



# The Great Northwest Sport Rotorcraft Association

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## Notes from the October 12th Meeting

Vice President Bob Johnson opened the meeting (1:00pm) as Dick was not there.

We had a big turnout with 41 members in attendance, with an additional 7 guests and two new members.

The food was brought in abundance....a Big Thank You to all who brought food. We had 4 main dishes, chicken chili, turkey chili, lasagna, and tuna noodle casserole... we had rolls, baguettes, side dishes, and three different types of desert! What a feast ...and with nearly 50 people we still had leftovers!

### OLD BUSINESS

**Club T-Shirts:** Kelly (and Dick) will be checking on costs and design possibilities so we can present them to members at future meetings. We would like to have club T-Shirts so that when we perform functions such as representing the National PRA at Arlington, we can advertise our chapter and camaraderie of club members.

**Buttons:** Checking on the status of our buttons, it was discussed that Kelly gave Dick the "Button Machine" and we would have to check with Dick.

### NEW BUSINESS

**NWAAC Renewal:** Time to renew again for Bob and Ray...Club Members unanimously voted yes to renew

**Airshow World Magazine:** Member Paul Warren brought a stack of this new magazine

from his work to hand out free magazine to anyone who was interested.

**"Hospitality Committee":** Chairman, member Wally Foss spoke about someone producing labels with our club logo on the top and having them available at meeting so that we can all write our names on them and wear them. Members still have trouble remembering others as well as it would be nice for guests to refer to members when they can identify them with a name. Wally stressed the importance for our club to start wearing name tags.

**Gyro Restoration Volunteers Needed:** Member Gary Kaminski asked if anyone in the club were interested in helping him restore his RAF. As some of us know, he had a mishap and his gyro needs some help....anyone with Subaru knowledge is preferred. Gary says that rides will be made available to anyone who decides to help him.

**Gyro Rental Availability Interest:** Jim Vanek mentioned that there are a certain group of individuals considering purchasing a single-place gyro to be made available for rental. He asked

## NEXT MEETING

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for those who may be interested in renting a gyro, if it were made available, to let him know. He had 4 members interested in this, so far..as he has received another one by e-mail... Anyone Else?!? If there is not a big demand then this the group may not move forward with the proposal.

*Winter Weather Topics Anyone?:* Wally (member) addressed the members in regards to picking out topics to share during the bad weather months. The topic, he says, should be chosen at the next meeting (Nov.) and then all members will have time to research this to receive information and there would be a share and discussion regarding the topic at the next meeting, (Jan.). So if you are interested in a discussion in regards to anything concerning gyroplanes... please bring your idea to the next meeting.

*Rides Today!:* Jim announced that he would be giving the members a \$5 ride to anyone who wants to go "around the patch", right after the focus group.... 15 people signed up! Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm

*Focus Group:* Jim Vanek gave a "Thrust Test" demonstration using club member Rick Hicks two-place custom gyro. He pitched the propeller several different ways and demonstrated this to the membership. He tested the thrust three times using different pitch settings.

*Club Rides:* Rides were given (literally) until the the sun went down... 15 total. Many smiles were seen on the faces of new members (and their wives) when climbing out of the gyro for



*Jim Vanek on a nice clear day.*

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