

# Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



## Monthly Newsletter

In B&W (color version available online)

October 2011

### Next Club Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11:00am - ?

**Place:** NEW Club Hangar, D-5  
Lansing Municipal Airport  
Glenwood-Lansing Rd. and Burnham Ave.  
Lansing, IL 60438  
Enter from Burnham Ave.

If you don't have a gate card, call any officer at the bottom of the newsletter to be let in.

*Cook-out to follow meeting*

**Agenda Topics:**     - Build projects  
                              - Club events

### Oktoberfest a big hit!

Last month's meeting/Oktoberfest was a big hit! If you haven't come to a club meeting for a while, you need to see what you've been missing. We once again had a full house of old friends and a few new gyro enthusiasts. Every meeting in recent memory has enjoyed a great turnout.

### Special Event – Presentation by B2 Stealth Bomber Pilot Major “Hammer”

Our own Joe Mahr has been working on bringing this unique event together for some time. Come join the Fox Valley Flying Club, the Illinois Aviation Museum and the Clow/Lansing EAA Chapters as we watch a presentation on the B2 Stealth Bomber and the modern Air Force delivered by Major “Hammer”

This Event will take place on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Clow International Airport, that address is:

130 Clow International Parkway  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Hangar #1 – Illinois Air Museum

Major Hammer is planning on getting his first gyroplane ride from Rick Marshal before the presentation. Check your e-mail for plans to meet for dinner as a club.



^ Jon Hinman is more than our club secretary; he's also become our IT pro. Thanks to Jon's ongoing efforts, our club computer is running great and our internet connection is reliable. Thanks Jon!

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## Lots of Building Activity

Ray's project continues to progress. The engine ran for the first time last week. Will it fly this season... who knows, but it sure is getting close.

Ed Wiggins is also making impressive progress; his engine has also been heard running around the hangar, as well as his prerotator. It looks like nothing will keep him and his nice enclosed machine on the ground next Summer.

Larry Zimmerman has been making slow but steady progress on his modified Gyro-Jake machine. His gyro is in the club classroom right now, check it out next time you stop out.

Nick Costa will shortly be starting work on his new Dominator clone. With his gyro building experience and his machining expertise, Nick's new gyro is sure to be an eye-catcher.

Adam Helwich has a new Dominator on the way; it is being built as we speak – in Florida. He'll be picking up his new beauty at Bensen Days this April.



^ Ed's gyro, Ed, Kevin and Albert.

< Ray's go-ped prerotator.



I'm Data and I spend my dog days at [www.gyroclub.com](http://www.gyroclub.com)!

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