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Southwest Regional Newsletter

• Club news and upcoming events
• Member profiles
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Newsletter Past Issues
If you have missed an issue of our newsletter just go to www.gyrosaway.com to download past issues. Also available at www.pra.org.

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You don’t have to be a member to receive the newsletter, just send an email to mike484@aol.com and ask to be added to the distribution list. Please feel free to forward our newsletter to all your friends and family.

Send Us Your News

Project Reports
Send us pictures of your project to include in future editions of the newsletter. We will post anything you have on your build, modifications, training, etc. Just send an email to tell us what you are doing and include some pictures if you have any. Progress reports are probably the most interesting things to read about and see.

Your Pride and Joy
Send us pictures of your machine to include as a feature in future additions. If you include some information on the details of your machine or a short bio of yourself we’ll also include this with your pictures. Brag about your aircraft!!

Events and Meetings
Next time you’re at a fly-in or just out flying with a buddy, take some pictures and let us know about it. Have your club secretary send us your club news and tell us about your meetings. Send us names of new members so we can welcome them to our sport. We are interested in anything your club is doing.

Family News and Announcements
Our newsletter isn’t just all about the machines, it’s about the people of our region also. Any family news or announcements you want to share please feel free to send us so we can let everyone know.
Antony Solos!!!!
Antony did his first solo flight on July 6th. Now he’s working at getting ready for his check ride. Congratulations Tony. He will then begin working on obtaining his CFI ticket. Tony is a high time helicopter pilot and a certified ground school instructor, he will make a great CFI and will be supporting the local PRA members in achieving their dream of flight.

We strongly encourage all chapter members to become members of the PRA. By joining you will be supporting the organization that promotes our sport by representing us to the FAA and assist them on making gyro flying available for all of us. The new PRA website will have several members only benefits including: PRA’s electronic Rotorcraft magazines along with past issues chocked full of great information and historical data, downloadable plans, and a PRA supported forum. Please join today, you won’t be disappointed.

www.pra.org

CHAPTER SHIRTS
Chapter 62 has two styles of T-shirts available, if you are interested please contact Danny Whitten. He usually has these available for purchase at the meetings.

They are $20 each

Cover, Monty and Desmon on a dusk flight over Hooks airport.
How to Build a Simple Brake Pedal
By Mark Carmouche

1. Cut 1x2 aluminum tubing.
2. Shape and Bore holes.
3. Finished lever arm now start foot pegs.
4. Cut foot pegs from 1.5x1.5 square tubing then cut length wise.
5. Fit foot pegs to levers and rivet.
6. Finished to levers.

Mark has always got some project going and is very good at fabricating parts. He helped me by making the hand brake handle for my RAF. If you need some assistance at getting something fabricated contact Mark at mcarmouche2@bellsouth.net.
Another Bird is Born at Chapter 20

A Sno-Bird that is. Mark McDonner is currently building a Sno-Bird tandem, which he just purchased a few months ago, in the hangar shared with his Air Command and Rudy’s RAF in Gonzales. Hope he has it together in time for the Chapter 62 fly-in in September.

2 State Gyro Meet
Hosted by Louisiana Chapter 20 and Arkansas Chapter 6

Chapter 20 is currently planning their annual two state fly-in for mid October in North Central Louisiana. Last year they hosted a great fly-in, it was dubbed a “mini Mentone” with PRA members and machines from three states traveling to this event. There were fourteen flying gyroplanes, three gyroplanes on display and one gyro glider for a total of eighteen machines. Twenty five regional chapter members and several other guests also attended. The picture at the top of page three was taken at last years event, for more information on last year please see January’s issue of Southwest Rotorcraft.
Chapter 62 of the PRA is holding it’s first fly-in in conjunction with the Annual Texas Gator Festival. There will be many activities associated with the festival for everyone to enjoy. For more information on the Gator Fest or local accommodations please visit www.texasgatorfest.com.

Chambers County Airport is also hosting a pancake breakfast fly-in on Saturday so plan to support them and have a great breakfast with other aviation enthusiasts.

We are anticipating a great turnout of rotorcraft from all around our region, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma; currently we are expecting between 20—30 gyros and we also are inviting all other light sport aircraft to attend. Feel free to arrive on Thursday and stay until Sunday.

September 16th and 17th 2011
Chambers County Airport (T00), Anahuac TX

A limited amount of T-Shirts with our Anahuac logo will be sold so if you want one please pre-order to assure one will be available for you. The cost will be determined when we place the order, please contact Danny at dannywhitten@embarqmail.com.

If you are planning on staying at a local motel, please reserve early since festival normally draws quite a large crowd. Food will also be available on site.

We want as many gyros there as possible so even if yours isn’t quite ready for flight, bring it anyway, I’m sure everyone will be interested in seeing it. Along with gyros, we also invite any other rotorcraft or light sport aircraft of any type. If you know anyone in an ultra light, powered parachutes, or other organizations please pass on the information to them.

If you would like to volunteer a little of your time to help us please contact Keith Johnston at 409-673-8737 or KRJohnston5459@me.com.

As we get more organized, and have more information, we will be posting updates in our monthly newsletter. Please keep up with us by checking out the Southwest Rotorcraft each month.
49th Annual PRA Convention
August 2 - 6, 2011
Mentone, Indiana

Forums/Seminars, Flying, Camping Competitions, Vendor’s Showcase
Powered Parachute Extravaganza*

*Registration for the Extravaganza can be found at www.pow parachute.com

Register early at www.pra.org or 574-353-7227
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June Meeting Minutes

Member roll call
Danny Whitten, Dean Dolph, Mike Grosshans, Antony Thomas, Chauncey Surry, Anthony Vallot, Mark Spies, Steve McDaniel, Mike Ransleban, Bill Prince, Cliff Massey

Visitor Introduction
Bill Moody, Gordon Cooper, Becky O'Brien

PRA News
PRA Convention is the first week of August in Mentone
Dean handed out a paper titled “What is the benefit of Joining the PRA” and gave a brief talk of the benefits

Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting
Minutes were not read but accepted.

Treasurer's Report
The chapter balance sheet was emailed out to the members.

Safety Reports

Old Business
The application for non-profit status was revised and resubmitted

New Business
1. BOD Report; Mark reported that the BOD had a meeting in May, the fly-in and airport safety were the topics of discussion
2. Chapter fly-in; The date is set for September 16th and 17th. Volunteers are still needed, please contact Keith Johnston if you would like to volunteer some time
3. Mark asked for a volunteer to be the clubs librarian to oversee the video, book, and magazine libraries; Chauncey volunteered and the group accepted
4. The club is needing people to form a Budget/Expenditure committee to indentify possible purchases, get pricing, and present to the club. Dean volunteered with Mark and Steve Mc to assist, the club approved of the committee
5. Cliff Massey delivered Karl Winters gyro and engines to the hangar, these are for sale

Project Reports
1. Chauncey is looking at about two more weeks to complete his Benson
2. Danny is getting his engine back together and is anticipating being back up soon; he is also working on his fuel system and pre-rotator
3. Steve Mc found some cracks in his prop and has sent it in to get it repaired
4. Tony is now flying with Danny and working out the bugs
5. Mark got his brakes fixed
6. Mike R and Don are still working on their Bandit project

Presentation

Plans For Next Meeting
The July meeting will be at Anahuac on th 16th

Adjournment
Lunch was provided by Cliff Massey and donations were accepted.
Antony and Danny got in some air time after the meeting

More detailed minutes can be found on the members only forum.

Clean Your Garage and Help the Club
Danny is taking up collections of scrap steel to take in for recycling. The price of is up and it doesn’t take much to add up to a few dollars. If you have any steel laying around and just rusting away or is something you meant to get rid of long ago and just haven’t gotten around to it now’s the time to help the club by bringing your scrap to the August meeting at Sport Flyers. Danny will gather all of this up and take it in; all proceeds collected will be donated to the Chapter.
7' x 13' trailer for a single place gyro. It has a single axel and both tires and spare are new. Bearings are good as well. There is a winch toward the hitch for helping the gyro on to the deck so a single person can load the gyro. It is a project and needs to have it's deck replaced. Asking $350 PM or email for pictures. Paul 512-680-1835 or perbgyro@sbcglobal.net

Selling a set of RAF 2000 wheels (15x6.00x6 1in axle) and brakes (mechanical-cable) good rubber. $150 + shipping or will trade for ?

jjp77tex@yahoo.com

I started to build a Zenith CH-650 but my cancer has returned and I am no longer able to work on it. I have several sheets of 6060 T6 aluminum that I need to sell.

5 pieces — 6061 T6 .025 X 48" X 144" (4' X 12') asking $50 each piece or best offer.

1 piece — 6061 T6 .032 X 48" X 144" (4' X 12') asking $55 or best offer.

Whoever buys it (them) will have to pick it up from my house as I have no way to transport them.

Jim Ley
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1 seater, 2.2 Subaru, 26ft. Dragon Wings, 13 gallon fuel tank, hydraulic pre-rotator, 73" Warpdrive prop, electric start, gages. Price 10,000.00 firm. Contact Walt in Atkins Arkansas 479-641-7058

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Classifieds are free, just email mike484@aol.com with the information. Classifieds are open to everyone in our region and is not limited to rotocraft only.
Ken Brock Freedom Fly-In  
Hosted by PRA Chapter 1  
El Mirage Dry Lake  
El Mirage, CA  
September 23rd-25th, 2011

Bring your Camping Gear - Not much in the way of Facilities.  
There are Motels in Adelanto (13 mi.) and Victorville (20 mi.)  
We will have Porta Potties on site.

Directions:  
From I-15 - Take 395 to Adelanto, turn West on Rancho Road, RT on Koala Road, LT on El Mirage Road,  
go West 8 mi. to Mountain View Road, turn right to B.L.M. Center for Lake access. Go to far Northwest end & look for Gyros flying! (GPS coordinates will help pinpoint location).

From I-5 - Take Hwy 14 to East Palmdale Blvd and head East, LT on Ave 240, RT on Ave P / El Mirage Road, LT on Mountain View Road to B.L.M. Center for Lake access. Go to Northwest end & look for Gyros flying! (GPS coordinates will help pinpoint location).

Friday Night STEAK BBQ ($15 Donation)  
Followed by FREE Corn Roast at the Brock’s

Cookout Saturday Night!  
Please bring your own meat to cook on our Club furnished FREE fire. The Club furnishes: FREE Salad-Beans-Bread-Soft Drinks & Coffee.

Bring your own Plate & Utensils for BBQ, Corn Roast & Cookout

For More Info:  
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Visit Our Website: www.PRA-1.org
EAA Chapter 59 in McGregor, TX is raffling off this beautiful Wag Aero Sport Trainer Cub Replica along with 50 other great prizes. Only 1500 tickets will be sold. Tickets are $100 each. Your chance of winning a prize is 1:30.

1st Prize:
- Air Frame 0 time
- Engine 0200 970 hours
- New Sensenich prop
- Hydraulic toe brakes
- Dual 13 gallon gas tanks
- Electric trim
- Javelina laserg cut instrument panel
- Sport pilot eligible
- Fly from the front seat

2-50 Prizes:
- Custom PNR headset
- Flexible boom mic
- Gold Plated plugs
- Padded headband
- Extended Comfort ear seals

Drawing to be held on 1st Saturday Event September, 2011 at the EAA Chapter 59 Hangar
You do not need to be present to win, but you must have your ticket to claim your prize
Chapter 59 reserves the right to extend the date for the drawing if all tickets are not sold and the right to move the date should tickets be sold before the first Saturday in September, 2011
Tickets can be purchased from a Chapter member, by contacting a Board member or donating via paypal on the website http://eaa59.org
Anyone is eligible to win including members of Chapter 59, Waco, Tx
A non involved third party shall draw the winning tickets from randomly generated numbers assigned to each ticket
The purchase of five tickets receives a free EAA Chapter 59 tee shirt
All proceeds shall be the property of EAA Chapter 59 and shall be used as determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the Chapter Membership for aviation related activities, items, or projects or any other venue deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
All taxes, transfers, registration fees or any other costs involved in the acceptance of any prize are the responsibility of the winner. Title must be transferred prior to the aircraft transferring hands and must be transferred and moved within 30 days of award.