

# Yankee Rotors

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## The Official Newsletter of Yankee Rotors

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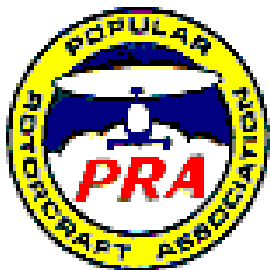
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**Regular meetings every  
3rd Sunday of each  
month at 1:00 p.m.**



### Next Meeting

Sunday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at Al's hangar at Laconia Airport. I think discussion of building the trainer should resume. It is a project that has been in the works too many years and I think we should get with it. Everyone wants a ride or to learn how to fly. This trainer was suppose to accomplish that.

### Milestones

At the last meeting John make his historical flight around the pattern with his modified RAF. This was a very non-eventful flight, all systems ere go. I even have it trimmed well enough to let go of the cyclic. Pretty soon it will be time to venture beyond the airport traffic area. John is also looking into the rigors of becoming a gyro CFI. This has already taken some years and lat least another one is in front of him. Either way some progress is being made in this area.

How about members who have ongoing projects. Don't you think it's time to come out of the woodwork and share with us and the public what you've been building?



### For Sale

Parsons two-place gyro for sale. Contact Rusty Blake: 207-663-4404. B8-

### Bensen B8-M

This is a dismantled, frame, packed and ready for shipping. It includes the wheels and other items. It is a project, half the price of any pre-made airframe. The price is \$500 plus shipping. Interested parties should contact John Christopher. Phone number is 603-744-6232.

### Barnett JB-4

We have a near complete two seat Barnett for sale. Normally for about 5k, this rolling frame needs an engine, rotors, and some instruments. Then up you go. Price reduced to \$1,000. This is pennies on the dollar for what it would cost.

### Drop Keel Gyro

This Dominator style drop keel gyro sports a huge horizontal stab with centerline thrust, an 1100 cc Yamaha engine, seats two people and is a great flyer. Call Ray Maheu at 207-465-3203.

Original Bensen B8-M with 72 hp Mc Colloch engine, 22' Dragon Wings rotors, mufflers, electric pre-rotator. A beautiful example of a flying modified Bensen, very clean. \$2,000.00

At left John climbs out after a roll of about 500'. I love the way this ship flies. I can't wait to climb to 2,000' and actually go somewhere

## August 2011 Meeting

The August meeting, the third held at Al's hangar was a milestone day. The flight testing of John's modified RAF continues. After many prior tests, ground handling, take-off speed, rotor RPM and lots of other things the books don't tell you, the ship is ready to fly the pattern with confidence. Al congratulates John on a successful first flight around the pattern. Other members have also been busy building.



Mike Paquin not only brought his gyro, he brought lunch. Mike's gyro is of his own design, drop keel Dominator style, he is taking his time ensuring everything is right, included in this is getting some flight instruction. The frame shown is a practice one, holes drilled where needed, components sized and placed where they will belong. Much of this bird is finished needing only an engine and rotorhead. There are innovative changes in the prerotation drive, and a non-Rotax engine is planned. Mike is on the right track and at this point he is already flying.



We have a new member, Lisa Belanger, a close friend of John's, in the background. Seated at the table is Bruce (big, bad, Bruce). Bruce had been intrigued by gyros for some time, know a wealth of information on Yamaha engines, and, maybe we can get him to join. With Mike slaving over the grill, one gyro in the air, and that comrade that's been missing for some time, it reminded me of what was said long ago-good food, good friends, and great flying. With that maiden trip around the patch done with, I can expect to have only more success with the modifications I've made. I had a blast at this meetig and I know others who attended did too. What else can I say?

