

Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



Monthly Newsletter

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Date: Saturday April 28, 2012

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Gyro club hangar, Lansing Muni Airport

Agenda Topic(s):

- *Hangar rules discussion*
- *Lansing pancake breakfast plans*
- *PRA Mentone 50th Anniv. Fly-in Convention*
- *Chalk talk; Teeter bolts and Rotorheads*

If you can, bring a dish to pass for a cookout afterwards.

DUES BE DUE

Club dues were do on (ironically) April first. It's time to fork over some of your hard earned coin of the realm and come face-to-face with club treasurer, Brian Burke (no matter how grim a task that is on any level)

Newsletters and club incorporation fees are as regular as rain. Van trips are fun too.

Do your part to keep this ship a float, contact the treasurer (below) and arrange payments as soon as possible or we shall speak of you in low, guttural tones. *tm*

ADAM'S NEW GYRO PROJECT

Adam Helwich has been seen feverishly working on his new Dominator style gyro in the club hangar. Adam has a long way to go, but appears to be "over the hump" in his quest for a new flying gyro this Summer.



Adam using Clecoc while assembling his rudder



Nick using Tom's older lathe to make some axle bushings for Adam. Nick set up the lathe for Adam and Andy helped. *Tm*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 28 Club meeting
June ?? Lansing EAA pancake brkfst
Aug 1-4 PRA Convention

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SPRING CLEANING

The March meeting saw the election of a mostly new hangar committee. Tom and Randy have been replaced by Andy and Jack, Chuck remains as the recognized leader.

Among the meeting topics discussed were the random enforcement of hangar rules. The hangar has become particularly shabby in recent months and is not the source of pride it once was.

We will be enforcing the hangar rule that; **“the only items allowed on the hangar floor must have wheels and be rollable”**. The ONLY exception is for club power tools and other stationary items. The “other” stationery items will be thrown out. Part of your tenant agreement is to keep your gyro moveable and stow your tools and belongings in your locker in the loft.

We will have a massive clean up after the meeting, it should take less than an hour.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS ON THE MAIN HANGAR FLOOR, TRY TO REMOVE THEM BEFORE THE MEETING. IF YOU CAN NOT, CONTACT ANY CLUB OFFICER LISTED ON THIS NEWSLETTER AND TELL THEM WHY NOT AND WHAT WE SHOULD DO WITH YOUR STUFF. PLEASE !

We have allowed debris and cast off parts to accumulate in our little corner of aviation. The airport manager and his help often come into our hangar to reset circuit breakers. Let's put our best image forward and be proud of what our club has accomplished. *mm*

MISC ITEMS

Larry Z is scheduled to complete his flight training as I type this. Good luck Larry.

Ray should be back home by the time you read this. Ray will give us a report on how his flight training went.

A new Lansing airport AWOS announcement speaks about traffic patterns and altitudes for noise abatement. Keep in mind that gyroplanes have a different FAA approved traffic pattern at Lansing. Our traffic pattern is below 500 feet and inside the fixed wing pattern. We are also asked to fly right traffic for 18 and 9, left for 36 and 27. Your aircraft operating limitations say ***that “you may operate over densely populated areas if a sufficient altitude is maintained to effect a safe emergency landing in the event of a power unit failure, without hazard to persons or property on the ground”***. You may depart our pattern in any direction

Keep in mind that your fun activity may be torture for someone trying to enjoy the peace and serenity of their comfort zone. Fly smart, fly safe and see you at the meeting. *mm*