

Before writing any further, I want to thank Gerry Loeser for serving as our chapter's president this past year. An exceptional pilot and builder, Gerry brings professionalism to our chapter, setting a standard for the rest of us to follow. A change in Gerry's work schedule made it necessary for him to resign his post as president, but he will continue to be a valuable member in our club. Thank you again Gerry, we look forward to seeing you at our future meetings.

I would also like to thank Dave Herrmann, John Wohaska, and Mark Greene for all of their hard work this past year and for accepting the nomination to do it again. We all have busy schedules and should appreciate the efforts of these members. Next time you see them, please offer your congratulations and thanks.

I also offer our continued thanks to Greg Gremminger. Greg's individual efforts in supporting our sport and chapter are too numerous to list here. He is recognized as a leader in the gyro community and we are truly fortunate to have him as member of our club. Thanks again Greg for all you have done, and no doubt, will continue to do.

Chapter 35 has a very unique blend of members. We have pilots holding certificates from student to CFI; members who are building their machines to members who hold manufacturing rights to machines; members who fly professionally to members that are just entering the sport; members that hold office in the PRA and members that hold office in the FAA; members with professional knowledge in machining and medical, electricity and engineering, and even one who makes a killer germain chocolate cake. Our club sports some of the nicest gyros in the air with a variety of makes, models, and designs. With all of this going for our club, it can be one of the fastest growing and best chapters representing the PRA and our member's needs. During my tenure as president, I hope to take advantage of this broad knowledge base and help facilitate the continued education of our members by providing the opportunity to learn more about our wonderful sport.

#### *A Reason to Attend*

Recognition, socialization, education, advancement, and the opportunity to share ideas are just some of the reasons individuals attend the monthly club meetings. As a club, we must strive to meet these member incentives each and every month, and recognize them as the path to reaching our #1 goal, promoting gyroplane safety.

Regularly scheduled meetings are vital to the success of our chapter. Lets start by posting the dates and times for this years meetings. Unless otherwise noted

on the schedule, we will stick to the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month format at the Greenville airport. Each meeting will have a training topic and recommended review material for the meeting. The attached schedule provides the dates, times, location, and training topics. Bold type indicates confirmed topics and locations. All other topics are merely suggestions at this time and are open to member input.

#### *Practice makes perfect*

When practical, we should also devote part of every meeting to flying. I realize that not everyone in our club has an aircraft ready to fly, but many do. We should move the classroom outside and when applicable, to demonstrations and practice what we have just reviewed in the meeting. I also want to get our non-fliers in the air by starting the *Share the Ride* campaign. We have several two-place machines in our club and with a bit of scheduling, we could easily achieve this goal on a regular basis. I'm even hoping that with enough participants, we could involve every member and do short cross country to neighboring airports.

#### *Growing Stronger*

As stated in the beginning, we have a great deal to offer as a club and we only need to know what our members expect. I would like each of us to reach out to absentee members to find out what it would take to get them involved in our chapter again. The direction our club moves is up to each member, so I encourage each of you to make suggestions and share your ideas. I also hope that everyone takes an active role in club projects and training. To continually call on the same members over and over again is unfair to those individuals and the club as a whole.

I'm looking forward to serving as club president for the next 10 months and hope to build on an already successful PRA chapter. Always feel free to contact me with your thoughts and ideas on how we can do more.

Bob Heimberger

#### Study Material

- If you have a Sectional, please bring it to the next meeting.

Date	Time	Location	Training Topic
<b>March 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Greenville Airport</b>	<b><i>Controlled Airspace</i></b>
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Greenville Airport	<i>Fly-in safety topics</i>
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Parks Airport	Air Show
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Greenville Airport	<i>Reading Sectionals</i>
<b>July 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Smartt Airport</b>	<b>Ground Handling &amp; Pattern Etiquette BBQ</b>
August 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Ste. Genevieve Airport	<i>Special maneuvers and what you should Know</i>
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Day	Shelbyville Airport	Club Hosted Fly-in <i>Review of the ASTM Standards</i>
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Greenville Airport	Greenville Open House
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Greenville Airport	<i>Flying with the Right Attitude</i>
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Greenville Airport	<i>Keeping Your License Current / Ramp Inspections</i>
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Greenville Airport	<i>Radio Communication</i>

Club members: Our first 2007 club meeting was held at Greenville airport on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were 13 attendees. As you can tell from Bob's letter, he was elected club president. All other officers were re-elected. We had two new members in attendance, Chris Schweitzer, and Joe Kalal.

I apologize for the brevity of details regarding the meeting, but wanted to include Bob's letter to the membership, as he has lots of ideas for improving the club and its members.

One other note: if you have not paid your membership dues, this will be your last newsletter. If you have paid, and do not receive a newsletter, please contact me at 309-527-5344.

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