



January 2012

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Date: Friday Jan. 27, 2012

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Joe Mahr's office complex
120 E. Ogden, Hinsdale, IL. (just west of 294
on Ogden Ave. Downstairs, east hallway)

Agenda Topic(s):

- *Polar Bear debriefing*
- *Safety seminars*
- *June "Shelbyville" fly-in?*
- *Bensen Days*
- *PRA Mentone 50th Anniv. Fly-in Convention*

OUT WITH THE OLD

Club VP **Tom (Mr. Negative) Milton**, the aging curmudgeon, has been retired and has been replaced by the highly capable **Larry Zimmerman**.

Tom has been "put out to pasture" and given the job of Newsletter Editor as a form punishment.

No gold watch, no gift card to Harbor Freight, no club T-shirt, nothing. *"And after all I have done for you, I do and I do and I do for you and this is the thanks I get? Someday you'll have kids of your own and then you'll find out what it means to be a mother". tm*

FIRST IN 2012?

I do believe I may have certified the first aircraft in the country in 2012, and it was a gyroplane!

At the stroke of Midnight on 12/31/2011, I was finishing the paperwork for N1364, I heard the fireworks and neighborhood bombers, looked at my computer clock and sure enough, it was turning 2012.

Congratulations to **Randy Myers** a member of PRA Chapter 18.

I also certified **Jon Vos'** new gyro on New Year's Day, Jon's was the second aircraft certified in 2012, but got the prestigious, Chapter 18, "First To Fly" honors when he rolled his gyro out a few days later and earned that distinction. Jon earns his living flying Canadair Regional Jets for Skywest / United.

Randy's gyro is an Air Command clone, it was scratch built from materials and features a generous horizontal stabilizer.
Randy's gyro is powered by a Rotax 532.

Jon's gyro is also an Air Command clone, with a large horizontal stab, but with vertical winglets. Jon installed parts of the Air Command NCLT kit to enhance it's performance and stability.

Jon's gyro is Rotax 618 powered. *tm*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 27 Club Meeting

Jan. 28 Illinois Aviation EXPO & Seminar

Mar 3 II Dept of Aviation Safety Seminar

Mar 21-25 Bensen Days

Hinsdale, IL.

Itasca, IL.

Springfield, IL.

Wauchula, FL.

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www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event

www.safety-seminar.com/

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