He is well on his way, as both he and Nick stayed extra late last week to get his mast and rear keel drilled and bolted together. This week, he plans on tricking out his vertical struts with some shocks.

Randy Meyers has also made a lot of progress with his Hans Manske gyro. He has already replaced the mast, engine mount, and rear keel; and is getting close to having his machine reassembled.

Everyone should also be happy to know that Mr. Tom Milton has his plane back in flying condition. Tom had been putting a lot of time into getting the Sundowner back into the air, and last week, Billy Stack and Jon Vos flew the plane for the first time since repairs. Aside from one minor hose mix-up, everything went well.

2007 Club Officers

At the last club meeting, nominations were made for the 2007 club officers. Once again, there will be no elections since there was only one nomination for each position. Starting in January, club officers will be Adam Helwich (president), Matt Novotney (vice-president), Chuck Roberg (treasurer), and Nick Costa (secretary).



Several club members pose with a very photogenic Joe Mahr during the October meeting.



Randy Meyers works on reassembling his gyro after making a new rear keel.

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Club Trip to Michigan

On November 11th, a few members of our club drove up to Erie, Michigan to visit the machine shop and home of Dan Grochowski. Dan is the manufacturer of the Sky-Tech Gyroplane. His machine shop (3D-Machining) is state of the art with many CNC mills and lathes – in fact, his entire gyro is CNC machined and drilled. Dan thrilled the crowd with a cold weather flight right out of his backyard. I captured a video of the flight, it can be seen at the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33Wyr4yvaTA>
or you can search for “sky tech gyroplane” on youtube.com and get not only this video, but also some very impressive videos of Dan flying his gyro on floats!

On Sunday the 12th, we visited the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. One day just wasn't enough and another trip is already in the works for this summer.

Polar Bear Fly-in

As always, on New Year's Day, we will be hosting the Polar Bear Fly-in at the Lansing Municipal Airport office on the North side of the airport.

The event will start at 11am, so please bring a dish to pass for lunch. Bring a gift (\$20 limit) if you would like to participate in the grab bag gift exchange.

Rumor has it that Mark Malek will be flying this year!

Upcoming Events

November 29th – Monster Hangar Build Team Meeting – Sun Aero's Hangar
December 1st – Club Meeting (7:30 PM) – Lyons Township Hall
January 1st – Polar Bear Fly-in – Lansing Airport Office

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



An early model Sikorski helicopter at the Henry Ford Museum.



The Detroit News Autogiro hangs at the Henry Ford Museum.



Photo of the crowd at Dan Grochowski's machine shop.