



November Newsletter

NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025



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, February 7th, 2026, at 11AM

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

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



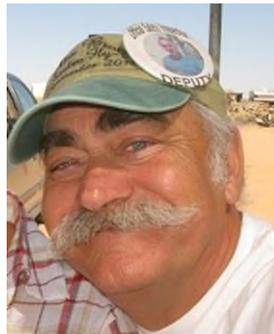
Chapter One Officer Messages



Terry Smith - President

This Saturday we had our last meeting for 2025. We had a great get-together, and wonderful end of the Year!

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

I would like to wish all members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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, Ken Clapsaddle, Richard Press, Ralph Johnson, and Daniel Martinez on Zoom.

This meeting was the last one for 2025, as we are Dark December and January. The Chapter was looking to use the Glider sometime in November, but with the recent weather - El Mirage is now a Wet Lake - we will be looking to try and schedule Glider use for early 2026.

Karen went over the Financial for 2025 and we did well overall for 2025. After the Fly-In, we made \$720.34! We had a LOT of people kindly donate Funds and Food for the Fly-In - I want to give a BIG THANK YOU! to everyone who was kind enough to donate to Chapter One this year!

Meeting at the new Location for the Fly-In worked out amazingly well. We were close to the BLM bathroom so no Porta Potties were needed, and this location allowed people to camp fairly close to each other - a bunch of desert cul-de-sacs kept people closely grouped together. It was a Wonderful Event.



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Even with setting up 2 fewer canopies this year than previous ones - we did not do a Raffle this year - we STILL had a wonderful gathering of people!

The Fly-In had a great variety of Gyros this year - we had 20 or so Gyros in attendance over the weekend! The weather was great - up until Saturday evening when a rainstorm showed up just around the time we were setting up for dinner! While it reduced the number of people out on the Lake cooking, we STILL were able to get a grill going and several of us cooked our food and had an interesting dinner!

We had a Wonderful Ceremony for Teddy on Saturday, September 27th around 10am. We had several gyro pilots fly a circular pattern and had one Pilot do a symbolic scattering of Teddy's ashes over the Lakebed. Medy sped along at a HIGH rate of speed in his Cybertruck!

Tony Accurso took a LOT of fantastic photos of the Fly-In this year, and for those interested, you can go to his FB Page and see plenty of amazing photos that he took during the Event.

Carl Matter - President of the Arizona Rotorcraft Club and LONGTIME Chapter One Member and Supporter had a wonderful writeup on the Fly-In - as well as kindly donating to Chapter One for the food we were able to provide - in their Newsletter. If you go here - [ARC Newsletter](#) - you can read up on it! Honestly, one of the BEST write-ups I've seen!

Medy is going to be getting some time in his newly acquired Sportcopter, and it's looking very likely that Richard Press will be acquiring Medy's 2-seater gyro! It's always great to see people pursuing their dreams!

As a reminder, Fall is here, and if you want to pay your 2026 dues early, you can send payment (check or cash for now) to our Secretary/Treasurer Karen those dues - \$30. Her mailing address for dues is listed below.

For 2026 Chapter Dues

Please send your payment to Karen Keene at:

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

Please make Payment out to:

Popular Rotorcraft Association Chapter One



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With luck, we will have a 2026 Fly-In T-Shirt design out early 2026 for people to look at and purchase early! This design will be worked on over the winter and hopefully ready to show at the meeting in February.

Unfortunately, we (I) did not get photos of this month's meeting to post in this Newsletter - but you can see us in the November Meeting Video!

We ended the meeting around 11:30am and had our final BBQ of this year. I want to wish All of You a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas coming up! Stay Safe, and I look forward to seeing you in 2026!

Due to the 2nd Saturday in February 2026 falling on Valentine's Day, the 1st Meeting of 2026 is moving to February 7th - the 1st Saturday of the Month! A Reminder will be mailed out.



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/eaamembership/eaamemberbenefits/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



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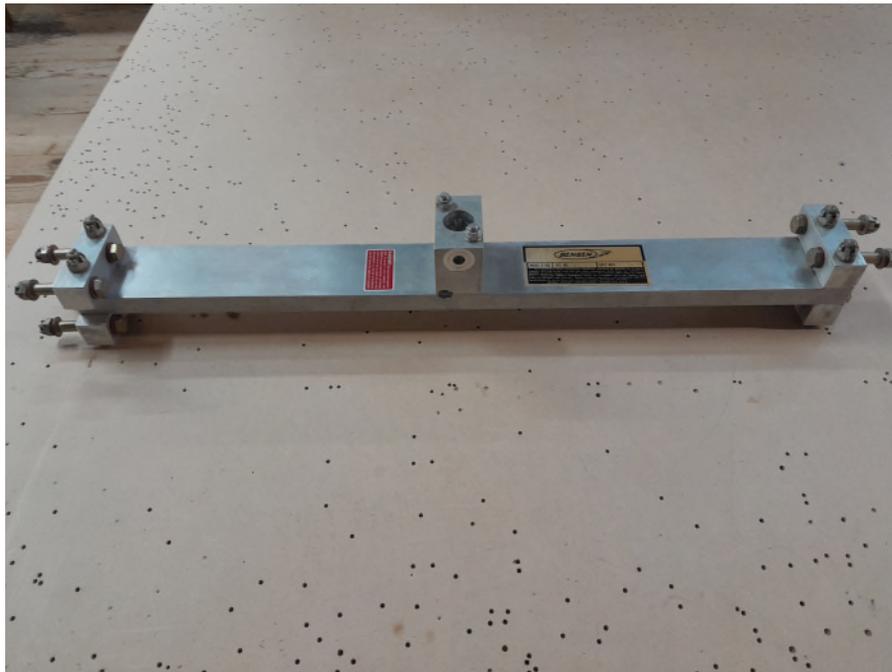
FOR SALE

Bensen Hub Bar and Rotorblades

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

You can contact Jan Safranek at jany77@sbcglobal.net to get more information!

Asking price is \$1500





FOR SALE



Bensen type gyrocopter

Need to get \$ 3K. Best Mac I ever had.

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