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# ROTOR GAZETTE

St. Louis Rotorcraft Club – PRA Chapter 35 – January 2007

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## **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL CHAPTER 35 MEMBERS!!**

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**It's time for a club meeting! We'll meet at the Greenville Airport, and eat lunch somewhere nearby after the meeting, for those who are interested in extending the meeting time.**

**TENTATIVE Agenda for (Saturday, Feb 3, 11:00) meeting:**

- **Nomination and election of officers**
- **Treasurer's report**
- **Parks Midwest Fly-in, May 5-6 - Gyros are asked to participate - make our plans**
- **2007 meeting and fly-in schedule**
- **Schedule Activities and discussion topics for upcoming meetings**
- **Martin Hollman video, courtesy of Greg Gremminger**

**Due to heavy time commitments, Gerry Loeser asked us to nominate and elect a new president. Bob Heimberger expressed interest in the position. So let's get a good showing of members, and elect a new president for the club!**

**We also need to elect one new board member.**

We have three new Sport Pilots among the club members now! Bob Heimberger, I believe, was the first to finish his checkride, in October of 2006!

Mark Knight and I went to Searcy, AR, in December, and took our Sport Pilot oral tests and checkrides with Ron Menzie. I completed my checkride on 12/13, and Mark completed his first thing on the 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a great learning experience for both of us, and I can share pictures and details at the meeting if anyone is interested.

Bob Heimberger and Darren Twellman recently completed a 365 mile roundtrip cross country expedition. The flight originated in St. Louis, continued to Branson, MO, and then returned to St. Louis. Hopefully they will be willing to share their experience with club members at the meeting.

Rumor has it that Larry Miller is building another gyro. Let's ask him about the details.

After speaking with Fred Blair a couple of times in the last month, it appears he is gearing up to get his Sno-Bird gyro business ready to enter the gyro market place. Several members of the club have been helping him get the radio station building converted to the Sno-bird manufacturing facility. Hopefully Fred can enlighten us on his progress at the meeting.



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It's time for everyone to pay their annual club dues. The expenses for the club newsletters is creeping up and will soon exceed the club's funds, due to fewer and fewer members paying their dues. It is helping that a number of members are giving me their email addresses, which allows us to save the cost of printing and mailing a hard copy of the newsletter.

Even if you do not plan to attend the meeting, do send a check to John Wohaska with your \$15 annual dues. John's address is: 3501 Stone Mill Dr., Arnold, MO 63010. John will then update me on paid members, and your newsletters will continue.

We do have one new club member, Joe Kalal. He hails from Hillsboro, Mo. Hopefully, Joe will attend the Feb. meeting, and we can introduce him to the world of spinning rotors. By the way, Joe, since you joined late last year, your dues are good for 2007, also.

That's all for this issue. Please, if you want to see more frequent newsletters, send me articles to include, and I will do so. Without articles to fill the newsletter, unless there are club meetings or fly-ins to report, there will not be issues every month.