

# ROTOR GAZETTE

St. Louis Rotorcraft Club – PRA Chapter 35 – December 2005

Club Meeting – 11:00 AM Saturday, January 7, 2006

At Darren Twellman's Hangar, SMART FIELD

**NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE!!**

## Votes cast at December club meeting

At the December Chapter meeting, votes were tallied for the 2006 club officers, based on the nominations given at the November meeting.

The new officers are:

**President: Gerry Loeser**

**Vice President: Dave Herrmann**

**Secretary: Mark Greene**

**Treasurer: John Wohaska**

**Board of Director: Ken Bricker**

Greg and Steph wasted no time handing the reins over to the new officers! After too many years of being club officers, Greg and Steph have earned a well-deserved rest, and now it's time for the new officers to get to work. I personally cannot thank the Gremmings enough for the work they've done to keep this club alive, and am sure the rest of the club members agree.

The first thing Gerry and I did was ask the members what things they would like to change about the club. A number of suggestions were made, the first being to move the meeting location. As a trial, the January meeting is being hosted by Darren Twellman at his SMART field hangar. And in case anyone is worried...Darren has heat in his hangar! The restroom is a Port-A Potty, but hopefully we can survive short duration cold visits to the john. Darren has offered rides in both a dune buggy, and his Magni, weather permitting! Darren also has a grill available, so maybe we can get a lunch together. Please plan to attend, Darren's hangar is a mini rotorcraft warehouse, and you have to come to see what I mean!

A number of other suggestions were made to improve the club: Members who have special talents related to gyro building could be asked to demonstrate and teach the rest of us. Looking into the possibility of a permanent location(a possible site was offered by Fred Blair ). A suggestion was made to purchase a canopy the size that the Lansing club has, to foster more of the group gathering together along the flightline.

If you have other suggestions to improve the club, please attend a meeting, and make your suggestion known.

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It's time to ante up for club dues, which is \$15 per year. You can either send payment to Mark Greene, 2568 County Road 500N, El Paso, IL, 61738, or to John Wohaska, 3501 Stone Mill Dr., Arnold, MO, 63010. Please do so by the end of January, so we can keep your club newsletters coming.

Now for some interesting items:

Prior to the vote, Greg passed some pictures around of a friend from Alaska's gyro, whom Greg has been conversing with for a number of years. This individual built his own machine, and taught himself to fly it. No one could believe the condition of his machine, but Greg then presented a video of the gentleman flying his machine. This guy is 83 years old! His airstrip looks worse than any cow pasture you could ever imagine, and his flying technique leaves a little to be desired, but you have to respect his stick-to-itiveness, as isolated as he is.

We also were informed that one of our members has purchased the manufacturing rights and equipment for the Sno-bird gyro. His intention is to re-design this gyro as a stable two-place machine, with support from Greg regarding stability issues. Tom Milton has been contacted to help the new owner, as Tom is quite familiar with the equipment, being a former owner.

Another member has a deposit on an RAF 2000, which is located in Michigan. His intention is to use the Larry Boyer modifications during his build, and maybe incorporate the new Air Command single-place tail, the one with the winglets.

We were all regaled with Gerry Loeser's story about his \$100 hamburger flight in his Sparrowhawk with Bill Finnegan. It was hard to stop laughing while Gerry was telling his tales of woe. Rumor has it there is even a video of the escapades!

Mark