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From The Editor

The flying and fly-in season is rapidly approaching and since the ground hog did not see his shadow there should be gyro's in the air soon.

Before you get that gyro out for it's first flight of the season make sure you do an extra thorough pre-flight inspection, check all the areas that require grease, and check all your fluids.

Let's all make this a safe, accident free year and show everyone just how safe and fun gyro flight can be.

Until then, fly safely.

Mike Grosshans, Southwest Rotorcraft Editor
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 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.

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
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On the Cover
Chapter 6 member Gary Hall, John Ferguson, Jim Edwards, and Ronny McGaugh
40th Annual Benson Days Fly In

February 3rd - 6th 2013

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Rotorcraft 2013 Fly-Ins

Rotors Over the Rockies; June 6 - 10
- Brigham City Airport - Northern Utah

PRA International Convention; August 6 - 10 - Mentone Indiana

Anahuac Fly-In; September (TBA) - Anahuac Texas
On the weekend of January 26th I traveled to Morrilton Arkansas to meet with Chapter 6 guys. Arriving at the hangar I meet with Gary Hall, Richard Kennedy, Jim Edwards, John Ferguson, and Ronny McGaugh. Neighbors Gary Lewis and Pete were also there.

Gary showed me around the hangars and told me about the gyros that were hangared there. He showed me his new build and what he was planning for the build. All of us just hung around and did some hangar flying since it was too cold to do any flying.

Gary, Richard, Jim, Ronny, Gary Lewis, and myself all traveled into town to the Blue Diamond for lunch. Michael Malick joined us there for lunch, thanks for lunch Gary. This is a great place and something you need to consider anytime you are traveling past Morrilton.

After lunch we all went back to the hangar to some more “flying”. Gary tried to get Richard to take his drop keel KB3 out since there was a visitor there but Richard just didn’t feel like he wanted to brave the cold weather. Michael and Gary both worked on their gyros.

When it was time to leave, Richard invited me to stop by his house. What a great place he has, sitting high atop a hill overlooking the city of Conway, a beautiful view. Richard showed me his garage project, a red Falcon, in which he is in the process of replacing the EA82 for a 2.2 for more power. The is certainly something that we all need to look forward to seeing once he gets it completed.

I truly enjoyed my visit there, the guys made me feel right at home. They are there just about every Saturday, stop in if you are ever in the area.

Mike Grosshans
January 19th Meeting

The January meeting was called to order Saturday the 19th by President Steve Weir with members Danny Whitten, Dean Dolph, Stacey Maness, Mike Grosshans, Keith Johnston, Don Bouchard, and Cliff Massey in attendance. Chauncey Surry, Michael Luttrell, and Bobby Martin showed up shortly after. Coda Riley attended as a visitor and joined later that day.

There were not enough members present for a legal meeting but one was held with some brief discussions.

Danny presented the Treasurer’s report to the membership. He also reminded everyone that the 2013 dues are now due.

Steve asked the members for some suggestions for expenditures and club activities for 2013. One activity that was discussed was a possible club build gyro.

Plans for next month’s meeting is to be held at Anahuac February 16th.

The meeting was adjourned. Lunch was chili pie, which was provided by Cliff, donations were accepted.

After the meeting the group looked over the new grill that the club purchased, Chauncey worked on his engine, and Steve joined the visiting ultra-light fixed wings in some flying.

More detailed minutes can be found on the Members Only Forum.
The Chapter 65 president has been a bit busy for the past 3 months so there are a few events to fill in.

The Chapter 65 meeting schedule which is always the 2nd Saturday of the month:

February 9 - Luling T91 Airport Pilot Lounge
March 9 - Luling T91 Airport Pilot Lounge
April 13 - Luling T91 Airport Pilot Lounge
May 11 - Kingsbury Air Fair
June 8 - Luling T91 - Informal Flyin - possibly the first annual! Food, Fun, rides...

Going back a few months, Chapter 65 did attend the November Kingsbury Aerodrome fly-in. Lindsey trailered his gyro to the event for a static display. The wind was strong that day so many of the WWI birds did not fly.

We didn't have a December meeting.

The January meeting was held at the Luling gyro hanger, which is now complete and the new Luling Pilot's Lounge. Luling just took a step upwards with the completion of the building late last year and they did a great job.

Club gyro/builds update:
Hoppy is close to getting his bensen off the ground. The engine is throwing fits at the wrong time.
The club has a new gyro owner! Eric has purchased a Sport Copter Vortex and is currently flying in Llano.
Hanger space is now available in Luling.

We are kicking around an informal fly-in at Luling at the June meeting this year as we should a number of gyros in the air by then. More details soon!

The spring events will start filling up soon, but here is the list so far:

**Jasper Airshow** - March 16-17 (An event that maybe someone in Ch. 62 would attend?) http://www.jasperairshow.net/

**Burnet Bluebonnet AirShow** - April 13th http://www.bluebonnetairshow.com/Welcome.html

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

**Kingsbury Air Fair** - May 11 http://pioneerflightmuseum.org/
Jim was flying on his first cross country when he realized he was running low on fuel and wasn’t sure how far he had to go to get to the next airport. He remembered that his instructor told him that gyros could land almost anywhere.

Looking below, he saw a gas station with a clear road running next to it so he decided to set it down there.

As he was fueling up his gyro at the gas pump the attendant came out to talk to him.

“Hope you don’t mind me landing here and getting gas from you today”, he told the attendant.

She replied, “That’s OK but everyone else just lands at the airport across the street”.

A man telephoned an airline ticket office in Miami and asked, “How long does it take to fly to Boston?”

The clerk said, "Just a minute."

"Thank you," the man said and hung up.
The Building of N989MM
Mike Stone’s MTO Sport Build (2)

December 18
Installing control sticks, cam shafts, and torque tubes

December 18
Secured passenger seatbelts to mast using stainless steel rivets.

December 21
Installation of Redirectional pushrod assembly

December 21
Progress picture

December 21
Installed rotorhead pre-rotator to frame and applied grease to splined joints.

December 21
Installing front rudders pedals

December 27
Installed rudder cables and rudder post. Also installed the coax cable for the radio antennae

December 121
Attaching rotor head to mast
**FOR SALE**

- Sub EJ2.2 RAF Conversion, 130 hp, never ran - $3,700
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- 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
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**Contact Michael Stone**
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Jim Edwards @ jimedwards200@gmail.com

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Danny Whitten at: DannyWhitten@embarqmail.com

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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

Dominator

Dominator for sale. Built in 1999, I have owned since 2004, 120 hours TT on airframe and engine, 618 Rotax, blades 2 years old, never been damaged, $12,999.

Contact Mike Morgan at mwmorgan55@yahoo.com
James Chowns  
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James trains in a tow glider at the Morehouse Memorial Airport (KBQP) in Bastrop. This is a great training aid for anyone just entering training in gyros. This was the way training was done before the two place trainers.  
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