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Upcoming Events

May 21; Chapter 62 Meeting at Anahuac
May 21; Chapter 20 Meet at Opelousas Airport
June 7—11; Rotors Over the Rockies, Brigham City Utah
June 18; Chapter 62 Meeting at Anahuac
July 16, Chapter 62 Meeting at Anahuac
July 19—23; PRA International Convention, Mentone Indiana
September 22—24; Ken Brock Freedom Fly In, El Mirage California
October 13—15; Anahuac Fly In, Anahuac Texas

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. Any family news or announcements you want to share please feel free to send us so we can let everyone know.

On the Cover

The all new, American Rang-er 1
May 20th is the day! We are getting two AR-1s delivered to Anahuac. Danny Whitten’s and my gray model and Cliff Massey’s red one, both of which have been prominently displayed at airshows and in the Silverlight Aviation promotions. We will be very excited to finally have these in Houston and what a great time to arrive, during the weekend of our May meeting, I’m sure we will have a crowd here to receive them.

We have also been very busy adding to the hangars to make our annual fly-in even better for our visitors. We just completed adding three RV 30amp service hookups along with water ran to each site. We are in the process of building a restroom complete with a shower. These additions, along with the travel trailer we already have on site, will make it much better and easier for anyone wanting to visit us and stay for a while. So, anyone interested in the new AR-1s, schedule your visit with us, we are prepared to have you here.

This month we have an article from Chapter 73 in Utah. We are so glad to be able to provide the community with news from other chapters. I want to open up Southwest Rotorcraft to all PRA chapters that may be interested in getting their news distributed to the rest of the gyro community. Just send me anything you may have, pictures, activity reports, information on builds, new pilots, chapter meeting minutes, future gatherings or fly-in in your area, or anything you may want to list in our classifieds. Feel free to send anything, it will be included.

Until next month, fly safely.

Mike Grosshans, Southwest Rotorcraft Editor

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Greetings PRA brothers and sisters:

This is just the first of many new member’s benefits to follow!

Brent Drake,

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April 2016 Chapter 62 Meeting

On April 16, 2016, the Lone Star Rotorcraft Club (PRA Chapter 62) met at the Chambers county airport in Anahuac, TX.

Members in attendance were: Cliff Massey, Keith Johnston, Mitch Ziegler, Mike Stone, Mike Grosshans, Danny Whitten, Bobby Martin, Anthony Spagnoletti, Mark Spies, Stacy & Barbara Mess, David Trammell, Will Templeton, Becky O'brian, Mike Ransleben, Chauncey Surry, Bobby Munroe, and Anthony Thomas.

Guest Rob Higgens flew in with Anthony Spagnoletti. He is a heli and fixed wing pilot from The Woodlands, Tx.

PRA News: PRA has received their 401c status.

Safety: One member realized that he had taken off without his seat belt fastened. ALWAYS go thru your checklists. Last year a member from the Louisiana chapter fell off his gyro when landing with his seat belt unbuckled.

Bensen Days: In attendance from our chapter were Anthony Spagnoletti, David Wysong, Danny Whitten, Mike Grosshans, Bobby Munroe, Jim & Chris Toevs, and Don Bouchard. Lower than usual.

The new AR-1 from Silverlight Aviation drew a lot of attention. Anthony Spagnoletti won award for “Most Innovative – Single Seat”.

Progress Reports: Anthony Spagnoletti is converting his single to a two seat “trike type” seating arrangement. The two AR1’s should be delivered before the next club meeting. Chauncey has only a few hours left to complete his single seat. Bobby Munroe is lengthening his rudder horns since the new pedals have a longer throw. Bobby Martin has ordered new frame and rotor assembly to repair his MTO from the swamp landing & rollover.

Bathroom: Sewer and bathroom frame have been completed. $1,600 has been spent to date. A small A/C will be installed as well. Other upgrades such as 30A electrical outlets will be installed.

Fly In: Starting discussions in prep for October Fly In. Discussed were a silent auction, blade balance and rotor track demo, and a presentation by Dayton Dabbs about his coast to coast trip.

Lunch: Bobby brought hamburger fixings that were grilled by Keith.

Next Meeting: May 21, 2016. Anthony Spagnoletti offered to bring lunch (Italian Meatballs!). The new AR1’s should be at the hangar.
GYRO-ATIONS at JACKSON
Bill Wieger

JACKSON was the location for a spring gathering on April 16 at the Feliciana Airpark south of town and adjoining prison. We learned about the airport after news articles about the gyro business located there. Many knew of the airport vaguely as having been the facility used for training years ago by George Charlet but no one was really acquainted with it. Now we are.

Autogyro of Louisiana is the business operated by Steve and Terry Rastanis using an MTO tandem 2-seat gyro. He flew several passengers that day.

The Feliciana Airpark is a facility under the auspices of an economic development district and features a new (as of the first of the year) very fine hangar with office spaces, one of which is the gyro. Site work has begun for a good parking area and fuel service.

For next year it is likely to be the preference for early gathering rather than Gonzales, featuring no congestion and large aircraft, a great small location.

Gyronaughts on hand were Mark McDonner, Rudy Graffeo, and Terry & Debbie Young without aircraft. Mark Lohman, Bill Wieger, Paul Juneau, Scot Borland, and Mike & Linda Morgan all brought aircraft. Paul and Mike flew in.

Next scheduled gathers for Chapter 20 are:
Opelousas, May 21st, St. Landry Parish Airport—Arhart Field
Three State Gyro Meet in Bastrop, October 22nd
Other possible gathers at Juneau’s and Morgan’s later in the year.
The May meeting was attended by Steve, Hoppy, David and myself at San Marcos Municipal Airport. We started the discussion on Communications and will continue that in to next month. I departed early as it was a big fly-in day in Smithville and Hallettsville.

The June meeting will be held June 18th at Redbird Skyport, 2080 Airport Road, Sn Marcos Texas 78666 at 10:00am. The meeting will be a joint meeting with EAA Chapter 958 and there will be a presentation on gyroplanes.

The Great Northwest Sport Rotorcraft Association
Kevin Richey

Taken from the March and April meetings:

The white Sport Copter is being flown by Gillan Bradley, Chapter 73 President. It is powered by a Rotax 670.

The red Sparrowhawk is owned and flown by Brock Steiner, who has it for sale on Barnstormer. He is helping fellow chapter member Allen Lail see what it is like to fly a Sparrowhawk.
For more information contact Gabor Kavoks at: applehood@gmail.com

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Picture # 2 View from bottom of cylinder looking inside cylinder to top of cylinder. No scratches or peeling of chrome on cylinder walls.
Picture # 3 View of backside of cylinder. No fin damage.
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Rotor Hawk RH-1

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Air Command Side-By-Side

This gyroplane project is sold as is/where is, trailer included. Subaru four stroke motor (compressions indicate 58/80, 76/80, 73/80, and 76/80) IVOPROP propeller, Air Command and Rotordyne rotors. Both sets of rotor blades have discoloration/corrosion on the surface from sitting in storage for quite some time. This aircraft is NOT currently in flying condition, and no warranties, express or implied, are included in the sale. The hour meter on the aircraft reads just under 300 hours. The seat/fuel tank will definitely need to be cleaned/washed out, and the fuel lines will definitely need to be replaced. The rotor bearings have a scratching sound to them, and the tires/tubes will need to be replaced, as they are not currently holding air. The pre-rotator is also missing off the aircraft. It appears that very minimal work will be necessary to get the aircraft flying.

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