

Thanks to the members of PRA Chapter 35, Our June club meeting, dedicated to Ken Bricker and his family, was a great success. Despite the looming weather, we had a good turnout from Ken's family and friends, and a strong club showing. Eight gyros flew in, and of course, Ken's High Command sat on prominent display throughout the day. Club members came through, providing a feast that satisfied all. We had burgers and mostaccioli, nearly a dozen pies and cakes, watermelon, and all the trimmings in-between. Throughout the day, Darren, Greg, and I kept busy giving rides to Ken's family members, including his mother. The day concluded with a video pictorial of Ken's life, and though the moment was solemn, I was very proud of our deed when Ken's wife, Ginger, thanked everyone for making the event happen and concluded her thoughts with, "I feel like you are all family."

I want to give special thanks to Roy Beisswinger for making all the arrangements with Ken's family and friends and planning such a successful event; Troy Walker, Greenville Airport Manager, for hosting the event and allowing us to take over the facility for the day; Greg and Steph Gremminger for preparing the mostaccioli and standing over the grill all morning cooking 80 burgers; Larry Miller for preparing 8 of his signature pies and 2 cakes; Dave Kaiser for bring the watermelon (that hit the spot on such a hot day); Dave Herman for all the eating utensils, plates, soft drinks, and condiments; Carol Finnegan for making the delicious bean dish; and Darren Twellman for donating the hamburgers.

I also want to note a significant accomplishment by one of our club members; Bobby Ireland made his first cross country flight in his Snowbird Falcon, flying to the June meeting. Congratulations Bobby on a job well done.

Our next club meeting will be held at St. Charles County Airport (KSET), hanger 3-25 on July 7th at 11:00 a.m. Our topic for the meeting will be Emergency landings, maneuvers, and procedures. We also need to discuss the fast approaching Shelbyville fly-in and begin planning for the event. After the regular club meeting, Darren, and I would like to invite you to stay for lunch. We will have burgers, lasagna and any side dish club members might care to bring. If you plan to fly in and need to purchase gas for your return trip, please let Darren or I know before the event how much fuel you will need and we will have it available at the hanger. I would encourage those that can, to fly over. The area immediately around the airport offers some of the most scenic areas in MO/ IL.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in July

Bob



An undated photo of Ken in his Hi-Command gyro. Looks like he's checking gauges prior to taking to the sky!

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