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# ROTOR GAZETTE

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St. Louis Rotorcraft Club ~ PRA Chapter 35 ~ August 2005

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## *Jour De Fete Fly-in, Aug 13/14*

**CLUB MEETING - 11:00 AM Saturday**

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### **MENTONE: GREAT ATTENDANCE BY CH 35**

Let's see if we can name everyone... Marvin Pitney, Mark and Kathy Green, Marvin Murphey, Carl Schneider, Joe Swanton, Tom Hoffman, Jeff Milburg, Bill Finnegan, Dave Herrmann, Dave Keyser, Greg and Steph Gremminger.

Tom Hoffman's newly painted bright yellow turbine ultrasport won an award. Dave Herrmann, Joe Swanton and Greg Gremminger flew to Mentone. (Dave ran into a little headwind going home and didn't quite make it all the

way - Bill Finnegan again provided welcome ground transportation for another club member!). Carl Schneider and Mark green also flew at the convention.

Dave Hermann received some reward for all his hard work - Dave was the recipient of a new Comtronics helmet door prize at the banquet on Saturday evening.

Greg Gremminger received the Ken Brock award - thanks Chapter 35 guys for all your good words!

### **COMING TO A CABLE CHANNEL NEAR YOU NEXT SUMMER**

Remember Bruce Charnov, the enthusiastic gyro historian? He's at it again! A book wasn't enough for him, he's now producing an hour-long gyro documentary that he hopes to market to the cable channels - Discover, History, PBS, etc.

Some filming for the documentary took place during the week of Oshkosh at East Troy Wisconsin, near Milwaukee. Charnov arranged for Greg to introduce CBS network personality and pilot Rolland Smith to gyroplanes. In the process great fun was had taking professional air-to-air video footage of Greg and Rolland in the Magni. The filming was done from the ground but also from a hired R22 helicopter. The beautiful green hills, blue sky, white clouds and clear lakes of Wisconsin as a backdrop produced some exciting video.

Greg had flown into Oshkosh from the Mentone convention for the week of the EAA convention. During that week he flew down to East Troy to spend a day filming with Bruce and Rolland and the entourage of cameraman and producer. Filming from the helicopter continued on the short cross-country to the Dodge County airport closer to Oshkosh, where filming continued with Steve McGowen in the GBA Sparrow Hawk.

The video will feature other historically prominent autogyros and figures such as Marion Springer, Commander Wallis and Andy Keech in his record setting Little Wing gy-

roplane. Charnov hopes the production will end with Rolland soloing in the Sparrow Hawk later this year.

By the way, the air-to-air footage was shot by Rob Dubin who is currently flying a GBA Sparrow Hawk through all 48 contiguous States. Rod is a professional videographer.

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### ***May meeting and Ground School***

At the May club meeting, the membership voted to provide complimentary memberships to Chapter 35 to the following long-time members: Jim Smith, Leroy Hahn, Jack and Belle Lewis, Carl Schneider and Joe Swanton. These valued members will not longer be required to pay dues but will be included in all club activities and newsletter mailings. The club did this to honor our dedicated friends who now find it difficult to participate in all our activities. We hope to to continue to see everyone at our club events.

Also at the May meeting, the motion to submit Greg Gremminger as Ch 35's candidate for the 2005 Ken Brock award was made and passed.

Following the meeting, a succesful Sport Pilot ground school class on cross country flight planning was well attended. Good luck to everyone working on their SP rating.



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## Classifieds

**For Sale:** Quiverin' Queen - Benson Gyrocopter: 72 hp Super Mac, Tall Tail, 24' Dragon Wing Blades, Brock seat tank, 52 x 26 Tennessee Prop, tuned pipes, air speed & altimeter, fuel pressure gauge, cylinder head temperature gauge, rotor & engine tachometer, bolt & amp meter, dual fuel pump, pre-rotator, rotor brake, BMW helmet with custom integrated head phones & mic (with push to talk on control stick), & Midland CB radio. Spare Zero time 90 hp McCulloch engine & prop. Long trailer custom built to transport fully assembled & hanger rash. Movable hanger, magneto timer, set of Benson plans, & engine manuals. 25 year collection of 90 & 72 hp spare parts. Last flown in 2000. Had to give up flying due to health - \$12,000

James R. Smith -  
 573-779-3535,  
 Short & Ruff Airstrip  
 20620 S. State Hwy. 21  
 Caledonia, Mo. 63631



**For Sale:** Bensen drop-keel, Rotax 503 dual carb point ignition, 23' Dragon Wings, 5 Gal seat tank, main wheel brakes, trailer included. Featured on front cover Aug 04 Rotorcraft. Sale due to purchase of Parsons 2-place, 80 hrs TT, \$4500, John Wohaska, 636-296-7188. jswoh@yahoo.com



**For Sale:** Subaru EA-81, Hirth gearbox 2.03:1, MAC adapter, - Ken Bricker - 217-899-0175

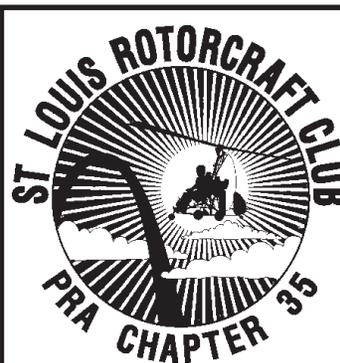


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## 2005 Meeting / Fly-ins Dates

August 13-14 ..... Ste. Gen Fly-in  
 September 9-11 ..... Shelbyville Fly-in  
 September ? ..... Palmyra Fly-in  
 October 15 ..... Mt. Vernon Open House



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