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Upcoming Events

July 13 - Chapter 65 Meeting, Luling
July 20; Chapter 62 Meeting at Anahuac
July 27; Chapter 78 Meeting
Jul 29 - Aug 4; EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2013
    Oshkosh, WI
August 6 - 10; PRA Convention, Mentone Indiana
    August 10; Chapter 65 Meeting Luling
    August 17; Chapter 62 Meeting at Anahuac
    August 24; Chapter 78 Meeting
    August 27 - 29; Ken Brock Freedom Fly-In
September 12, 13, and 14; Chapter 62’s Gatorfest Fly-In, Anahuac Texas
    September 28; Chapter 78 Meeting

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.
From The Editor

After nearly 38 years of smoking I’m finally kicking the habit. I somewhat cheating as I’m using a vaporizer (no smoke, tar, or harmful chemicals), but I have seven weeks behind me now without firing one up. I sure feel much better and get to enjoy the stink other non-smokers enjoy when being around smokers. This is something I’ve been wanting to do for years but just couldn’t gather up enough strength to do it, amazing what you can do if you really want to.

Until next month, fly safely.

Mike Grosshans, Southwest Rotorcraft Editor

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 Rotorcraft 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.

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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.

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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.
Yes we did and it was attended by Chuck Bazil, Hoppy Malatek, Al Kohutek, Lindsey Jackson, David Nesmith and Eric Savener.

Visiting from Chapter 65 were Danny Whitten, Mike Grosshans, Breyden Athey, Mike Stone, and Elizabeth Stone.

There were five gyros present, three flyable, in which two of them did fly, and many hang gliders all around.

This is just the start of something good
June Meeting

On June 15th the June meeting of PRA Chapter 62 was called to order by Secretary Mike Grosshans. Members in attendance were Dean Dolph, Danny Whitten, Michael Luttrel, Ron Clifton, Antony Thomas, Desmon Butts, Chauncey Surry, Bobby Martin, Coda Riley, Dan Carr, and Keith Johnston. John Roscoe (one of Desmon’s students) attended as a guest.

Desmon gave a brief report on the PRA and what is currently being done to help the membership and our sport. He reported that the BOD has had a turn-around in revenues vs expenses and is now in the black. The PRA is working with the FAA on accident/incident awareness and investigation. They are also trying to standardize transition training for students training in one make/model then flying in another.

Danny presented the monthly Chapter bank balance.

Mike brought up that the membership needs to approve this years fly-in budget, a vote was taken and the budget was approved. Keith will be working on a suggested list of items for the fly-in raffle to be presented at the next monthly meeting.

More tables will be needed for this years Gatorfest Fly-In, Mike will pick up four 8’ tables and have at the hangar in the next couple weeks.

Danny showed the membership the drill jig that was recently donated to the chapter by George Jacobs (Gyro Jake).

Progress reports; Danny is currently installing a new exhaust, he is looking to get it coated. Chauncey is complete with his build and now will begin the testing phase. Dan has his back together and is flying again.

The meeting was adjourned. Lunch was provided by Mike Grosshans and Danny Whitten, donations were accepted.

Danny took to the skies in Bobby’s Bensen and Desmon did some touch and goes with his student before leaving.

Next meeting is set for June 15th at Anahuac.
New Anahuac Hangar Under Construction Looks like we will have a lot more room for more gyros soon at Anahuac, construction is coming along nicely and will be completed before this years Gatorfest Fly-In.

This Isn't Over!
Urge House Members to Protest ATC fees at GA Events

June 19, 2013

Two weeks ago, EAA members and others sent more than 19,000 emails and letters went to U.S. Senate offices urging senators to sign a letter opposing FAA’s effort to charge air traffic fees at aviation events, including AirVenture. This is costing events hundreds of thousands of dollars or forcing them to cancel.

Now it's time to turn our attention to the House of Representatives, where a bipartisan group of GA Caucus members is angry that the FAA has ignored the congressional directive against user fees and unilaterally forced aviation events to pay up or shut down.

This bipartisan group in Congress is asking its colleagues to sign a letter to the FAA Administrator in support of GA and opposed to putting a price tag on GA safety. The best way to help convince lawmakers to join their colleagues is hearing from their state’s constituents. That’s what we need you to do right now.

Go to EAA’s Rally Congress site and click the “Sign the Petition” button to send a letter to both of your congressional representatives, urging them to sign the letter. Don't wait - do it now. It's quick and easy. Don't let the FAA hold GA hostage - your support is needed!

Sincerely,

Jack J. Pelton, EAA Chairman of the Board
Hangar Flying

Flying Rules

1 - Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
2 - Flying isn't inherently dangerous. It's crashing that's dangerous.
3 - If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. If you keep pulling the stick all the way back, they get bigger again, quickly, very quickly.
4 - It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.
5 - The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
6 - The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane to keep the pilot cool. If it stops, you will see the pilot start sweating.
7 - When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
8 - A "good" landing is one from which you can walk away. A "great" landing is one after which the airplane can still be used.
9 - Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
10 - You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
11 - The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival.
12 - In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminum going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground always wins.
13 - Good judgment comes from experience. Experience usually comes from bad judgment.
14 - It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
15 - Gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to appeal.
16 - Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.
17 - The three most useless things to a pilot are the altitude above you, runway behind you, and a tenth of a second ago.
18 - Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.
19 - Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everybody keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction. And mountains hide in clouds.
20 - Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you've made.
21 - There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.
22 - You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
23 - If all you can see out of the window is ground that's going round and round and all you can hear is commotion coming from the passenger compartment, things are not at all as they should be.
24 - When in doubt, take AMTRAK. They may crash more, but they don't have to fall out of the sky to do it.
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

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713-350-7666 (w)

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 $15 each
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 Rotocraft magazines along with past issues chock full of great information and historical data, downloadable plans, and a PRA supported forum. Please join today, you won’t be disappointed.

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Attention: There is a rock chip on the prop that needs repair. I also have a replacement windshield and the original wheels and wheel pants for sale. Fatter tires were put on for grass runway use. I have put very few hours on the machine actually. This is a very stable CTL machine. The flying tail works well and has plenty of authority. I was sure I want a T-tail until I flew this machine. I am asking $15k put will consider all reasonable offers. Rex Byrns, 361-655-4987, Call any time if you have any questions.

Bensen, Waco Texas Area

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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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Luling, Texas

Bensen, has the McCullough 72 just put a new cylinder and piston and rings and a starter kit on it also 10ft 3 in rotors with a 24 inch hub bar. $5,500, may have a small trailer to throw in if needed, ready to fly. Contact Hoppy at 512-488-2440

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 johngillmore1959@yahoo.com or 317-840-2697

CLT Air Command

Asking $6,000 or best offer. Contact Ed Moreland at 832-496-7306 or emreland55@gmail.com
James Chowns
Bastrop, LA
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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