

February Meeting Notes:

It was a 26 degree day, yet Bob Heimberger and Darren Twellman flew to the meeting in Bob's Magni. They both said it was a very comfortable flight, due to their heated flight suits, but they had the coldest handshakes I've had in a while!

There was quite a bit of discussion regarding the ELSA extension, which if you made your application by the January deadline, gave you up to 2 years to complete your certification. Roy B. stressed that for the FAA to recognize your extension, you needed to be either a member of EAA or ASC, and work under their auspices. For more details, check their respective websites.

Bob and Darren are planning on flying to Bensen days, and will welcome all members who wish to join their trip. Greg G. has sold his current Magni to Paul Salmon, so is grounded right now. He is currently rebuilding the engine on Paul's old machine, and I believe it is sold once Greg is finished with the engine. Larry Miller almost has his engine ready to go again, and is anxious to start flying again.

Bob and Darren are interested in setting up a gyro Poker run, based at the Greenville airport for one of the club meeting weekends. They would like to make the event a weekend thing. The plan would involve a circular route which all types of gyros could handle, based on less than one hour flight for each leg, at an average speed of 50mph. Please contact Bob if you are interested in participating.

The annual Illinois Ultralight Safety seminar, ordinarily held in February, is being held in March this year. The date and location had to be moved due to electrical damage to the Illinois Building. The new date is March 8th. The location will be the Harry Hanley Building, which is a large IDOT building along I-55. Don't have the address, but it's on Dirksen just north of the Stevenson Drive exit off I-55. It's a good seminar to attend, lots of info, free drawings, and box lunch.

Greg G. is looking for volunteers to coordinate some of the PRA website's database updates, like the current instructor listing, equipment providers, etc. Contact Greg if you have some computerese, and the time to help out.

Larry Miller wants everyone to know that the April meeting will be held at the Centralia airport, home base to Larry and several other club members. The meeting is intended to be a fly-in, and Larry and crew are providing lunch! Their hangar is #20, which is on the northwest side of the airport. Larry wanted everyone to know they have a new crosswind runway for everyone to try out.

The March meeting will be held at the Greenville airport. Meeting starts at 11am. Hopefully it will be warmer, and a few more machines will be flown in.

If you missed the meeting, you missed some great story telling again from the comic duo of Bob and Darren. The stories started out with the details of trying to load Darren into the back seat of Bob's machine. It seems that Darren experienced some difficulty getting situated in the back seat, much to the enjoyment of Bob! Darren is claiming that somehow the back seat of Bob's machine has shrunken in size over the winter.

Darren also would like to offer a free flying squirrel to a good home. According to Darren, the squirrel is just the cutest, friendliest, little bundle of joy anyone could want. Of course, that was described after Darren talked about how the lovable little creature bites the living daylights out of him every time he tries to handle it. Apparently, cuteness is in the eyes of the beholder!

We were all in tears by the time Darren and Bob finished their tales of hanging around together doing gyro things, and Darren finished his stories about their little boat show reminder from last year's boat show.

Mark Knight asked me to post a notice offering his Two-Place Air Command machine for sale. As most of you know, it has a 2.5 Subaru engine, and has electric trim. Mark has flown this machine up to 130 miles in one direction, so it has proven itself as a cross-country machine. Mark's phone number is: 217-304-7749. Mark works third shift 7 days a week, so the best time to contact him is from 7-10pm. A picture of his machine is attached.



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