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**Upcoming Events**

- September 10; Chapter 65 Meeting at Luling
- September 12, 13, and 14; Chapter 62’s Gatorfest Fly-In, Anahuac Texas
- September 28; Chapter 78 Meeting
- September 27 - 29; Ken Brock Freedom Fly-In
- October 4, 5, and 6—Chapters 6 and 20’s Gathering at Bastrop Louisiana
- October 12; Chapter 65 Meeting at Luling
- October 19; Chapter 62 Meeting at Anahuac
- October 26; Chapter 78 Meeting
- November 9; Chapter 65 Meeting at Luling
- November 16; Chapter 62 Meeting at Anahuac
- November 23; 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.

**On the Cover**

This gyro “weather vane” was at display at Mentone this year.
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.

General Members Meeting

The general members meeting held at Mentone during the Annual Convention was recorded and uploaded to YouTube. Click on the photo above to view the video.

This meeting covers all of the principle PRA programs that have been enacted in the past few years, new programs in the works.

Also, the PRA Treasurer gives the financial report and members questions are answered.

If you have been asked "Why should I join the PRA?", "What does the PRA do?" or "What is the PRA doing about the future".. this covers a great deal of the answer.

Thank you!

-Tim
Clinton Regional Airport Fly-In

Texas Gatorfest Fly-In 2013

Kaffle, T-Shirts, Food, Introductory Flights, Local Festivals Activities

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September 2013
2 State Gyro Meet
Hosted by Louisiana Chapter 20 and Arkansas Chapter 6

Bastrop, Louisiana
October 4, 5, & 6

Morehouse Memorial Airport (KBQP), located about 2 miles south of Bastrop.

Chapter 20 is currently planning their annual two state fly-in for early October in North Central Louisiana. Every year they host a great fly-in, it has been dubbed a “mini Mentone” with PRA members and machines from three states traveling to this event. There has been as many as eighteen machines show up and members from three chapters in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas. The has become one of the Southwest Regions don’t miss events.

For more information contact Rudy Graffeo at RLGraffeo@eatel.net or 225-715-2918
From The Editor

Made the trip to Mentone this last month. As always, it’s well worth the trip. This year we had a new President elected, Doug Barker.

A few years ago, Steve Weir and myself sat with Doug and talked to him about what made his Chapter so successful. He laid out some of the things he believed members wanted in a chapter and some of the most important points of what a chapter needs to do for it’s membership. We went back to Texas and implemented much of what he told us and it has really helped make the club much more fun, and has helped us grow. I believe that if we support Doug in his new role, he will take the PRA to the next level and bring back the enjoyment and the success the PRA once held.

During the general members meeting the same questions, why should I join the PRA, and what can the PRA do for me, came up. Tim O’Conner did a very good job of answering those questions by letting the membership know about the programs that have been implemented over the last couple years. One particular one that I am very fond of is the new members rebate. What this is, is every new PRA member that a Chapter brings in, that chapter would get a refund of half of the first years dues. This rebate represents approximately what most chapter dues are for a year so the chapter could actually offer one years free chapter membership for a new PRA member, then collect the PRA refund. A win/win for both, the chapter and the PRA. Please bring this up at your next chapter meeting and give it some consideration.

Until next month, fly safely.

Mike Grosshans, Southwest Rotorcraft Editor

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.

CENTRAL TEXAS ROTORCRAFT CLUB

Lindsey Jackson, Chapter 65 Vice President

Chapter 65 held its Aug meeting at Lulling August 10th. Discussion was about a logo for the club house and possibly for patches.

Members Lindsey Jackson, Hoppy Maldack, David Nesmith, and Al Kohutek along with two visitors from Kitty Hank, Brad Parra and Bob Cubberly were in attendance

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
August Meeting

On August 17th the August meeting of PRA Chapter 62 was called to order by Vice President Mark Spies. Members in attendance were Dean Dolph, Danny Whitten, Mike Grosshans, Coda Riley, Keith Johnston, Dan Carr, Antony Thomas, Tim McCullough, Stacey Maness, Will Templeton Desmon Butts, Mike Stone, Chauncey Surry, and Steve Weir.

Dean recapped this year's PRA Convention at Mentone and informed the group of the BOD election results. Desmon explained the new PRA membership rebate program that supports both the PRA and the local chapters.

Danny presented the monthly Chapter bank balance.

Altitude density was discussed as the safety discussion with several of the members explaining the effects of temperature, humidity, and weight and what to be cautious/aware of before attempting to fly on a hot and humid day.

The Fly-In was discussed: Danny will be contacting our insurance carrier and will acquire the event insurance. This year's raffle will have a radio and a gas grill, tickets will be $5 each or 5 for $20. The food will be picked up the morning of the 12th, this year we will also provide French fries and tea.

Desmon presented a laser cut steel sign of the chapter logo to the club which was donated to Chapter 62 by one of his students, Gary Kalderman.

Progress reports; Steve Weir has replaced his torque tube and rebuilt his rotor head, Tim is gathering parts for his Bensen rebuild, Tony has added an extended range fuel tank to his tandem Air Command and is planning on flying it from Sport Flyers to Anahuac at the end of this month, Coda has recently purchased an Air Command.

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

There will not be a September meeting due to the fly-in, next meeting will be October 19th at Anahuac.
Chapter 62 had six representatives this year at Mentone, Dean Dolph, Danny Whitten, Mark Spies, Desmon Butts, Chuck Burgoon, and Mike Grosshans.

Chapter members at the general membership meeting. Left to right; Mike Grosshans, Danny Whitten, Mark Spies, Desmon Butts, Dean Dolph.

Desmon working with Danny to get him his bi-annual.

Newly elected PRA President, Doug Barker (second from right) and Vice President Tim O’Conner.

Desmon and his son Curtis traveled to Iowa for some training, then to OSHKOSH for Air Venture before making their way to Mentone. Curtis has been taking instruction from his dad and will soon be soloing himself.

A view of the PRA’s rotorcraft museum.

Our friends to the west, Mark Rhoads and Britta Penca from Arizona. They trailered their machine to Clinton Iowa, then flew the rest of the way to Mentone.
Maybe they’re taking this Smart Car thing too far?

While taxiing to the runway, the airliner abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate. After an hour-long wait, it finally took off. A concerned passenger asked the flight attendant,

"What was the problem?"

"The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine," explained the flight attendant, "and it took us a while to find a new pilot."

Helicopters don't fly. They beat the air into submission.
Bobby Martin’s MTO Sport

Bobby Martin purchases an MTO Sport and it has been delivered! Bobby and Keith Johnston traveled up to Craig McPherson’s to put it together. They completed the build and now it’s time for the test flights. Hopefully we will see it flying at the Anahuac Gatorfest Fly-In coming up soon. We are sure proud of you Bobby, this makes the third MTO Sport that is owned by a Chapter 62 member.

Mark’s McCutchen’s

Mark Spies purchased a set of McCutchen Sky Wheels from Dean, he and Danny got them installed and are in the process of getting them right. These will be a big change from the Bensen blades he has been flying with and should make his flying much more enjoyable.

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.

The 2013 Gatorfest Fly-In shirts are now available for $18.00. We also just got in some Chapter 62 ball caps, khaki and navy blue with the chapter logo embroidered on the front, $10.00.
FOR SALE

- Transponder, mode C with altitude encoder never used—$1,000
- Kenny J Stab, fitted for RAF - $500
  Contact Michael Stone
  Michael.stone@mustangeng.com
  713-350-7666 (w)

CLEANING OUT THE HANGAR - 582
GREY HEAD, 532, 503  The Rotax 582 - $1,450 has under 200 hours, and was running when removed for 4-stroke changeout then pickled. The Rotax 532 - $1,250 has zero hours after Lockwood rebuild with all updates. Rotax 503 - $350 non-provision sled engine was running when removed ...all prices minus carbs, exhaust, etc. Accessories shown are extra $. Contact Charles Burgoon located Beach City, TX USA Telephone: 713-775-5996

Bensen Gimbal Head
Early style head that uses Heim bearings for pitch, rather than the solid blocks. I bought this straight from Bensen, less than ten hours, new main bearing because of age. $400 Contact Jim Edwards at 479-747-4323 or jimedwards200@gmail.com

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July 9, 2012

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

Classified are free, just send some pictures and a description along with your contact information to mike484@aol.com and we will post whatever it is you have for sale, trade, or looking for.
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.

www.pra.org
Air Command

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.

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

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 or grduhon@att.net
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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
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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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