

Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



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Next Club Meeting

Date: Friday, August 25th
Time: 7:30 PM Sharp
Where: Lyons Township Hall

Special Topic(s):
- *Upcoming Fly-ins*



Matt Novotney and Nick Costa pulling their gyros to the grass strip at Bass Lake.



Matt Novotney starting his Man-Hirth as he and Nick prepare to drag race to the grass strip.

Fun at Bass Lake

During the past month, the club has made itself known in, around and over Bass Lake, IN. Thanks to a familial hook-up, Matt Novotney has obtained access to a house and even more importantly, a barn and airstrip at Bass Lake. We made our first appearance on the weekend of the 29th of July for Bass Lake Days.

Matt and I pulled/taxied our gyros approximately ¼ mile down the country road to the well maintained grass strip. The weather was brutally hot, but once in the air, the flying was very pleasant. We made several flights throughout the weekend, including a fly over of the very well attended pancake breakfast at the local firehouse. We also set up a club display on the parade route where we answered questions and distributed club info packs. It was so much fun that we decided to go back the next weekend.

This time Nick Costa decided to join in the fun. The weather was much more tolerable and Nick and Matt demonstrated great faith in their engines as they flew across the lake. Matt took up a camera and captured some great air to air shots of Nick. I'm sure this won't be our last trip to Bass Lake.

Article by Adam Helwich

Shelbyville Regional Fly-in

It's fast approaching that time of year again – the Shelbyville Fly-in! The fly-in will be the weekend of September 9th, usually most people show up Thursday or Friday and head back Sunday. As usual, we'll have the balloon break, bomb drop, pylon race, and spot landing competitions. I know I'm not alone in saying that this is my favorite fly-in of the year. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Gyro Pilot T-Shirt Update

Thanks to an unsolicited request on the rotary forum (www.rotaryforum.com), there has been an unprecedented run on Gyro Pilot T-Shirts. As of this printing, I have shipped 12 shirts. We only have 2 left, a XXL and a Medium, although I suspect that as soon as I post that info, those will also be sold. We owe Larry Schoenenberger a debt of gratitude for bankrolling this last batch of shirts. I think this recent interest in gyro shirts is proof that "if we make them, they will sell." Let's think about doing it again.

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Nick flying hands free at Bass Lake.

Chapter 18 at the ASC Nationals

There is a small contingent of members planning to attend the ASC Nationals again this year, details are sketchy but it looks like there will be at least one gyro flying at the event from our club.



A shot of the grass strip at Bass Lake.

Gyro Bash '06 at the Hangar

September 16th is the date for this year's gyro bash at the club hangar. We are planning a mid-afternoon cookout, with plenty of flying as well. Several club members from out-of-state, as well as some old friends of the club will be attending.

We're also planning on watching the greatest gyro movie ever made later on at night – *The Great Skycopter Rescue*. If you haven't seen this movie, you're in for a real B-movie treat!

If you come and do not have a gate card, call Adam or Jim (phone numbers at bottom of first page of this newsletter), and we'll let you in.

Monster Hangar Build Team Progress Report

It seems that the time spent on the project gyro has been gradually decreasing over the past couple months since several build team members have been vacationing and using build night for flying and personal gyro repair.

Some progress was made this past month, with Nick adjusting the control linkage ratios and replacing the cross tube on the rotor head. This was done to give the gyro a better feel in the air.

We are also expecting the tall tail from new club member Joe Tracey from Ohio within the next week or so... Hopefully, we will have it ready for the ASC Nationals during Labor Day Weekend.

New Club Member & Gyro

We acquired a new club member this past week – Bill Eisman, and he came with a gyro! Bill is, ok here goes... Matt Novotny's fiancé's mother's boyfriend. Anyway, whoever he is, he's a club member now. Bill is new to gyros and just purchased a KB-3 with a very, very low time Rotax 582 blue-head. Bill will be bringing his new gyro to the hangar sometime during the next week, so some experienced gyronauts can go over it with him. Bill is planning on attending our next club meeting this Friday at the Lyons Township Hall, so let's be sure to welcome him to our club.



The gyro club's display during the club's first visit to Bass Lake.

Upcoming Events

August 25th – Club Meeting (7:30 PM) – Lyons Township Hall
 August 31st – Monster Hangar Build Team Meeting – Club Hangar
 September 1st - 4th – ASC Nationals – Marshall, MI
 September 8th – 10th – Shelbyville Fly-in
 September 16th – Picnic and Movie at Club Hangar (Gyro Bash '06)

*The Monster Hangar Build Team now meets on **Thursday** evenings in the club hangar.*