

Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club



Monthly Newsletter

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Members: FREE

June 2007

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Next Club Meeting

Date: Saturday, July 7th

Time: 12:00 Noon

Where: Sun Aero's Hangar – Lansing Airport
(cookout to follow, approx. \$5/person)

Special Topic(s):

- Club Project Updates

- Mentone and Oshkosh Events

Club Meeting

The club meeting is planned for July 7th in the front room in Sun Aero's hangar. If you do not have a gate card, you can enter Sun Aero's office from the North side of the airport.

We will have a cookout afterward, like we did during the last meeting... probably at the club hangar.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Bobby Prater prepares to hit Adam over the head with his mast following Adam's anti-Army slur.

Build Team Update

This past Wednesday we met once again at Abet Industries in LaGrange, IL.

Over the past few weeks, Adam, with the help of Nick, has made some progress on his monster gyro: tuned muffler mounted, pedals mounted, instrument pod mount installed, throttle plate installed along with throttle quadrant and trim adjuster.

On June 27th, we had an extra build team member, too. Bobby Prater, long distance Chapter 18 member, drove all the way down from Michigan to pick up his very own monster gyro materials kit. Bobby is a rotary forum lurker and Blackhawk helicopter test pilot at his day job. We stayed late and got a lot done... can't think of a better way to spend a Wednesday night.

With the help of a few club members, Bobby has his airframe drilled out. He is planning on building his machine this winter, as he has been collecting gyro parts here and there. We look forward to seeing Bobby get his machine together and flying come next year!

Nick has also begun work on his gyro and has made plans to get it ready for Mentone. A bit aggressive, sure, but it's Nick. "You don't think I know how to build a gyro?" If he says it'll be ready, then it'll be ready.

(partially posted on www.rotaryforum.com)

Congratulations, Matt!

Club Vice President, Matt Novotney, was the latest of several club members to get married this year.

Matt and fiancé Jen were married on the Turks and Caicos Islands a couple weeks ago. Cheers to Matt!

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A close-up of Adam's throttle quadrant.



Adam's MZ 202 engine and muffler were mounted over the last few weeks during the Wednesday night builds.



Bobby Prater using Nick's drilling jig at Abet last Wednesday night.



Adam's Monster Gyro, as of June 27th. Recent updates include muffler, throttle quadrant, and pedals.

Upcoming Events

July 7th – Club Meeting (12:00 PM) – Sun Aero – 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. **Different club members have been meeting at one or both locations, so we may very well be at both places.***