

Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



Monthly Newsletter

In B&W (color version available online)

January 2009

Next Club Meeting

Date: Friday, January 23rd

Time: 7:30 pm

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

Special Topic(s):

- *Oshkosh Museum Trip*
- *Ultralight Safety Seminar Trip*
- *Future activities*

Stan Foster wins DeWalt Competition

Congratulations go out to Stan Foster for winning the DeWalt Top Finish Carpenter Contest. Stan is a stairbuilder by trade and entered one of his beautiful spiral staircases into the contest. Stan was one of 17 finalists to be featured on the DeWalt website. It was up to the public to view the finalists' projects on the website and vote for the best one. Stan truly won by popular vote! Stan is currently working on a Helicycle helicopter, we all look forward to him flying up for a fly-in this summer.



Stan's contest submission – a spiral staircase shown finished and during construction

Polar Bear Fly-In Info:

Date: January 1st 2009

Time: 11:00 am

Place: Lansing Municipal Airport
Airport Office
North side of the airport, enter from
Glenwood-Lansing Rd.

This year, as we've done the past few years, the club will be providing food. The club will provide hot beef and rolls along with potato salad.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to pass, there's no such thing as having too much food!

The grab bag gift will have a \$10 limit this year.

As we discussed at the last club meeting, please make sure that the gifts are male oriented. Lets all remember the golden rule, when choosing our grab bag gifts.

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The Golden Ratio

Not to be confused with the golden rule, which should be remembered when choosing your grab bag gift.

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Club Trip to the EAA AirVenture Museum

When: Saturday, January 24th
Where: Oshkosh, WI

The plan is to rent a van so that we can all drive up together. We will leave early on Saturday and get back late that night. The Ski Plane Fly-In will also be going on at that time, so we'll be able to enjoy both the museum and the ski planes. We also have an opportunity to see the Kermit Weeks aircraft restoration facility while we're there. Admission is free to EAA members, for non-members the admission is \$8.75 for people under 62, \$7.75 over 62. The club will pay for the van rental, the cost of gas will be split among those riding in the van. We will be discussing the details of the trip such as when and where the pick up spot(s) will be at the Polar Bear Fly-In. If you are interested in going, call Joe Mahr at (630) 325-0505

Club Member Engaged

On December 20th, Adam Helwich proposed to Angie Johnson... and she said yes! A firm date has not been set, but a tentative date of June 2010 has been suggested.

New Editor, Thanks Andy!

Adam Helwich has taken over as newsletter editor. Thanks goes out to Andy Svehla for his service.

Start Planning to Attend the 2009 Ultralight Safety Seminar

When: Saturday, February 28th
Where: 2520 Main St.
Springfield, IL

This year's Ultralight/Light Plane Safety Seminar will be held at the old location, on the state fairgrounds. There is no admission cost, but there is usually a catered lunch that helps to support the event, cost is around \$10. The schedule hasn't been posted yet, but it's a good bet that there will be some good information presented as has been the case in years past. As usual there will also be a vendor area. Last year the club rented a van and it worked out very well. At the next club meeting we will discuss the arrangements for the trip this year.