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



Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively Planned for the Bowman Field Flyin. It is not definite yet that we will be Attending yet, so if we do you will Be notified by email of this meeting.

Mt Washington Regional Flyin

This once attended flyin was Spectacular. Based at Mount Washington Regional Airport this Flyin is sponsored by a gentleman Named Mr. Presby. He owns a business across the street from the airport, has done very well, and puts on this thank you event for the citizens of that area. There will be a huge lunch, as much as you would like to eat, several dishes to choose from. All set on plates, tablecloth and silverware, no expense was spared the last time we were here. A private carnival company was hired to provide rides and entertainment for children, some warbirds and other aircraft for adults, and of course, Yankee Rotors, the only place to acquire info on gyros and

See my lonely gyro sitting all by itself at the far end of the BUMPY!! grass strip. We were told to set there because there would massive amounts of campers lined up next to the woods using the grass strip. We were the only ones there except for one guy who left early Sat morning. 3 powered parachutes came Friday night but also left by 9:30 Sat morning.

The biggest problem, along with the bumpy grass strip was the traffic patterns for the main runway and the grass strip. They overlapped so you were always in the way of air traffic.

Also, the airport closed the entrance so we were locked in. No way in or out without finding someone to remove the fencing and barrier, and that includes walking to the concession stand for breakfast etc.

Rusty, I am glad that you were there and made my trip worth it. Jim Bauder

For Sale

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

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.

Beautiful Bensen B8-M

Really nice Bensen, many upgrades, under 5 hours, dragon wings. Call or write to John.

Homebuilt rotorcraft. I must point Out that our attendance is dependent, upon the weather cooperating with us. If the weather is bad, forget it, if not, plan on it. I will be leaving early Saturday morning, **tomorrow** to fly there.

Greenland Flyin 2012

The Greenland Flyin sponsored by the Yankee Ultralight Flyers has been a regular stop for members of Yankee Rotors. This public event attracts hundreds of people who are not pilots. They bring their families, small children and pets. It is also an annual gathering of pilots who fly some of the amazing homebuilt aircraft that one would ever see. There is food, good friends, and of course, great flying. What follows some will remember, others will just enjoy as everyone there had a smile on their faces. This is the first time I've flown to the flyin, and back



At right is Doug Riley, a former Basic Flight Instructor for gyroplanes. At left is an unknown gyro pilot who arrived in his Monarch gyroplane. This kit sports progressive landing gear making every landing a soft one. It also has a very unique prerotator system capable of attaining 200 rpm prior to take off. It's a mess of belts and pulleys. It also employs a small air compressor which actuates the system. Very different.



There was a girl pilot there, just received her commercial rating, giving airplane rides. See how easy it is? She is becoming an air traffic controller.



I also got a piece of the action as a couple of takers shared the expenses of flying with me. I took a father and his son down to Seabrook and back, the spectacular view of Hampton Beach running its length as we were out over the ocean. Good thing too, I needed fuel to get home from the flyin.



And here's the view they saw. I'll admit, I've taken this shot in the past, but probably not quite so high off the ground. At 2,000' AGL you see all of Hampton, Seabrook, even the nuclear power plant in the back. The beach is relatively bare as it was early in the day, plenty of places to put down if necessary. Last year a fixed wing pilot flying too low had engine problems and was too far out to land on the beach front. So he ditched into the water. He survived, but his plane was damaged and it probably cost a few bucks to get it out of the water.



Again, here's an old view revisited. There is one difference though. The trees at the top of the hill have been removed. You still need to make your approach just above the tree line to make a great landing and not use up too much runway. It's not the best grass strip I've landed on but certainly not the worst. You have 2,000' to play in, just lots of people watching.



There was a pilot there with an Exec kit helicopter. I didn't get a chance to talk with him as he really did a lot of flying. Anyway this is a beautiful example of one high end kit helicopters available and this one is a great flier.



This is what I'm going to get after I lose my medical card. This ultralight helicopter screams, flies beautifully, is well crafted, full instruments, radios, what more could you ask for. For under 30k you can own one. This is just one of the many different home built aircraft. The fun continues.



There was a pilot there who showed up with an R-44 helicopter and was giving FREE rides to all takers. It was a great thrill for Yankee Rotors members to pile in and go for a very, very long helicopter ride. North above the Pease Control Zone is not a long flight, but takes 15-20 minutes. Most rides are around the pattern and that's it. This pilot just couldn't stop giving rides. This was a great opportunity for children wishing for a ride. And you know they are having fun as Lisa and the pilot cannot stop smiling. My hats off to this gentleman, from Florida was up visiting some family members, heard about this flyin, and decided to attend. What a guy.

It was busy, there were many onlookers, home built aircraft were coming and going. The Airboss was kept busy, help keeping flying aircraft in order, insuring a safe flying environment. The Greenland Flyin attracts different people every year. It has always been a family event, exposing everyone to raw aviation, some aircraft as simple as the Wright Flyer, others more complex as Sikorski's first helicopter. The weather was great, places to cool off, fishing, camping on the field. These events do not get any better. Well organized, managed and a very friendly atmosphere.



I want to congratulate Mike Paquin on his completion of his gyro, now flying, and for bring it, along with Al Fraser's, to the flyin. Mike is just about ready to solo his gyro. Quite an accomplishment and a shining example of what we do at Yankee Rotors, help people.



It was busy, I had lots of planning to do and execute. I know I had a great time and wish I could stay longer. All good things do come to an end, and I was glad to get home. Entering left downwind for 26, Laconia Municipal Airport was a great sight to see as I watched my fuel gauge go down to the red. It took a little over an hour to get there, a bit longer to get home. This was a great flyin. Maybe next year you'll be there. I know I will.

