

Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



Monthly Newsletter

In B&W (color version available online)

August 2009

Next Club Meeting

Date: Friday, August 28th

Business Meeting:

Time: 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

General Club Meeting:

Time: 7:30 pm - ?

Place: Joe's Office

Lower-level Conference Room

120 East Ogden Avenue

Hinsdale, IL 60521

Agenda Topic(s):

- Shelbyville Plans
- Medieval Times Trip
- Club Tractor Gyro Project

Special cook out the next day on Saturday, Aug. 29th. See Page 2 for details. You won't want to miss it!

Matt Novotney Big Winner at Mentone

Matt won two awards at this year's awards banquet at Mentone. He was elected the winner of this year's Man and Machine award by all the pilots in attendance at the banquet. He also flew Scott Biser's Dominator to "2st" place in the Carter Aviation sponsored Time to Climb contest, winning not only recognition but a \$1500 prize.

New PRA Leadership

Recent PRA elections yielded some new leadership for the organization. Our own Tom Milton was elected to the board of directors this year and Stan Foster is now PRA Secretary. The new PRA President is also a member of our club, Rick Marshall. Congratulations to all of our members who have stepped up to help the PRA.

Mentone Report

Article by Adam Helwich

This year's convention was a bit hampered by the rainy weather, but still turned out to be very eventful for our club – both good and bad. OK, bad news first – Matt Novotney's gyro got wrecked. The good news is that he wasn't in it at the time and no one was seriously injured. His gyro was parked next to the runway and another gyro pilot crashed into it, totaling both machines. The pilot of the offending gyro suffered only minor injuries.

Now for the really good news – the other pilot had insurance! Let me repeat that, the owner of a single place gyro was actually carrying a million dollars of liability insurance. In the gyro world, that's kind of like having both parachutes fail to open while skydiving and landing in an open-roofed pillow warehouse.

If anyone is interested in obtaining insurance for their gyro, it is being offered by Falcon Insurance (www.falconinsurance.com)



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Shelbyville Plans

Dates: September 4th – 6th
Place: Shelby County Airport (2HO)

That's right, the annual fly-in at Shelbyville, IL is right around the corner. As in years past, our club will be supplying the materials for and running the flight competitions. Traditionally, the competitions are the flour bomb drop, pylon races and balloon break.

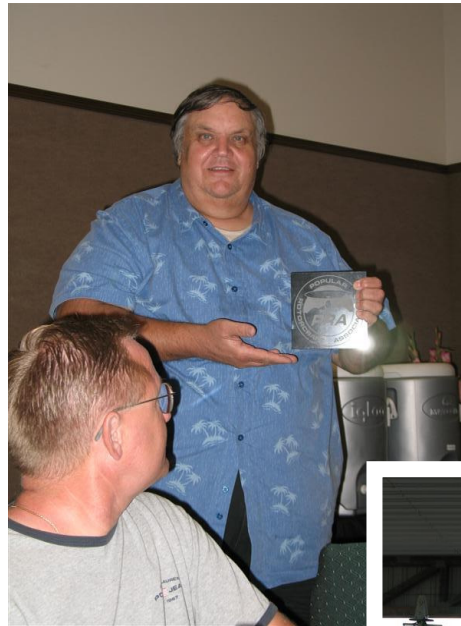
Special Cook-Out

Where: Lansing Airport – Club Hangar
When: Saturday, August 29th at noon

New PRA President, Rick Marshall will be flying his Magni in to give us a presentation on what we can do to help the PRA grow. As usual there will be food, flying and fun.

Club Tractor Project

Check out all the latest at www.rotaryforum.com, look under "builders corner" for our thread. We have a rolling airframe with an engine and a prop installed. We are still meeting most every Wednesday evening at the club hangar. Come join us in the building fun!



← Tom Milton shows off his laser engraved PRA tile. In the foreground is long-time club member, Marion Szmig who made it to the convention from Arizona.

→ The remains of Matt's gyro. Although it may be hard to tell from this picture, there is almost no piece on the gyro that was untouched by the accident. Rotorflight Dynamics owner, Ernie Boyette deemed the machine a total loss.

