

# Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



## Monthly Newsletter

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Members: FREE

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Editor: Jim Schuler

### Next Club Meeting

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

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Where:** Joe's Office / Lower-level Conference Room  
120 East Ogden Avenue  
Hinsdale, IL 60521

**Special Topic(s):**

- *Banquet Report*
- *Bensen Days / Sun 'n Fun Planning*
- *Club Hangar Committee*

### Club Banquet: March 22

Enclosed in this month's newsletter is your invitation to this year's club banquet, which will be held at the Alpine Banquet Haus on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6:00pm.

The banquet hall is located at:

11141 W. Roosevelt Road  
Westchester, IL 60154

This year's event will be "pay at the door," so there is no need to send any RSVP's or payments through the mail. Tickets are \$25 per person and include a chance at one of two door prizes.

As always, the club will be accepting donated items to auction off at the banquet. I hear that Joe Mahr will once again be emceeding the auction, which is sure to be exciting... remember what happened last year? He got stuck in a backpack. What will he get stuck in this year?

Anyone with a suggestion for someone deserving of an award, please contact Joe Mahr at (630) 325-0505 or (312) 590-0505. He is going to pull some strings to get some awards for the banquet. Let's hope he doesn't pull the wrong one.

Raffle tickets will once again be sold for this year's prize... an automotive GPS/navigational system.

We hope to see you there!



Born to be wild? Mark Malek on a vintage Chrysler Snow Runner during the Polar Bear Fly-in.

### PRA Convention 2008

The dates for the 2008 convention have been set for Tuesday, August 5 through Saturday, August 9. The Banquet will be held on Saturday night. The Board decided to keep the PRA convention in the week after the EAA convention at Oshkosh. This is to avoid instructors and others from having to leave the PRA convention early in order to get set up at the EAA convention. Jane Feldman and John Gillmore are the co-Chairpersons for 2008. They need volunteers to help organize, plan and work at the convention. If you are able to help, please contact the PRA office at (574-353-7227)

*Article from [www.pra.org](http://www.pra.org)*

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Matt Novotney pauses for a photo while fighting off a swarm of angry, potentially malaria-infested mosquitoes.



Nick Costa outruns the largest mosquito swarm he ever witnessed, while still managing to get off this shot.

## Upcoming Events

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Ultralight Safety Seminar – Springfield, IL  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Club Banquet, Alpine Banquet Haus – Westchester, IL  
 March 28<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting (7:30 PM) – Countryside City Hall

*The Monster Hangar Build Team now meets on **Wednesday** evenings in Sun Aero's hangar, unless otherwise noted. Call ahead to make sure we will be meeting. **Different club members have been meeting each week, so we've been getting a good mix of club members out at the airport.***

## Matt and Nick Fly for Charity

Last Saturday, while everyone else in the club was keeping warm, Nick and Matt were out flying around Lansing in below freezing temperatures... and for a worthy cause.

Matt took out his Dominator, while Nick flew in his and Adam's Honeybee to raise money for the prevention of malaria in Northwestern Indiana and Northeastern Illinois. They raised over eleven dollars.

Unfortunately, the day's haul fell short of the cost of fuel. The fight against malaria in the region will carry on, but not today.

See the pictures on this page.

## Springfield Safety Seminar

This year's Ultralight Safety Seminar will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Harry R. Hanley Building in Springfield, IL. The address is:

2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
 Springfield, IL 62764.

There are still seats available on the rental van that Adam has secured for this event. If you are interested, please contact Adam at (708) 912-1624 or preferably via email at [ah\\_booms@yahoo.com](mailto:ah_booms@yahoo.com).

There will be two pickup locations for the voyage down to Springfield on March 8<sup>th</sup>. All times are **SHARP!**

1. Easter Pickup Point  
 Lansing Airport Parking Lot  
**Departing at 5:30 am** on March 8<sup>th</sup>
2. Western Pickup Point  
 Cracker Barrel Parking Lot  
 I-80 and Houbolt Road (I-80 exit #127)  
**Departing at 6:00 am** on March 8<sup>th</sup>

The cost will be determined. The van is \$88, plus gas, which should be cheaper and more fun than driving down alone.

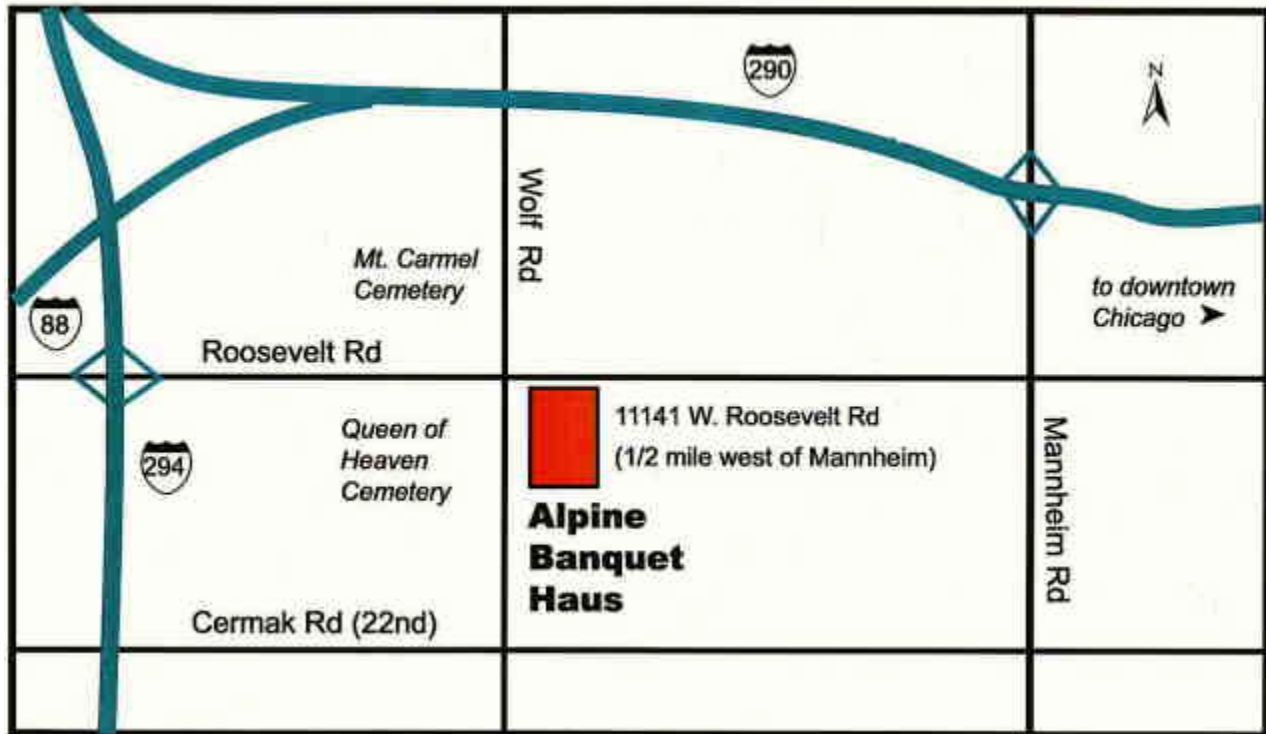
This year's seminar will cover, among other things, what to do on a ramp check, Rotax maintenance, and weather for the sport pilot. There will also be raffle drawings, so bring your luck as well.



*You are cordially invited to:*  
**2008 Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club  
Annual Banquet  
Saturday, March 22, 2008**



**This year's Banquet will be held at:      Alpine Banquet Haus  
11141 W. Roosevelt Road  
Westchester, IL 60154**



Cocktails at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm.  
(Drinks available from the bar.)

**Tickets are \$25 at the door.**

*We are only sending invitations to club members this year. Feel free to invite your friends and family, and others who may like to attend. You may also contact Jim, and he can email an invitation to past members or friends who you think would like an invitation.*

As usual, we will have an auction, so please feel free to bring anything to the banquet that you would like to donate to the club to be auctioned off.

This year we will be selling chances to win an automotive GPS/navigational system.

If you have any questions, please contact either Joe Mahr at (630) 325-0505, or Jim Schuler at [jameschuler@hotmail.com](mailto:jameschuler@hotmail.com) or (708) 502-4361.