

Shelbyville Fly-In Update:

Things are coming along for the fly-in. The airport manager is ready and waiting for us to appear.

As mentioned previously, Cathy Greene is bringing Sloppy Joes, Italian beef, and three kinds of cookies. Janet Knight is providing three different types of salads. Larry Miller has graciously stepped up to the plate, and will provide a medley of his famous pies and cakes.

Remember we are eating at sunset this year, to maximize the flight time for the pilots. See me to buy your tickets. The money from the tickets goes to pay for the food, and also to tip the airport manager and his family, for all the work they do for our fly-in. Even if you're not eating, please help contribute to the tip for the airport personnel. Any money given to me for that will specifically be kept set aside for them.

Greg and Steph will bring the club canopy, and a large water cooler. Dave Kayser is also bringing his canopy. The Lansing club is bringing their canopy, and several large coolers to keep drinks cold. We should have plenty of canopy space to gather under to get out of the sun, and to socialize in.

The Lansing club is promising to bring the balloons, flour, paper bags, and helium, for the flying contests. Our newest member, John Cheek, has agreed to help run the contests.

I will volunteer the use of my truck if anyone needs fuel runs.

We can still use more help, so please call and volunteer to bring drinks, food, dinnerware, etc. John Cheek will also need people to help him run the contests, since he's never done this before.

There will be at least two aircraft getting their airworthiness certificates by Tommy Milton on Friday. Hopefully there are more that I've not been made aware of.

Mentone Report:

Several of our club members, that I'm aware of, flew their ships to Mentone. Greg and Bob Heimberger flew their Magnis. Dave Herrmann flew his Bensen in also. Dave made three fuel stops on the way to Mentone. His flight crew followed in their car. Joe Swanton and Matt flew in from Iowa, in their Carlinators.

Mark Knight and I ran into Dave and his family at dinner one night in Warsaw. What are the odds that we would all end up at the same restaurant, 15 miles away, on the same night?

I attended, and passed, the Repairman's course taught by Marty Weaver. It was a full class, with 16 people, and several more on standby. Mark Knight helped judge the aircraft this year. As always, Greg was kept busy giving or coordinating seminars. Steph held down the fort at the club tent, and also helped serve in the cafeteria.

There were many more rotorcraft at Mentone this year than last. It's being reported on the Rotary Forum that there were almost 90 machines there this year, over the course of the event. Visit the rotaryforum.com for tons of pictures and reports of all the fun.

A poker run was organized this year, and was enough of a hit that it will be repeated next year. On Friday, there seemed to be a constant stream of gyros using the runway. Had to leave Friday night, but heard there was even more flying done on Saturday. There was a much larger variety of both gyros and helis this year.

Two new gyros, the UFO, and the Xenon, were flown at Mentone.



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