

# ***Western Rotorcraft***



***February 2013***



## Regional Organizations Meetings & Contacts

### Arizona Rotorcraft Club (**PRA 15**)

Third Saturday, 11am MST, various locations (AZ)  
 Next Meeting: Feb 16, Yuma, AZ  
 Carl Matter: [keenuk@aol.com](mailto:keenuk@aol.com)

### Ken Brock Rotorcraft Assoc. (**PRA 1**)

Next Meeting: Feb 9, El Mirage Dry Lake (CA)  
 Terry Smith: [terry.smith@earthlink.net](mailto:terry.smith@earthlink.net)

### San Diego County Rotorcraft Club (**PRA 31**)

Third Thursdays, locations vary (CA)  
 For info on next meeting contact  
 Dave Bacon: [davesconcretepumping@msn.com](mailto:davesconcretepumping@msn.com)

### Colorado Rotorcraft Assoc. (**PRA 38**)

Next Meeting: March 2, 10am MST,  
 Meadow Lake Airport (CO) Hangar 8400  
 Mark Shook: [Mark@CopterPilots.org](mailto:Mark@CopterPilots.org)

### Great NW Sport Rotorcraft Assoc (**PRA 73**)

Next Meeting: Feb 9, Noon PST, NWAAC  
 Scappoose Industrial Airport (OR)  
 Jon Dailey: [jon@sportcopter.com](mailto:jon@sportcopter.com)

### Bonneville GyroFlyers (**PRA 2**)

Feb 9, 10am MST, Airgyro Aviation  
 Springville-Spanish Fork Airport (UT)  
 Doug Barker: [president@utahrotorcraft.org](mailto:president@utahrotorcraft.org)

### Utah Rotorcraft Association

Next Members Meeting TBA  
 Next Board Meeting TBA  
 Details to Members by E-mail  
[info@utahrotorcraft.org](mailto:info@utahrotorcraft.org)



## 2013 Calendar

Wed-Sun, Apr 3-6 (FL)  
**Bensen Days**

Fri-Sat, May 17-18 (AZ)  
**ARC Gyro Buddy Camp-Out**

Thu-Sat, Jun 6-8 (UT)  
**Rotors Over The Rockies**

Mon-Sun, Jul 29 - Aug 4 (WI)  
**EAA AirVenture/Oshkosh**

Tue-Sat, Aug 6-10 (IN)  
**PRA Convention & Fly-In**

Fri-Sun, Sep 13-15 (CO)  
**CO Rotorcraft Assoc. Fly-In**

Fri-Sun, Sep 27-29, (CA)  
**50th Anniv. Ken Brock Freedom Fly-In**

**Late Date Change for Bensen Days** - Organizers of PRA's Bensen Days meet in Wauchula, FL have moved two weeks earlier. The event will now be held April 3-6. Details: [www.bensendays.com](http://www.bensendays.com)

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**On the Cover:** Phil Dunn flies at ROTR 2009. Top of column: A new video posted on YouTube features an unidentified pilot flying a Rotax 582-powered Air Command Elite over spectacular scenery in southern Utah. Click the photo to watch.

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## From the Editor

Welcome to 2013's last "skinny" issue of Western Rotorcraft. All our chapters will be back to regular meetings shortly, and I look forward to seeing what everyone's working on for 2013.



This issue of WR is finding its way out a few days late for a number of reasons, for which I apologize. My life is much fuller than it was a year ago, and it's getting tougher to make big chunks of time to work on this labor of love.



Cindy thinks I'm nuts to put so much time into a volunteer effort. Objectively, she's probably right, but the satisfaction, new friends and increased knowledge I've gained have

made it all worthwhile. It excites me to see our chapters work together, even in small ways, to make things more fun and memorable for all involved.

My new work schedule will not likely let up in 2013, and I have other personal and family responsibilities which will further pinch my time. If you think you could help with writing, gathering photos, or otherwise coordinating content for WR, I'd love to hear from you.

And if you plan an outing to an airshow or other aviation happening in 2013, take a camera along and share the experience with us!

Fly Safe!

## The Essence of Vision

Doug Barker, URA President



I came across a quote the other day, that really touched my heart. I want to share it with all of you in the hope that it may equally touch yours.

*The Essence of Vision:*

*Advance confidently in the direction of your dreams and endeavor to live the life you have imagined. The future is not just some place you are going to, but is a place you are creating, and the paths to it are not found, they are made. Follow your passion as long as you live, and on this you will reach success.*

While this quote was not written by an aspiring Rotorcraft Pilot, it seems to get to the heart of the matter, (that most of us face in chasing our dreams). Life is full of obstacles and challenges come along just often enough, that if we are not careful, they can consume the majority of our conscious efforts, just trying to survive.

I have largely been sidetracked for the last little while because of situations that have happened in my family. I have always felt that my family was my highest priority and I have tried hard to not allow my personal dreams for flight to take precedence over things that I believe are intrinsically more important over the long run.

However, having to put my dreams temporarily on a back burner, has made it easy to leave them there. Momentum (or lack thereof) can either be a powerful ally or a treacherous foe, depending on what you are doing.

I find it is easy to allow the challenges we face to sidetrack our efforts and before you know it, that passion that was driving us forward, has cooled down to a low simmer that is insufficient to get us moving forward

again. Being reminded that my future was something I am creating, and that the path to the future I hope to have is not a path that I will find but rather a path that I will create by the actions I take today, was invigorating to me. I believe we all need to be reminded occasionally, that we do have the power to create and change our future. Making our future turn out the way we want it to, is totally up to us. If we neglect to take charge of that process, then we are in effect turning over the control to others to determine what our future will look like. I'm simply not willing to turn over control to others or to allow it to simply be what it will be without any direction from me.

No truly worthwhile goal is ever accomplished by simply wishing it into existence. It always takes a plan and it takes action and it usually takes overcoming obstacles. The bigger the goal the bigger and more numerous the obstacles that need to be overcome. I never cease to be amazed by the stories of some of my friends that have overcome incredible obstacles to accomplish some of their dreams.



Vance Breese (above) is a good example of someone that has overcome incredible challenges to get into the air, but he persevered until he hit that goal and now he continues to modify his goals and strives to achieve even more. It humbles me to think of some of these stories and then compare the things that hold me back from

accomplishing my goals. Once thing is clear, there is much room for improvement on my part. But every morning (so far at least) I wake up and I have another day to change and to do better. What a great world this is and an incredible time to be alive. Opportunities abound and I truly can accomplish anything if I want it bad enough.

I want to thank all of my friends out there that set such a good example for me and that have helped me along my path so far. I hope that I can be as good a friend to others who are trying to find their way to their dreams. Come join me and let's do it together!

*Doug*



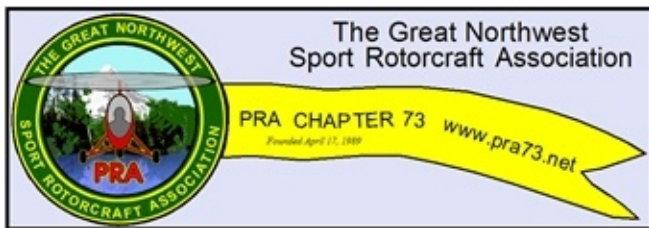
## ***Bonneville GyroFlyers PRA Chapter 2 January 12 Meeting Report***

The January 12 online meeting of Bonneville GyroFlyers, [PRA Chapter 2](#), was called to order on the URA Webmeeting Channel at 10:00am by President Doug Barker (UT). Also in attendance for the business meeting were Secretary Paul Plack (UT), Treasurer Steve Pearson (UT) and members Kevin Eaton (UT) and Claudius Klimt (MD, pictured above). Joining the

webcast during the following technical presentation were guests Mark Shook (CO, President, PRA 38), Randolph Palma (FL), Curt Pittman (UT), Robert McElroy (TX), Russell Owens (CA), CFI Brock Steiner (OR) and Alex Jacobson (no location entered).

Following a welcome to members and guests, the minutes of the November, 2012 meeting were approved as published in the December, 2012 issue of Western Rotorcraft. Doug reported no update to November's treasury balance of \$180. A brief discussion of the 2013 calendar followed, and Doug encouraged all present to support rotorcraft events in the coming year.

Doug announced that the February 9 meeting would again be held online at 10am MST. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12am. (Paul Plack, Secretary)



## January 12 Meeting Report

Meeting called to order by Jon Dailey at 1:16 PM, on 12 January 2013. Bob read the financial report.

A brief discussion of guns and gun control was opened, with the announcement that Wyoming has introduced a bill into the State's legislation, proposing to prohibit the enforcement of federal gun control measures, and to make it a felony to enforce such a federal control.

The sale of additional raffle tickets was conducted and closed. The raffle drawing was conducted, with the winner being ticket #607. The winner being Richard E.

Jon brought up the suggestion that the club should pay 100% of Bob's dues to NWAAC. This was in light of PRA73's frequent use of the NWAAC clubhouse during the winter. This was agreed upon by the attending members, and closed.

Bob announced the upcoming events occurring at Scappoose airfield: August 10th: Car show occurring at the airport, requesting a gyro club presence. August 16-18: NWAAC air show, again requesting a gyro club presence and volunteers to assist in aircraft control and parking. August 24th: Wings and Wheels, question to group participation (no resolution as yet).

An announcement that our current Club Vice President, Jim, will be stepping down due to health issues. The VP position is open, and the request has been made for another member to fill the office position.

A discussion of the December Vortex Crash was opened with an inquiry to the floor, concerning any further investigative results. Speculation is toward a pre-existing medical condition as the contributing factor.

The Alvord desert camping trip was announced for June 15-22. This will follow one week after the Utah ROTR event (occurring June 6-8). It was expressed that the Alvord being a dry lake bed is 3 times larger than El Mirage, and several members are planning on attending this trip. There will be Gyros, Powered Kites, and R/C. This is a primitive site, with a hot spring. Also, locally there is a diner and fuel station, where gyros are allowed to land on the road and taxi.

A new CFI will soon be working with Sport Copter. He is David Burkhardt.



Announcement of the annual BBQ occurring April 13th. Members of Utah's PRA Chapter 2 may be joining our event. Food fare is suggested the standby of hotdogs, chicken, and ribs.

Introduction of guests: Arthur and his daughter Katie. Arthur is a fixed wing pilot, and expresses an interest in gyro.

Announcement that the next meeting will again be held at the NWAAC clubhouse.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM.  
(Gillan Bradley)

## **PRA Chapter 15 January 19 Report**

Here are some placeholder photos (right column) from the meeting in January to make the guys up north jealous. It was a beautiful sunny day. Marv flew the Sport Copter II. We had a well-attended meeting. Afterwards we had a nice BBQ in his backyard by the pool next to the grapefruit trees. (Carl Matter, Pres.)



*Ed. - Carl, just what we needed. As this issue of WR is going together, it's a foggy 19° here in Murray, Utah. Jealous, indeed!*

## **Gyroplanes For Sale**

**BENSEN GYROCOPTER** - Bensen blades. Brock landing gear, joystick, 8-gal. seat tank. Subaru EA-81 twin-carb, converted to single Holly 1920 carb, direct drive. Some gauges, radiator. No prop. \$4,000 or may trade for an original British Mini car. Bill Yule, [acecrenshaw@gmail.com](mailto:acecrenshaw@gmail.com), Tucson. (AZ, 11/12)

**RAF 2000 GTX-SE-FI** - 160 hours TT. Completed in 2009 with GBA CLT conversion and tall tail. Subaru 2.2L, Becker radio & transponder, recent annual, logs in order. \$49,300 includes 20 hours dual instruction. Curt, (435) 730-0828. (UT, 12/11)

## **Parts for Sale**

24-foot Dragon Wings, Parsons two-bearing head (all new bearings), 12-gallon seat tank. \$1500. Mark Rhoads (520) 840-0186, Tucson. Can bring to Yuma on Presidents Day weekend. (AZ, 02/13)



## **Engines for Sale**

Subaru EJ 22, \$350; EJ 22 block \$200; EA82 block \$200; Geo 3-cyl with prop & gear reduction, \$1500. (623) 386-7043, [las2280@qwest.net](mailto:las2280@qwest.net). (AZ, 2/12)

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