

Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



Monthly Newsletter

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Members: FREE

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Next Club Meeting

Date: Saturday, June 2nd

Time: 12:00 Noon

Where: Club Hangar – Lansing Airport
(cookout to follow, approx. \$4/person)

Special Topic(s):

- Club Project Updates
- Hangar Improvements
- Club Drop Keel Project Gyro For Sale Again

EAA Pancake Breakfast

The annual EAA Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 10th at Lansing Airport.

As in previous years, the club will be looking for members to put their gyros on display. We'll try to get there early Sunday morning to setup.

Word on the street is that Mark Malek will be flying that day.

New Gyro in the Hangar

In case you visit the club hangar and wonder who the new gyro belongs to, Randy Myers has moved his machine into our hangar. If you have history with the club, you will recognize it as Hans Manske's old gyro.

Recent hangar clean-up days have made for additional room, so even with the addition of Randy's gyro, there is still plenty of room to move around.

From Tom Milton...

It's as official as a handshake.

Yesterday, Linda Wunderlich and I shook hands on the purchase of Wunderlichs Inc. by Calumet Motorsports.

I have been (with some much appreciated and needed help) making and assembling Wunderlich prerotators and rotor brakes since Dick's passing in mid-February.

Things have been rocky at times. The distance between Dick's shop and mine, Mrs. W. taking the calls and doing the billing and shipping have lead to some difficult communications.

The worst headache was the panic-buying we experienced, caused by the fear that Wunderlichs would shut its doors. The large orders, the distance I had to travel, and the "learning curve" put us behind a little bit, but we are catching up now.

As of today, please address all orders and phone inquiries to Calumet Motorsports, www.calumetair.com, (708) 895-0398 Ph / Fax or better still e-mail us at gyroplanes@aol.com. Watch for our ad in the PRA magazine.

I have plans to post the Wunderlich parts & price lists to my web site to expedite information exchange. The Wunderlich prerotator, rotor brake and parts inventory, along with the component assembly portion of the business, will be moved to my location soon. This will streamline the ordering process.

Linda has been an angel through all of this and wanted to do her best to help service the rotorcraft community. It has been difficult for her through a most agonizing time in her life. We all thank you Linda and Dick Wunderlich for all that you have given our small community, for so many years.

(posted on www.rotaryforum.com)

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Adam's Canadian seat tank mounted on his new airframe.

Monster Hangar Build Team Progress Report

We have not been meeting on a regular basis lately. If you plan on attending a build night meeting, check with one of us to make sure we will be there... and where we will be meeting. We typically meet at Lansing airport and ABET Industries machine shop.

With the club hangar almost in the best shape it's been in years, the build team will be resuming its weekly meetings there. The new storage area has really opened up the loft for building new machines, so there should be enough room to build two gyros up there. Jim Schuler has already claimed a spot for building Rogan's gyro, and we will probably work on Larry's machine up there as well since we need to get it ready for Mentone.

Adam Helwich recently acquired a partial gyro, mainly for its engine (an MZ202). He and Dougie worked on the engine up at ABET and have mounted it on his rolling airframe. Nick also assisted Adam with mounting his un-American seat tank on his new machine. Adam has a few finishing touches to complete on his gyro, but it should be making its way to Lansing sometime soon.

That's all for now... we hope to see you in Lansing on Wednesday nights!

Club Hangar

Over Memorial Day weekend, several club members contributed to a much-needed addition to the club hangar, an additional storage area, alongside the existing loft. For under \$50 (and with the donation of some supplies by Tom Milton), an 8' x 12' "shelf" was assembled and mounted next to the loft on the existing steel crossbeams.

This storage area now holds a lot of the miscellaneous supplies and equipment that were just strewn about the hangar, and it also frees up the loft for club projects.

The new area was completed with the help of Chuck Roberg, Tom Milton, Peter Converse, Adam Helwich, and Jim Schuler.

The most amazing balancing acts were pulled off by Peter while helping to clear off the steel crossbeams and move the platform into place. If Brian Burke was there, he would have peed himself.

Upcoming Events

June 2nd – Club Meeting (12:00 PM) – Club Hangar – Lansing, IL
 June 10th – EAA Pancake Breakfast – Lansing Airport
 July 23rd – 29th – EAA AirVenture 2007 – Oshkosh, WI
 August 1st - 5th – PRA Convention – Mentone, IN

*The Monster Hangar Build Team now meets on **Wednesday** evenings in the club hangar or at ABET Industries, unless otherwise noted. Call ahead to make sure we will be meeting.*

In Other News

On Sunday, May 27th, we had many club members (past and present) out at the airport. Lenny Schneider and Pat Quinn stopped by for a little while after running into a couple club members at Shannon's Landing for lunch. Also at the airport were Chuck Roberg, Tom Milton, Jim Schuler, Adam Helwich, and Joe Mahr.

On Saturday, May 19th, Nick Costa was married to his longtime girlfriend/fiancé Nicole Vanderhei.

Congratulations to Nick and Nicole! We hope Nick can still get permission to come out and play at the airport.

...Matt and Jim are on deck.