

Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



Monthly Newsletter

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Next Club Meeting

Date: Friday, October 26th
Time: 7:30 PM
Where: Countryside City Hall / Police Department
5550 East Avenue
Countryside, IL 60525

Special Topic(s):

- *Special Auction on Gyro "Stuff"*
- *Report on Picnic*
- *Report on Rotors Over Carolina Fly-in*

Oktoberfest Picnic Report

This year's Oktoberfest Picnic turned out to be one of the most successful events that we have held at the Lansing Airport in recent history.

Many club members, past and present, were in attendance, and many flew in from out of town, including Rick Marshall, Bob McGuire, Kandace Rawling, and Bill Borgstrom. Several club members and friends were lucky enough to get flights in one of the gyros or planes in attendance.

We had somewhere around 25 – 30 people in attendance throughout the day, and it was very enjoyable, with good weather and great food. Adam worked the grill for a good portion of the afternoon, and Cindy Costa made some great pizza.

As usual, Nick and Matt entertained the crowd by flying around the airport and not crashing. There were even a couple non-flying machines as well – Joe Mahr taxied his ultralight over, and Kevin Tansor trailered his gyro to the picnic.

This club event continues to draw a good crowd year after year, and we are sure to have it again next year. However, it also marks the end of our major event schedule at Lansing for the year.

Another Auction: October 26th

With the great success of last month's auction, the club will be selling other items away at the next meeting on October 26th. The items up for auction this time around will be the club's Rotax 447 engine (without exhaust or pull start) and two seat tanks (somewhere around 10-gallons each).

Last month, the club auctioned off the tall tail, the Air Command drop-keel project gyro, and a widened Air Command body pod. The auction really gave the club treasury a boost and will keep us going for some time. It also gave us a chance to clear out room in the hangar and finally clear the Air Command from the club's project list. The Air Command went to new club member Andrew Svehla, and the club couldn't be happier to help get a new gyro enthusiast going with a complete airframe. Before too long, we will have yet another flying club member. The body pod went to new club member Kevin Tansor, and the tall tail was purchased by Nick Costa.

For the upcoming auction, the format will involve club members voting on a minimum reserve price for each item, with bidding to follow, starting at the minimum price.

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

Gyros Over Carolina

This year, club members Adam Helwich, Matt Novotney, and "Simpson Jammies" Milton visited Ron Awad and the Carolina/Georgia club at their fly-in last week.

Although Chapter 18 was gyro-less at the fly-in, they still managed to have a good time. Ron Awad and his family were very helpful in providing transportation to our club members between airports, and we greatly appreciate it.

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Photos from the 2007 Oktoberfest Cookout at Lansing Airport



From the left, from the left... Bob McGuire, Si Smith, Rick Marshall, Georgio Smundin, Tom Rogan, and Rich Vitt.



New club member Andrew Svehla and a friend check out Kevin Tansor's gyro at the Oktoberfest cookout.



Adam goes up with Kandace in a Piper Cub. Kandace flew the plane down from Wisconsin for the Oktoberfest event.



Nancy gets ready for a flight with Rick Marshall in his Magni.

Upcoming Events

October 26th – Club Meeting (7:30 PM) – Countryside City Hall

*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.***

Membership Renewals

If you received a renewal form in your newsletter and you have already renewed through 2008, I apologize. Please discard the renewal form. I will be meeting with club treasurer Brian Burke at the next meeting to update my records with any renewals that occurred in the last two months. If you are several months overdue and we haven't had contact with you in some time, this will be the last newsletter until you renew.