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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

Sorry we’re running a little late this month, had a short vacation and had to do some catch-up when I got back.

The fly-in season is fully underway now so please, send us your fly-in photos and let us know about your experiences. I’m looking forward to attending Mentone this year and planning to attend my first Ken Brock Freedom Fly-In. I’ll make sure we get a full report and photos of these in the newsletter.

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.

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.
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.
From Bill Wieger

As a prelude, on late Friday afternoon, an unusual arrival occurred as Wieger was unloading, with the sound of gyros approaching. TWO Magni units with 3 pilots arrived FROM AUSTIN as a stop for fueling and filing of flight plans for the remaining leg into Lakefront Airport in New Orleans.

Travelers were the DABBS family, being Dayton who is a CFI and dealer for Magni, his brother Chandler who was receiving training, and their father, Robert. Dayton and Chandler were in a side-by-side (evidently a new design) and Robert was in a tandem. They were headed for a jazz concert, to be followed by a stop in Miss. and return to Austin late Sunday.

SATURDAY evolved as rather good weather, and with people arriving thru early afternoon. Had a total of 8 aircraft, all flying at least a bit, and including Gaspard’s Cessena. Several members flew for the first time in a year or more. A couple new members joined, being Paul Juneau via motorcycle, and Kyle Hubbard.

Breezes prevailed, but not too contrary, and softened a bit later in the day. Several equipment challenges occurred. First diagnosed was for Wieger as a sudden electrical circuit gap due to the oddity of a mainline fuse becoming corroded inside of a fuse holder. The sudden electrical loss (no fuel) fortunately occurred on taxiway, rather than airborne.

Later the Air Command Gyro recently acquired by Benny Blaylock from Elton Johnson, received much attention regarding the motor and fuel delivery aspects across the power curve. James Chowns made 2 trial flights, with 2nd resulting as an engine-out downwind, and a landing on the grass. Fortunately, due to expertise, there was no harm to James or to the aircraft. A few new fuel system components should rectify the problem.

Noontime chef functions were provided by Mark McDonner with gourmet burgers which were a mix of sausage and beef and BBQ’ed as a moist & tasty specialty. The group picture followed with aircraft displayed belonging to Rudy Graffeo, Dean and Scott Sharkey, Kirk Grover, Bill Wieger, John Churchman, Benny Blaylock, Mark Lohman, and Mike Gaspard. Other members were Ed Burks, James Chowns, Mark McDonner, Robert Seaton, Terry Young, Paul Juneau, and Kyle Hubbard.
Following chowtime and during a bit of discussion, a surprise gust of wind lifted the 2 canopies which were fastened together and weighted down. They were “caught” in the air and returned to placement, but with some bent parts. We were able to repackage, and maybe still usable. As discussion, the general intent for the next state gathering is for Bastrop on the first weekend of October. Another intent is for anyone who is aware of good fly-ins, to suggest them to all for possible mini-gatherings in different regions.

Mike Gaspard arrived via his Cessna. Another different type, but rotorcraft, was the 6-seater helicopter flown by Mark Loham’s boss.

An evening dinner routine was different, being held before most people left which was around 5:30 to 6:30 in order to allow flying in the late evening when often the conditions are most favorable. Gathered up at Soileau’s, which is a well-known restaurant, and quite close to the airport.

Flying did resume and continued until dusk at about 8:30.
Gyro Jake Donates Drill Jig to Chapter 62

George Jacobs (AKA: Gyro Jake) donated a drill jig to Chapter 62 for its members. This jig is set up to drill holes in 1 X 2 and 2 X 2 aluminum square tubing in the exact location needed. It is also set up to drill either a 1/4 inch hole or a 5/16 inch hole. This jig will be kept at the club hangar for all the members to have available whenever they are building or modifying their machines. Click on the top picture for a video explaining how to use it.

Jake is highly regarded in our sport as a master builder and has scratch built several very good machines. It is great to have people like this in our sport and is very much appreciated when they can share their expertise with the rest of the community and help others to also achieve their dreams. Thank You Very Much Jake
May 18th Meeting

On May 18th the May meeting of PRA Chapter 62 was called to order by President Steve Wier. Members in attendance were Mark Spies, Tim McCullough, Will Templeton, Stacy Maness, Dean Dolph, Danny Whitten, Michael Luttrell, Ron Clifton, and Mike Grosshans.

Desmon called in to report that the PRA is forming an accident investigation team to work with the FAA in the event of a gyroplane accident/incident. He also informed us that the PRA is working on putting together some standards for transitioning students from two place to single place machines.

Danny presented the monthly Chapter bank balance.

Steve discussed the recent problem found on a particular rotor head and the incident that happened with a rotor head bolt.

The group was reminded that Chapter 65 is hosting a fly-in in Luling May 8th.

A round table discussion on airport flight conduct was held, there will be some rules for conduct posted at a later date.

More tables will be needed for this years Gatorfest Fly-In.

Progress reports included; Tim had recently bought Danny’s Bensen and will be restoring it, Stacy is going to visit Steve McGowan this week for some continued training, Danny is replacing the exhaust on his John Bond.

The meeting was adjourned. Lunch was provided by Barbara and Stacy Maness, donations were accepted.

Next meeting is set for June 15th at Anahuac.
**Naval Aviators’ Opinion on Drones**

Drones will not

- be late to briefings
- start fights at happy hour
- destroy clubs
- attempt to seduce others’ dates
- purchase huge watches
- insult other Services
- sing “O’Leary’s Balls”
- dance on tables
- yell “Show us your tits”

or do any or all of these or other things that we know are necessary to win wars!
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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Contact Roger Farnes at rotorsnradials@msn.com or (909) 519-4427

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

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

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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.

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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**

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

**Modified Bandit**

Modified Bandit airframe, center line thrust, HKS 65 HP oil cooled engine very low hours, 64 in warp drive ground adjustable prop, Ken Brock rotor head, no pre-rotator. Has fly wheel on rotor head. No brakes, has a set of 24’ Rotor Dynes new still in box, 12 gal seat tank. $8,000.00 or best offer! Contact Don Bouchard 979-777-5166
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

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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.

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Luling, Texas

Benson, 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

Starbee

Starbee gyro rolling frame Rotax 503, 24ft dragon wing rotorblades, electric pre-rotator
It has never flown, contact Glenn Duohon for information.
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Phone # 337-519-0606
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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.
gyrochowns@yahoo.com

Paul Patterson, Edmund Oklahoma
Paul trains in a modified RAF at the Guthrie/Edmond Geoport (KGOK). His RAF includes both a stabilator and a horizontal stabilizer.
405-826-8443
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Henry Foster
Trains at the Olney Airport in a Modified RAF, a SparrowHawk, and an Air Command
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