



January 2012

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Date: Friday Jan. 27, 2012

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Joe Mahr's office complex
150 W. Ogden, Hinsdale, IL. (just west of 294
on Ogden Ave. Downstairs, east hallway)

Agenda Topic(s):

- *Polar Bear debriefing*
- *Safety seminars*
- *June "Shelbyville" fly-in?*
- *Bensen Days*
- *PRA Mentone 50th Anniv. Fly-in Convention*

OUT WITH THE OLD

Club VP **Tom (Mr. Negative) Milton**, the aging curmudgeon, has been retired and has been replaced by the highly capable **Larry Zimmerman**.

Tom has been "put out to pasture" and given the job of Newsletter Editor as a form punishment.

No gold watch, no gift card to Harbor Freight, no club T-shirt, nothing. *"And after all I have done for you, I do and I do and I do for you and this is the thanks I get? Someday you'll have kids of your own and then you'll find out what it means to be a mother". tm*

FIRST IN 2012?

I do believe I may have certified the first aircraft in the country in 2012, and it was a gyroplane!

At the stroke of Midnight on 12/31/2011, I was finishing the paperwork for N1364, I heard the fireworks and neighborhood bombers, looked at my computer clock and sure enough, it was turning 2012.

Congratulations to **Randy Myers** a member of PRA Chapter 18.

I also certified **Jon Vos'** new gyro on New Year's Day, Jon's was the second aircraft certified in 2012, but got the prestigious, Chapter 18, "First To Fly" honors when he rolled his gyro out a few days later and earned that distinction. Jon earns his living flying Canadair Regional Jets for Skywest / United.

Randy's gyro is an Air Command clone, it was scratch built from materials and features a generous horizontal stabilizer.
Randy's gyro is powered by a Rotax 532.

Jon's gyro is also an Air Command clone, with a large horizontal stab, but with vertical winglets. Jon installed parts of the Air Command NCLT kit to enhance it's performance and stability.

Jon's gyro is Rotax 618 powered. *tm*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 27 Club Meeting

Jan. 28 Illinois Aviation EXPO & Seminar

Mar 3 II Dept of Aviation Safety Seminar

Mar 21-25 Bensen Days

Hinsdale, IL.

Itasca, IL.

Springfield, IL.

Wauchula, FL.

www.gyroclub.com

www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event

www.safety-seminar.com/

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Illinois Ultralight Light Plane Safety Seminar

Make plans for what has become a pleasurable and regular club event.

In the past, the club has rented a van to transport us to the seminar in Springfield, IL.

We will vote at the meeting to see if there is enough interest to rent the van. The usual drill is to meet at the Lansing Airport Entrance parking lot at 5am.

We then drive to the Cracker Barrel parking lot at I-80 in Joliet to pick up those who find it more convenient. A take out breakfast purchase at McDonalds is optional and we are off to Springfield.

The club pays for the van and the participants split the gas. We return right after the event and often stop for dinner on the way home if we reach a consensus. Often we are back by 7-8pm.

It's along but enjoyable day. This year has a decent line-up of speakers covering topics that usually apply to what we fly (view the schedule at their web site listed on page one).

There are vendor exhibits and door prizes.

Lunch can be purchased on site and benefits the local Aviation Explorer Scout troop. If their menu isn't to your liking, we can take the van to a local restaurant and have lunch. I hope to see you! *tm*

CLUB BUILD NIGHTS

The club build night has been changed to Thursdays by popular vote. There are several build projects under way. Come on out and learn how easy it is to build a gyroplane, especially a Chapter 18 "Monster Gyro".

Our goal is to finish the drawings for monster gyro and offer them free of charge to anyone having the gyro dream. I purpose the Monster gyro become a "Gyrowiki" project with anyone making successful modifications to our design welcome to add their drawings, pictures and parts lists to the project. It would be a formalized and organized way to build a gyro with many, proven options. A different engine, landing gear, enclosures, stabilizers, etc. are just a few of the possibilities.

With our chapter's stock of raw materials, extensive specialty tools and ready expertise, we can help turn your life long dream of flight into a reality. Come and have fun with us. Always call first or check the CH 18 Skype Cam *tm*