
ROTOR GAZETTE

St. Louis Rotorcraft Club – PRA Chapter 35 – September 2006

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD AT SHELBYVILLE FLY-IN!

The weather for this year's Shelbyville fly-in was almost perfect. A contingent from the Chicago group arrived on Thursday night, even before Cathy and I did. By my count, during the weekend, we had 24 rotorcraft, 22 of which were flying.

Larry Miller's gyro received it's airworthiness certificate, and Dave Herrmann was signed off as a student pilot by Greg. There was a contingent of 5 Magnis this year, and the Magni owners held an American version of Magni days, complete with wine, cheese, and munchies, prior to the traditional pizza dinner on Saturday night.

As usual, Carl Schneider organized a cross-country trip to meet the Joe Swanton group flying in from Iowa. We also put together an afternoon cross-country flight, with 7 gyros barnstorming various grass strips around Shelbyville. The group finished the trip out with a flight along the lakeshore, back to the airport.

There was someone in the air most of the day Saturday, and two machines smoking the runway, when the conditions were right.

Small portion of flightline



Gary Brewer's Predator



Larry Miller's machine





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"At the Shelbyville meeting, someone had commented that ground observation single-place Sport Pilot check rides were no longer allowed. This is what some members had understood Larry Barklage to have said. In Roy Beiswinger's Ultra Flight internet radio show on Tuesday, September 12, in an interview with Larry Clymer, FAA Sport Pilot Manager in Oklahoma City, they specifically discussed these checkrides for Sport Pilots. Mr. Clymer specifically discussed such ground observation checkrides for gyroplanes, and assured Roy in the interview that such checkrides were currently available and that that was not going to change. This interview is available from the Ultraflight Radio archives at <http://www.ultraflightradio.com>. As I reiterated at Shelbyville, this check ride procedure is very important for many of our single-place gyroplane fliers who may need to take advantage of this type checkride.
- Greg Gremminger"

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