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Your Pride and Joy
Send us pictures of your machine to include as a feature in future editions. 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.

Upcoming Events

April 13; Chapter 65, Luling T91
Burnet Bluebonnet AirShow - April 13th
http://www.bluebonnetairshow.com/
Welcome.html

April 20; Chapter 62 Meeting at Anahuac

April 27; Chapter 78 Meeting at Olney

April 27; Kerrville Fly-In, Kerrville Texas

Central Texas Airshow - May 3-5
http://www.centraltexasairshow.com/

Kingsbury Air Fair - May 11
http://pioneerflightmuseum.org/

May 18; Chapter 62 Meeting at Anahuac

May 25; Chapter 20 Meet in Opelousas

June 6 - 8; Rotors Over The Rockies

June 8 - Chapter 65, Luling T91 - Informal Fly-in?

August 6 - 10; PRA Convention, Mentone Indiana

June 15; Chapter 62 Meeting at Anahuac

July 13 - San Marcos Municipal KHYI - Specialized Aero Hanger

Jul 29 - Aug 4; EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2013
Oshkosh, WI

August 27 - 29; Ken Brock Freedom Fly-In

September 12, 13, and 14; Chapter 62’s Gatorfest Fly-In, Anahuac Texas
From The Editor

Now that the annual fly-in season has begun, the Southwest Rotorcraft is starting a new feature, Members Flight Report, with the first one being sent in from Chuck Burgoon. This will give us an opportunity to hear about the fly-ins in our region that we don’t normally hear much about. If you happen to attend a fly-in, or aviation gathering of any type, please snap some pictures and send them in and let us know what is going on elsewhere.

There are a lot of fly-ins well worth the trip to attend, beginning with Bensen Days in Florida, Rotor’s Over the Rockies in Utah, the PRA International Convention in Indiana, our own regional Gatorfest Fly-In in Texas, then the Ken Brock Freedom Fly-In in California. These are the major rotorcraft fly-ins but there are also a lot of smaller club gatherings around the country. We will try to keep you posted on the events and dates on Page 3 of the Southwest Rotorcraft or visit the PRA website at www.PRA.org.

I will be trying to get around to all of the regional chapters this year so I can see first hand what is going on in the other parts of our region, I’ve made it to two other clubs so far, just have two more to go so I hope to see all of you soon.

Until next month, fly safely.

Mike Grosshans, Southwest Rotorcraft Editor

On the Cover

Chapter 20’s Gonzales Hangar where they held their spring gathering March 2nd.

The List of Texas Class D Airspaces That Will Go Silent on April 7th.

Not much need for the Class D endorsement anymore.

Central Texas:
BAZ NEW BRAUNFELS MUNI NEW BRAUNFELS TX
GTU GEORGETOWN MUNI GEORGETOWN TX
HYI SAN MARCOS MUNI SAN MARCOS TX
CXO LONE STAR EXECUTIVE HOUSTON TX

Others:
BRO BROWNSVILLE/ SOUTH PADRE ISLAND INTL BROWNSVILLE TX
CLL EASTERWOOD FIELD COLLEGE STATION TX
CNW TSTC WACO WACO TX
RBD DALLAS EXECUTIVE DALLAS TX
SGR SUGAR LAND RGNL HOUSTON TX
SSF STINSON MUNI SAN ANTONIO TX
TKI COLLIN COUNTY RGNL AT MC KINNEY DALLAS TX
TYR TYLER POUNDS RGNL TYLER TX

This is insane considering the amount of money saved compared to the impact on safety. Some places need towers. I would recommend avoiding Georgetown given the amount of traffic and expect to see accidents there. This would heighten the need for radio work, announcing your position to others, making sure your transmissions are clear and keeping your head on a swivel even more so around the higher use airports.

To find out more, visit: http://www.aaae.org/?e=showFile&l=TDDZKA

Paul Erb

UPDATE: TxDOT to Fund Contract Control Towers in Texas

(Austin, Texas) On Thursday, April 4, The Texas Transportation Commission approved a plan for TxDOT Aviation Division to fund operation of 14 contract control towers in Texas. Each airport sponsor will be required to fund 10% of the cost of operation with TxDOT paying the other 90%. “Safety is the primary reason we felt a need to take immediate action for the flying public and

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PRA Volunteer Opportunities

The PRA is not a self-standing separate entity; the PRA is the expression of the effort by the members who donate some of their time to our wonderful sport. Please consider lending a hand by pitching in and volunteering for PRA activities like writing articles, helping at the convention or some of the following positions.

Web Content Editor
Re-write and update text on the PRA web site. No programming experience needed. All work can be done through email.

Web Interface Programmer
Help make the PRA web site more user friendly and more modern. Programming experience is required and a commitment to finish projects.

Manufacturer Information Ambassador
Help gather information about manufacturers, vendors and products of all kinds of interest to personal rotorcraft fans, owners, builders and pilots. All work can be done through phone and email.

Airport Activities Manager
Help bring other clubs, companies and events to the Mentone Airport. We have excellent facilities that are only fully utilized by three clubs a few weeks a year. Help us expand utilization of the airport, expand our sport and other sports. If successful, this can become a paid position.

Web and Content Ambassador
Contact speakers for PRA webinars and find people to submit their videos for exclusive use on the PRA members-only website. All work can be done through phone and email.

Advertisement Coordinator
Help arrange for vendors to advertise in the PRA Rotocraft magazine and web page. This can become a paid commission position. All work can be done through phone and email.

Social Media Ambassador
Update and post content to PRA social media outlets like Facebook. All work can be done through the web and email.

Curator Volunteer for the History of the PRA
Dr. Charnov has given the PRA a great gift of a documented 50 year history of the PRA. We need a volunteer to copyright this work and suggest to the board of directors how this work can best be utilized by the membership.

For info about any of these opportunities, email praglobalsupportteam@gmail.com.

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"...business aircraft that use these airports," said Fred Underwood, Texas Transportation Commissioner. "I am proud of our leaders for taking this extraordinary measure to ensure that those relying on these municipal airports will be able to depart and arrive safely and efficiently." TXAA reps were at the meeting and can report an unanimous vote of approval.

Airports that will receive state funding to continue safe operations include:

New Braunfels (BAZ), Brownsville (BRO), Easterwood Field College Station (CLL), TSTC Waco (CNW), Lone Star Executive Houston (CXO), Georgetown Muni (GTU), San Marcos Muni (HYI), Dallas Executive (RBD), Sugarland Regional (SGR), Stinson Muni San Antonio (SSF), Collin County Regional (TKI), Tyler Pounds Regional (TYR), Victoria Regional (VCT).

For the full story visit: www.txaa.org
Chapter 62 Members Only Forum

Please visit our forum, it is a benefit of being a Chapter 62 member. Read posts from other members and post your thoughts or ideas. If you forget your user name just check your email for the updated members list, your forum name will be included on this. If you don’t know your password just click “forgot password” and our administrator will send you your password. There’s also an option to “stay logged on” which when checked your computer will remember you and you won’t have to log on every time you visit the forum unless you clean out your cookies on your computer or use a different computer. Looking forward to seeing you on the forum.
I talked to the Airshow Manager and he was pleased to have a gyro fly along with all the real airshow pros. He let me fly first and park my gyro right in front of the crowd when I landed. (the only aircraft in the show allowed to do that).

What a treat. Like I’ve reported last season, I’ve been welcomed with open arms when I show up with my gyro in tow. It’s a shame how few gyro and trike guys ever participate. You are really missing out on some fun.

Guys in the gyro selling/training business…what a missed opportunity. I am always inundated with questions about how to get into flying gyros. I make recommendations to contact our local instructor…I hope they do it.

Every Friday I post (on many flying forums) out a nationwide list of fly-ins. I hope you guys avail yourself of the opportunity to participate. It’s great fun.

Last weekend I traveled to Luling, Texas for a gyro gathering and had some world famous City Market barbeque.

I got some great shots with my gyro in the foreground and several planes flying by in the show. A BD5J, Pitts Special, Gene Souse wing walker just as a few.
Chapter 62 Visits Chapter 65

On March 9th, five Chapter 62 members, Dean Dolph, Danny Whitten, Stacy Maness, Chuck Burgoon, and Mike Grosshans, along with Stacy’s wife Barbara and Chapter 62’s little buddy, Breyden Athey, all traveled to Luling Texas to attend Chapter 65’s March meeting.

Chapter 65’s members Hoppy Maldack, Lindsey Jackson, Dave Nesmith, Al Kohutek, and Sam Brown were there along with visitor Charles Brazil. We all attended their meeting where a possible fly-in in June at Luling was discussed. Afterwards we all hung out looking over the members gyros, Hoppy’s Bensen and Linsey’s Lightning, and discussed Daves purchase of a Pitbull. Chuck demonstrated some flying and was able to show how to “hover” in a gyro as the winds were quit brisk.

Afterwards all of the Chapter 65 visitors met at the City Market for some Texas Famous Bar-B-Que.

Chapter Patches

If you would like to get a chapter patch for your flight suit, favorite shirt, ball cap, or just whatever you want to stick it on, contact:

Chapter 20; Rudy Graffeo at RLGraffeo@eatel.net
Chapter 62; Danny Whitten at dannywhitten@embarqmail.com
March 16th Meeting

On March 16th the March Meeting of PRA Chapter 62 was called to order by President Steve Wier. Members in attendance were Dan Carr, Tim McCullough, Will Templeton, Chuck Burgoon, Stacy Maness Dean Dolph, Chauncey Surry, Michael Luttrell, Keith Johnston, Mike Stone, Danny Whitten, and Mike Grosshans. Elizabeth Stone, and Barbara Maness attended as visitors.

Danny presented the monthly Chapter bank balance and reminded members that anyone not paid for 2013 need to do so.

Steve discussed the monthly BOD meeting and asked if there would be interest in a club-build gyro. He also asked if the members had any suggestions for member activities.

Bensen Days was announced and three members stated that they would be attending.

Steve informed the group that the BOD has decided to send Robert a gift certificate for his contribution and services on the Chapter website.

Steve began a round table discussion on project reports, starting with his report on his recent enclosed gyro trailer modifications. Mike G told the group of his progress on his RAF rebuild and KB3 build in which he brought the new engine for the KB3 to be mounted later that day. Mike S said he’s getting very close on his MTO Sport build and is working on the finishing touches. Danny brought some racks to mount to the hangar wall to use as a blade rack. Stacy is doing crow hops and starting to feel very comfortable flying the runway. Chauncey got his engine sent off to Rotax Rick to be repaired. Chuck ordered a new wing for his trike. Dan got the mechanical work done on his Subaru 2.5 and is getting it put back together. Keith is still working very diligently on his Bensen.

The meeting was adjourned. Lunch was lasagna and garlic bread, which was provided by Dean, donations were accepted.

More detailed minutes can be found on the Members Only Forum.
German Aviation Terms

Since there is so much MTO building going on, I thought this may be helpful.

AIRCRAFT---Der Fliegenwagen

JET TRANSPORT---Der Muchen Over-grossen Biggenmother Das Ist Fliegen High-enfaster Mit All Der Mach Und Flightenlevels. (Built by Boeing)

PROPELLER---Der Airfloggen Pushenthruster

ENGINE---Der Noisenmaken Pistonpusher Das Turnens Der Airfloggenfan Pushenthruster

JET ENGINE---Der Schreemen Skullschplit-ten Firespitten Smokenmaken Airpushen-backen Thrustermaker Mit Compres-sorsqueezen Und Turbinespinnen Bladen-rotors. (Made by Pratt & Whitney)

CONTROL COLUMN---Der Pushenpullen Bankenyanken Schtick

RUDDER PEDALS---Der Tailschwingen Yawmaken Werks

PILOT---Der Pushenpullen Bankenyanken Tailschwingen Werker

PASSENGER---Der Dumbkopf Das Est Strappened En Der Baacken Mit Der Other Dumbkopfs Das Est Expecten To Leave Undgo On Scheduledtimen Und Arriven mit Der Luggagebags Somplaceneisen

STUDENT PILOT---Der Dumbkopf Das Learnen Fliegen Un Hopen To Jobenfinden Mit Der Airlinens

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR---Der Timenbuilder Mit Less Den 1000 Hrs Multienginefliegen. Teachen Dumbkopfs To Fliegen Vile Waiten-watchen Fer Der Letter Mit Der Joboffering Frum United

AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT---Das Grosse Overpaiden Und Under Werken Whincom-plainer Biggen Schmuck Dat Fliegen Mit Das Big Airlinen

PARACHUTE---Der Stringencotten Das Est Usen To Floaten Der Tailschwingen Pushen-pullen Bankenyanken Werker Down To Earthen Ven Der Fliegenwagen Est Kaputen

FAA---Der Friggenfliegen Dumbkopf Schmucks Das Make Alder Rulens Und Regulations

HELIQUOPTER --- Der Flingen Wingen Mas-chinen mit der Floppen Bladens dot ist Fliegen by der Dumbkopfs vas iss too Stu-piden for Knowen dees Maschinens ees not Safen ver Fliegen.
Mike Ransleben’s Bensen Gyro Build

Instrument pod installed  Radiator installed  Engine installed

Unpacking the prop  Installing the prop hub  Propeller installed

The Building of N989MM
Mike Stone’s MTO Sport Build

Almost There

“Punch List” consists of adding strobes (this Saturday), radio, transponder, intercom, GPS, and front windsreen. After that, get the local DAR to stop buy; fly off the 40 hours required for Experimental Aircraft… and then get down to the fun stuff.

Oh yes…need to add the 29’ blade set also J

…Mj
FOR SALE

Sub EJ2.2 RAF Conversion, 130 hp, never ran - $3,700
Transponder, mode C with altitude encoder never used—$1,000
Kenny J Stab, fitted for RAF - $500

Not Pictured
AAI Stab. Augmentation Kit For RAF, includes the anti-servo tab installed, Completed except for finishing the horz. Stab - $3500
RAF Redrive and RAF Motor Mount, Gold Anodized All for EJ2.2 engine - $1800

Contact Michael Stone
Michael.stone@mustangeng.com
713-350-7666 (w)

Complete original Bensen gas motor pre-rotator "kit", asking $750. Includes drive pulley and belt.
Jim Edwards @ jimedwards200@gmail.com

For Sale - Twelve volt electric winch. 2000 LB capacity Model 68146 Badland Winch. never used, still in the box. $50.00 paid $68.00

Danny Whitten at: DannyWhitten@embarqmail.com

New Bensen/Brock Rotor Blades
B & B
Rotor Blade Price List
July 9, 2012

Blades, either Bensen or Brock attach points $1,295.00
Hub Bars: 25", 36", or 48"
Blades and Hub Bar Sets: 21’, 23’, or 25’

Contact Roger Farnes at rotorsnradials@msn.com or (909) 519-4427
Air Command

I have decided to sell my gyroplane which is hangared at Ron Menzie’s in Searcy, AR. It has the Rotax 503 engine and DragonWings main rotors. I am including Sporty's transceiver and helmet. Also including most of the airframe components for a Benson and a spare parts Rotax 503. The Air Command has Airworthiness Certificate as well as current Annual Inspection which is good through 12/31/13. I am asking $12,000 or best offer. Any reasonable offers will be considered. I can be contacted at stockdale.mark@gmail.com or Ron could be contacted with questions or to set up time to show it.

GyroBee

Amateur Built Experiential LSA Gyrobee with Starbee tail and rudder. New Rotax 503, Power fin prop, 23' Dragonwing blades and head, CHT, EGT, tach, Radio, pre-rotator, rotor tach, auxiliary electric fuel pump, toe disc brakes, new tires, nice instrument pod. Ceramic coated exhaust. Taxied, hang test with 170 lb pilot. Trailer and rotor box $12,995 new kit cost $14,975. Have construction photos. Registered N number 949TL to Frank W. Dicorte (owner) DOES NOT have Air Worthy Certificate. Contact: Craig McPherson Gyro CFI 468 FM 3049, Blum TX 76627 email craigmcph@hotmail.com Cellular (817) 517-3283 Or Frank Dicorte Cellular (254) 715-3056
Aggressor, Plans Built

27' Dragon Wings, 1982 1.8 Turbo Bratt engine, Tennessee prop, Aggressor air frame. Also have a 2.2 Legacy engine included. $8,000 Gyro is located at the PRA headquarters in Mentone.

Contact John at john-gillmore1959@yahoo.com or 317-840-2697

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Monarch Butterfly

Rotax 582, Metro Launch 300 RPM pre-rotator, Nose Cone & Windscreen, G-Force landing Gear, Wheel Pants (not in Photo). 35 hours TT and flown regularly. $19,750 OBO Buying a helicopter.

Contact Chuck Burgoon at 713-775-5996 or cburgoon@msn.com

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RAF 2000

Subaru 2.2 Carbureted, 30Ft RAF Rotors, Built in 2006, Cabin Heat, Pitch and Roll Trim, Belt Driven Pre-Rotator, Carb Heat, Rotor Tach, Engine Tach, Altimeter to 20,000 Feet, Air Speed Indicator. Reduced to $29,500.

Contact: Thom Francis, email thomefran@netscape.net, phone 870-403-2888. Located in Gurdon Arkansas

Bensen, Waco Texas Area

Bensen/KB2 gyro for sale or trade or combo cash and trade. Has Wunderlich pre-rotator, brakes on mains, instrument pod with usual basic instruments, 90 HP Mac, Troyer 50x30, 2x11’rotorblades w/3’ hub bar (built by Neil Carnes). Will trade for a good used small car like a Mini Cooper, Tracker, Samauri, or fully rigged Goldwing or Goldwing trike. Cash of 6,700. Going with this gyro is a hand held portable Navcom, a hand held flight calc computer, a spare holly single carb, some little odds and ends. A pretty good entry package. Contact Larry Murphy at: loop_m@hotmail.com

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Starbee

Starbee gyro rolling frame Rotax 503, 24ft dragon wing rotorblades, electric pre-rotator It has never flown, contact Glenn Duhon for information. Asking $6000

Phone # 337-519-0606 grduhon@att.net

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