

The Fly – By

For December - 2005

Things to remember:

- Club meeting will be held December 1st at Parks Downtown Airport Hanger # 8 (classrooms)
- Presentation: "Loss of Control" Mr. Fred Harms
- 2006 Club Officer voting during the meeting
- Visit our website at <http://gaua.homestead.com/>



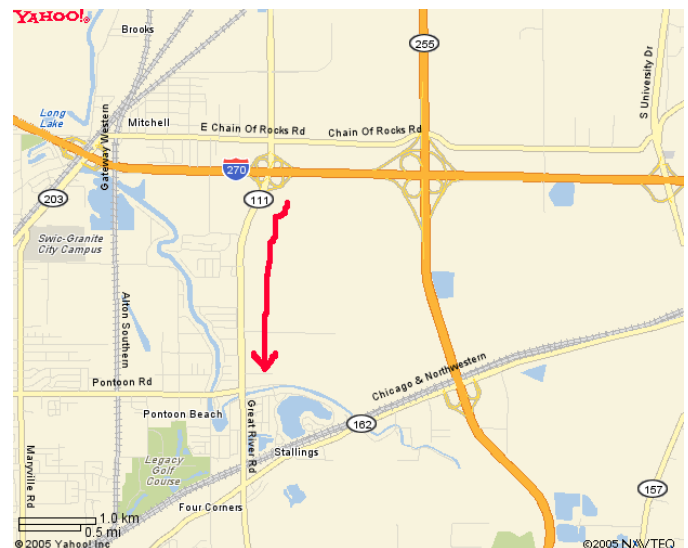
President's Message

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, December 1st, at Parks College hanger, Parks Airport. This month's meeting presentation will be on "Loss of Control". Mr. Fred Harms, Safety Program Manager, F.A.A., St. Louis Flight Standards District Office, will present the program. Staying in control of the ultralight will make flying safer and more enjoyable.

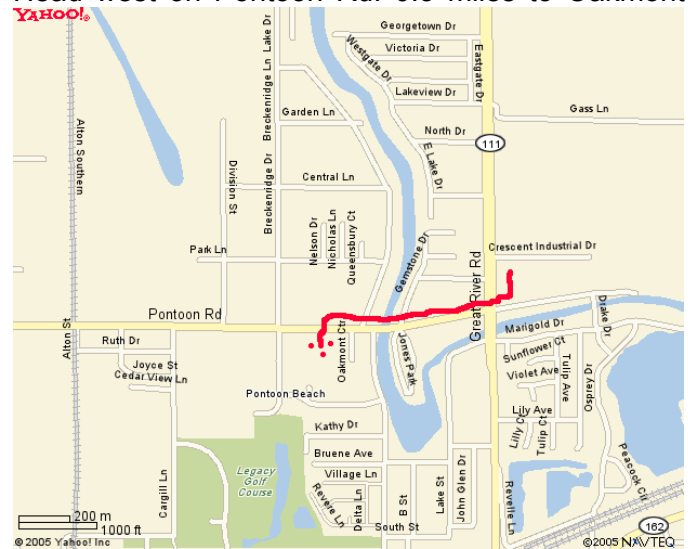
(I have used that line before.)

The Christmas party is set for Saturday, December 10th, 6:30 to 10:30 PM at the Masonic Lodge, 4020 Pontoon Rd., Pontoon Beach. The club is picking up the cost of the hall rental, the bartender and the ham, bread & condiments. We will have a cash bar and everyone is to bring a side dish. There will be a sign up sheet for what dish you are bringing at the December 1st meeting. If you can't make the December meeting or have other plans for the evening that get cancelled just show up; it's a cash bar and there is always lots of food left. We will have ultralight videos and lots of ultralight talk; so bring the kids, the neighbors and your spouse or your significant other (but not both) and enjoy an evening of fun.

Directions to the Christmas party at the Masonic Lodge, 4020 Pontoon Rd., Pontoon Beach, IL: From I 270 in IL take exit 6A South 1.7 miles on IL Rt. 111 to Pontoon Rd.



Head west on Pontoon Rd. 0.3 miles to Oakmont



Shopping Center (the South side of Pontoon Rd., next to Huck's with a Subway shop in front). The Lodge is one of the storefronts about half way down the shopping center.

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If the weather looks bad and you want to make sure the party is still on call me at 314-638-6034. If we cancel I will leave the message on the answering machine.

Interested in being an officer? Volunteer before the vote at the December meeting. Our club is us and it takes each of us pitching in to keep it going.

This will be my last newsletter and meeting as president, so I am taking this opportunity to say thank you to the club officers I have served with and club members for all of your help during the last few years. I have enjoyed the experience and appreciate the opportunity to serve. Good luck to the new officers taking over.

See you at the meeting Thursday.

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Sec Report

Earl brought the meeting together about 7:40pm with a welcome to everyone. We had a returning guest in attendance, Dwight Hayden at the meeting. The sec notes from the NL last month were read back to the members. After discussion, the report was voted on and passed. Tim next gave the treasurers report which showed a small income of \$14.59 with an ending balance of \$2286.48 in the account ending for September.

Under Old Business, Work continues on getting the club machine ready to go. I got my hands on a small CRT monitor (with built in

speakers) and keyboard to use with the system for free. !! It even says HP on it so it looks like it came from the factory that way. Ed spent some time with it trying to import the older NL source files made with MS Word into the Open Office editor. There were some issues with properly getting the NL header to import correctly but was no big deal. The next thing we need to figure out is what are we going to use for a printer. Currently we have a HP Laser-Jet III that Shire Smith and Keith had donated to the club. This is a black and white 600dpi printer and is in working condition last I checked. So, Its up to you guys. If you think that is ok, then we will try to get it installed and see if we can get the next NL printed using the HP we got. If one the other hand, you like the NL printed up in color, then I think it's time to look at getting a newer printer for the club system. Ed looked into getting the best "price per page" cost for each printer we looked at. The "average" NL number of pages we print (6 pages x 44 copies x 12 mounts) quickly gets up to over the 3000 pages per year mark. This is a big enough throughput to warrant using a laser type printer rather than the typical ink jet type like I use here at home. All last year we have been using it for NL printing and have incurred a rather big pile of empty cartridges. They only last for about 2 printings before running out. The laser printer would use toner cartridges instead, which last about 4000-5000 sheets depending on content. This is basically a whole season of printing before buying new toner. (can you say cheaper?) yep...

Anyway, the list of printers Ed compiled ranges in price from about \$400 to \$600 beans, and I think it will be well worth the money. The one we had our eye on even has a duplexer attachment installed that flips the pages around to print on both sides automatically instead of having to feed the pages back through by hand. Ok, Nuff..... Let's talk about it at the meeting and get some feedback.

During the meeting, Bill had brought in some information on the proposed club Christmas party location. He said we could get the hall rental in Pontoon Beach at a Masonic Lodge at 2040 Pontoon Road for \$100. We would need to setup a cash bar and pay for a bartender for the evening. Everyone was discussing the details and finally settled in on December 10th with a startup time of 6:30pm. Everyone attending should drag along a side dish or something else to share at the party!!

Keith Smith also wanted to see if he could get together some AV equipment to use during the party to show some of the many tapes and disks the club members might want to bring along. I remember seeing some kick but soft wing videos the last time out at Sullivan..!! So let's get some of that good stuff goin on for the party. Hey, I can always grab the MP3 player and that small set of altec lansing speakers and jam up in the corner....

During the last part of the meeting, the club held nominations for club officers for the upcoming 2006 season. Several good names were mentioned during the ensuing vigorous discussions that followed. After the dust settled, this list of club officer nominations for the 2006 season was recorded for voting on by the membership in upcoming December meeting.

2006 G.A.U.A. Officer Nominations

President: Burt Hampton

VP: Jim Buckeridge
Keith Smith
Roger Olsen

Secretary: Ed Hase

Treasurer: Tim Fielder

Safety: Ron Peek
John Allen

The meeting started to breakup about 9:30 or so. Nuff for now...

See ya at the meeting... 