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



Next Meeting

May 27th, Sunday at 1:00 PM at Plymouth Municipal Airport. I expect that future flyins we attend will be on the agenda. I urge all members to attend, voice their ideas, concerns, or intentions. For example, the March meeting was held at Al's house where Mike Paquin did the hang test for his gyro. I wasn't there, the first meeting I've missed in a decade. The result is that nothing was documented. No pictures, no article, as far as the world is concerned it did not happen. I sent out templates for members to write short articles. Only one member took advantage of this some time ago and was greatly appreciated. I know, everyone is busy, too busy to do anything. Well I'm busy too, even when I'm not busy I have things to do. I'm writing this newsletter at 5:00 AM because I'm too busy to do it at any other time. A little help is always appreciated. Which leads to the subject of member participation. Spring Fling is OUR fly-in. We created it, we sponsor it, it happens because of us. Therefore it would be nice if someone besides myself would bring their gyro, flying or not, for the general public to see. This is what we do, disperse information, it is our mission and why we hold the "non profit" status with the IRS. It is not fair for one or two people to be doing all the work. I will be there, camera in hand as usual. It is my hope that all members who can attend will, and bring their project, ideas and whatever with them. There are people interested in what we do, and up to us to help them.

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 \$250 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, Tail w/ HS, 1100 cc Kawasaki Engine, seats two, a great flyer, Many options. A steal at \$12,500 Call Ray Mahue at 207-465-3203 This is a beautiful machine.

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

My commitment to Yankee Rotors is due to the fact that I wanted to fly gyros. Without their help I may not be flying today. Hope to see you there.

What I Did While Waiting

I feel like I'm writing my first essay after summer vacation. I know other things happened, just don't know what it is that happened. So unfortunately, or fortunately, my aviation activity is what you have to view once again.

I was finishing up my 40-hour flight test phase, not long to go, looking towards Spring fling, sitting and talking with others interested in home built rotary wing aircraft. At left I'm making a low pass over Laconi's 26, aircraft trimmed so I have both hands off the controls.



After completing phase I testing, I am now allowed to carry passengers. Lisa has never flown in a small aircraft before. She did come with me to get my biannual in an R-44, but that was a large roomy helicopter. She seems so feel right at home in a gyro too. Here she took a picture of the panel when I reached 4,000' MSL. Really not much different than flying at 1,000', just smoother air and more options to put down if necessary. I shaded the GPS to help reduce glare, but it needs something that provides more shade.



You can tell by the expression on her face that Lisa is terrified. She was a good passenger, didn't scream or anything, so here she sits, smiles and waves. She did it again the following week with both doors off. Congratulations Lisa on your first flight in a gyro.



And here are the remains of old faithful, N179TC. Looks pretty bad but very re-buildable, just needs a new engine, mast, rotor, rotorhead, landing gear, you get what I mean. So we'll see you all at Spring Fling, this Saturday at Plymouth Municipal airport for a relaxing day of aviation fun. I need this time off, plus the practice on soft fields. See you there. Please bring your project if possible as others would like to see it.



Here I am doing some pre-flight planning. Performance is decreased dramatically with two people, but it still flies. Maybe I'll just drain some fuel. Either way I'm looking forward to some good food, good friends, and great flying.