



February Newsletter

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026



WHO'S IN CHARGE?

President: Terry Smith

Vice-President:

Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Keene

Safety Officer: Medy Medel Jr.

CHAPTER ONE INFORMATION

[Chapter One Email](#)

[Chapter One Website](#)

[PRA Chapter One YouTube Channel](#)

Lakebed Radio Frequency - 123.025MHz

Next Meeting - Saturday, March 14th, 2026, at 11AM

Meeting Location: Sebastian's Ranch & [Zoom](#)

The Meeting Video can be found here: [Meeting Video](#)



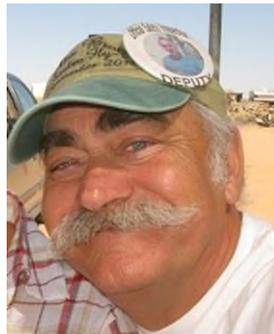
Chapter One Officer Messages



Terry Smith - President

Welcome to 2026! We just had our 1st meeting of the year and looking forward to helping people get into the air and learn about Gyros! Working on KBFFI 2026 already!

Terry
President



Teddy Udala - Vice President

December 3, 1947 - August 23, 2025

Sadly Taken from Us Too Soon.

Rest in Peace, Teddy - We Love and Miss You



Karen Keene - Secretary/Treasurer

A friendly reminder that 2026 Chapter One dues are due. We can now take digital payments with Zelle or Venmo as well.

Karen
Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting Minutes

We had our November 2025 meeting at 11am. Attending the meeting were Terry Smith, Karen Keene, Sebastian Udala, Chris Bobinski, Medy Medel, Jordon Felder, Richard Press, Ralph Johnson, with Sam Merriman and Barry Rechterovich on Zoom.

This meeting was our 1st one for 2026, and we covered a variety of topics.

We now have several options to pay Chapter One dues, or for people to donate to Chapter One! Up until recently, all we could do was accept Cash or a Check payable to **Popular Rotorcraft Association Chapter One**. We can still accept those, but several members wanted a digital option. We now can accept payment through Venmo or Zelle. That info will be at the end of this newsletter.

With 2026 here, we need to vote on Chapter One Officers. Terry has offered to continue his position as President, and Karen Keene has offered to continue to be the Secretary/Treasurer. We do need a new Vice-President of the Chapter. An email will be sent out to all members so they can put their "name in the hat" if they want to offer to be Vice-President, or wish to vie for one of the other 2 positions. There will be a 2-week period to receive the replies. After that, we will send a 2nd email with those positions and whomever wishes to be considered so the Members can vote. Results will be presented at the March meeting. Jordon Felder mentioned he would like to be considered for VP.



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You will have 2 weeks to get your name offered for positions before we vote.

Chapter One Fly-In t-shirts are being worked on now. Terry plans to have something for members to look at in March. Getting shirts offered sooner will hopefully allow us to get some more sales prior to the gathering, and with digital payments being offered now, allow more people the ability to get one of these unique shirts.

We are still interested in getting the Chapter Glider in the air. Currently, El Mirage Dry Lake is a WET Lake. It will take some time for it to dry out. Dave Bacon - a newly minted CFI! - has offered to pilot the glider - he is currently getting flights done to satisfy his CFI requirements but hopes to be able to start working with us to get the glider in the air later this year. It will require members to help! We will keep you posted.

One of our members suggested relocating our Monthly Meetings to Corona Airport where the EAA Chapter 494. Sebastian Udala - Teddy's Son - has been graciously allowing us to meet at Teddy's Ranch since Teddy's passing last year. Sebastian, however, does not intend to live at the ranch permanently as he has his own life and plans. Sebastian will have someone living on the property to keep an eye on his property. Meeting in Corona has the advantage of being a closer meeting location to most of the members and may allow more people who are interested in gyros to get involved. We will still meet up at the property when we plan to use the glider and prepare for the Fly-In. An email will be sent out to all members for a vote to see how many would like to see meetings be held in Corona.

We spoke briefly about the 2026 KBFFI and securing the canopies better. Will be looking at possibly getting drill in anchors to make it a bit easier to get them into the ground rather than pounding them in with a sledgehammer. Always looking to make things better!

We ended the meeting around 11:30am and proceeded to have our Wonderful BBQ!



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For 2026 Chapter Dues

For Chapter Dues via Check - Please send your \$30 payment to Karen Keene at:

Karen Keene
P.O. Box 1752
Westminster, CA 92684

Please make Payment out to:

Popular Rotorcraft Association Chapter One

For Chapter Dues via Zelle - Please send \$30 to Karen Keene at her Phone #
714-606-3058

For Chapter Dues via Venmo - Please send \$30 to Terry Smith at his Phone #
951-315-2195

Please make sure you provide your First and Last Name, and what the payment is for.



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EAA website lists some insurance solutions for those needing insurance for their gyro. Their number is 1-886-647-4322. This will get you to several companies that may provide coverage. Website is - <https://www.eaa.org/eaa/eaa-membership/eaa-member-benefits/insurance>



Chapter One Items for Sale

We have a variety of decals at \$3.00 each.

DECALS FOR YOUR CAR WINDOW PROMOTING GYROS AND GYRO SPORT





We also have Patches and Pins - both KBFFI Fly-In and Chapter One!



Patches are \$5.00

Pins are \$3.00



Gyro CFI's Close to Los Angeles



Henry Boger - CFI
Chino Airport
Hangar B180 #11
7000 Merrill Ave
Chino, CA 91710
323-248-1222
AdventureAirLA.com
AdventureAirLA@gmail.com

Peter Kalev - Los Angeles

L.A. GYROPLANE AVIATION, INC.



Peter Kalev

peter@lagyro.com
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323-630-4901



Northern California Gyroplane CFI's



George M. Woods

Flies and trains out of Watts-Woodland airport (041) near Sacramento.

George owns Magni M16 trainer called the ANGRY BIRD.



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2' Hub Bar and Rotorblade length reported to be 118"

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