

# Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



## Monthly Newsletter

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### Next Club Meeting

**Date:** Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Where:** Lyons Township Hall

**Special Topic(s):**

- *Special Auction on Gyro Parts*
- *Shelbyville Report*
- *Oktoberfest Picnic Planning*



### September 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting/Auction

At the next meeting we will be auctioning off a few items that have been donated to the club (photos to the left). On the block, we've got a widened Air Command body pod, a Dominator 2 place tall tail (wood not metal), and the big item, the club's partially assembled drop keel single place Air Command. The way it's going to work is that all items, except for the Air Command, will be at the next meeting, everyone will have a chance to inspect the items and let their creative juices flow. Before bidding commences, we will have a vote determining the lowest price we will accept for each item. If no one at the meeting is interested in any item at the voted upon lowest acceptable price, we will post the item on E-Bay and advertise the auction on the Rotary Forum, [www.rotaryforum.com](http://www.rotaryforum.com).

On a personal note, I would like to add that I am really glad that we are finally addressing the club drop keel Air Command. At probably every other meeting, it is brought up, and some people say we should sell it while others always say that we should finish it and sell it as a flying gyro. Up until now, we have decided to put the whole thing off, and there it would sit for another few months. Four years ago when I first discovered that our club existed, I came out for a meeting at our hangar. I was thrilled to find out that the club was working on a club gyro. A group of us were working on it and had to make a few trips to Tom's hangar for hardware, but it seemed like we were getting somewhere that day. We finally ran into a problem where we were missing a vital bolt that held on the front fork brace, and our project ground to an abrupt halt. To my knowledge, no one has attempted to work on that gyro since.

Some things work better on paper than they do in reality – perpetual motion machines, flying cars, communism, and club gyros. The club will vote to set the lowest acceptable price at the next meeting for each item. With that in mind, I would like to say that I would like to see these items be sold to members of our club. I'm not saying we should give these items away, but personally, I would be willing to accept a price from a club member that may be slightly lower than the item would have fetched on E-Bay to see another gyro in our club.

By the way, if you are interested in any of the items being auctioned but can't make the meeting, you can call or e-mail me and give me your absolute highest price, on the understanding that I won't say what it is, but simply bid on your behalf up to that price.

*Article by Adam Helwich*

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***Shelbyville Report***

This Shelbyville fly-in was fun though wet. It was the smallest turn out I've ever seen, doubtless due to the fact that the only day we enjoyed solidly good weather was Sunday. On Sunday, we squeezed in bomb drop competitions and pylon races, both of which were won by our very own Nick Costa. Even though there wasn't as much flying as in years past, on Saturday, we managed to pass the time with Nick's temperamental potato gun and an old fashioned chapter 18 camp fire that night.

*Article by Adam Helwich*



A selection from Tom Milton's Shelbyville photo shoot.



Angie and Jen prepare flour bombs for the bomb drop competition at Shelbyville.



Matt Novotney watches Nick Costa fire his Italian potato gun.



Nick Costa flying at Shelbyville. He won the pylon race and bomb drop competition this year.

**Upcoming Events**

September 28<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting (7:30 PM) – Lyons Township Hall  
 September 28-30 – Freedom Fly-in – El Mirage

*The Monster Hangar Build Team now meets on **Wednesday** evenings in the club hangar or at ABET Industries, unless otherwise noted. Call ahead to make sure we will be meeting. **Different club members have been meeting at one or both locations, so we may very well be at both places.***