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Hungarian Sunset - A photo supplied by our newest member, **Zoltan Boross**, Who is here from his homeland of Hungary. More about Zoltan inside! Photo Laszlo Puchala

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A Word From Our

FEARLESS LEADER

By Dale Birdsley

Misc. Ramblings From

THE EDITOR

By Dennis Demeter

Winter Party Plans

After a short discussion and some looking into it, we have decided to contract Damons to cook the main courses for the MULA dinner party in February. The side dishes and desserts will still be potluck though. This saves a lot of money, and will allow us to charge only \$10.00 a head for the party. Hopefully, the lower cost will prompt more folks to come out and join us for a night of laughs and socializing.

As usual, any gag awards that you want to present are welcome, as are any ideas you may have for activities during the party. Everyone is welcome to join us hours before the party and afterwards around the pool. We have reserved a block of pool-side rooms. You should call the Holiday Inn ASAP to reserve your room if you want a place to crash after the party.

To reserve a ROOM, call (989) 792-7500 Make sure to mention you are with the MULA group so that they know which rooms to quote.

To reserve for DINNER, call Dale at (810) 639-5967



Michelle Barrow receiving the Broken Prop Award at last year's party for putting her Phantom over on it's back

Metamorphosis

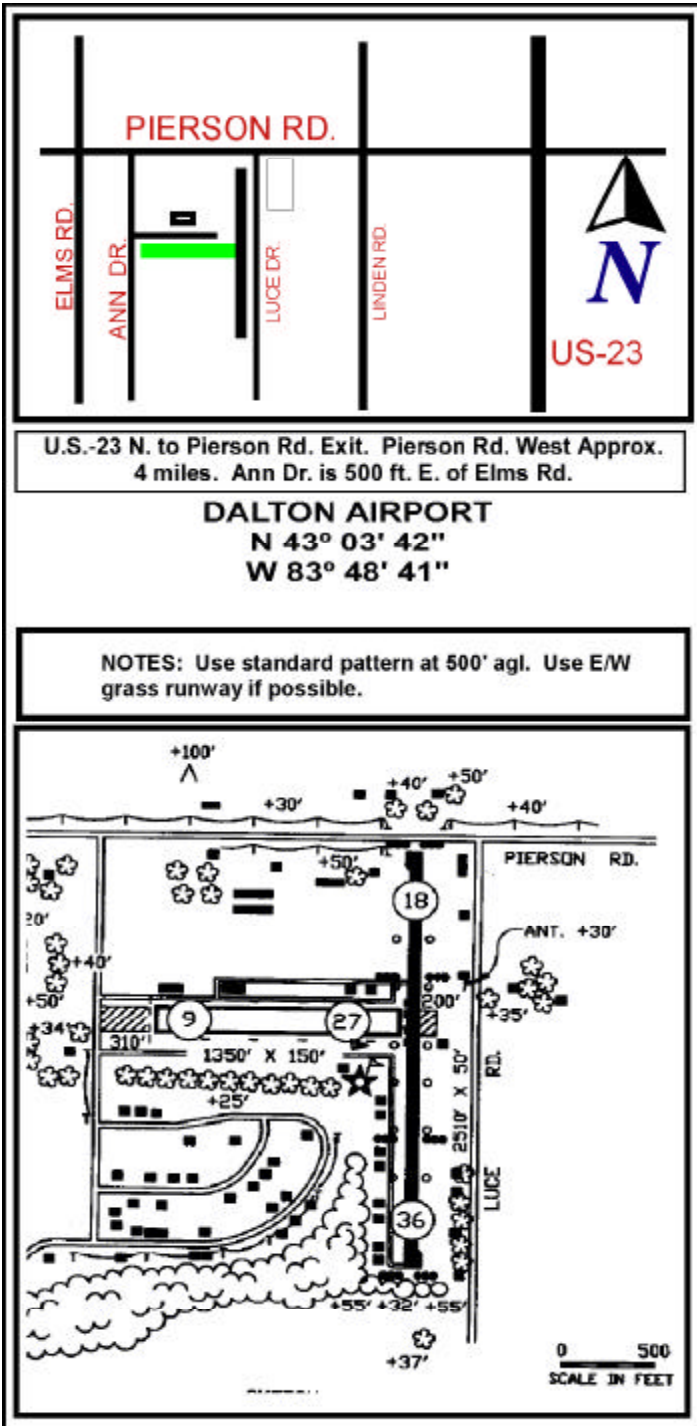
I've decided that in preparation to getting my Phantom licensed I'm going to do a make-over on the old girl. The Phantom is 23 years old and is on her second set of sails. The current sail set is about 14 or 15 years old and has gotten to the point where I have limited my flight ops to prohibit any aerobatic maneuvers. Since the ability to depart straight and level flight is one of the primary reasons for owning a Phantom, I am compelled to recover the old gal. I'm thinking I'll go with a Captain America color scheme, and use some full-color graphics on the pod.

This also will give me a real good chance to take a very close look at what 24 years and a few thousand flight hours have done to the airframe. I'll get a chance to look at places that were just not viewable with the sails in place. I have disassembled the tail group and the ailerons and flaps so far and have to this point, been very impressed. I have not found any signs of deterioration or flight fatigue in any of the parts I've inspected so far. Further evidence that a well designed aircraft can be expected to give many years of reliable and safe service with nominal maintenance.

I also am going to re-do the instrument panel. I may go digital with some instruments, but others, like the altimeter and vertical speed will probably remain analog. The wiring job behind the panel has been a rats nest for years... reliable, but a rats nest all the same. I also want to custom cut the panel facia with a laser-engraver... This will put all the lettering for marking switches, instruments and placards right in the panel, instead of using decals for panel marking. Some guys thought I should put in a new style pod... The lower-cut, sleeker looking one they use now. Nahhh. She's a classic. She'll still have the classic lines, even though the old pod looks like Carl Malden's nose. The old pod rises higher and affords more room for instruments and other goodies anyway. I'll keep progress reports coming through the winter months!



MULA Meeting
Sunday Dec. 3rd
Dalton Airport - Flushing MI
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1:00 p.m.



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A Thank-You to our Veterans...

On Veterans Day (November 11th) I Sent out this message via e-mail to everyone on the club e-mail roster. I realized that many of our members do not receive the e-mails, as they do not have a computer or internet access. So, for those MULA Vets who only get the postal mailed version of the newsletter, I've re-printed the message here for you...

Denny

I would like to take this moment to reflect on my life, this club, this country... and to thank all my friends who served in the military for making these things possible.

Many of our members have proudly worn the uniform of this country. In WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and countless other assignments equally important to the securement of freedom and our way of life. To all of you, I say thanks for your service, and sacrifice.

There is not a single time that I have lifted off the earth in my little airplane that I was not aware that very act was possible only because of the freedom I have that was paid for by you. My happy and privileged life, my flying, my work, my childrens' bright future are all possible because you, no matter when where or how you served, were willing to stand between an enemy and our country and say proudly... "Not on my watch, you don't!"

My Dad came to this country from Hungary when he was 8 years old. In my den, I have a picture of him only ten years later standing proudly beside a PT-19 after his first solo, just months before he would find himself barely clinging on to his life, 30,000 feet over Europe in a B-17. He never regretted his service. He never complained as he went on with his life, having only one working lung. He would have done it all over again in a heartbeat.

My brother doesn't talk much about Vietnam. He carries with him to this day deep scars that he will not expose to us. He was reviled and mocked when he came home. He has never displayed, nor has he ever shown us his two purple hearts. There is a part of him that still lives in that dark jungle. Chuck, It wasn't for nothing. And even though our cynical citizens didn't realize it at the time, rest assured that today we all respect and appreciate your service to our country, and the price you pay for it yet today.

I was at the magical age when my opportunity to serve came about. The Vietnam war was winding down, and my draft number never came up. I could have enlisted. I could have

gone in after college. I didn't. I instead reaped the benefits afforded to me by all who came before and who wore this countrys uniform so that I could have the option and the right and the freedom to choose *not* to serve. I have regretted it all my adult life. I would gladly die for this country. But it is one thing to say it and maybe even mean it. It is another thing to strap on a helmet and volunteer to do it. I stand in awe of our veterans.

Today, as I look at the picture of my dad standing beside his PT-19, my gaze is drawn to another photo right next to it. It is a photo of my son, in his flight suit, standing at the step of a T-38, helmet in hand and a smile as broad and as proud as my dad's. He calls me every other day or so. I ask him about his adventures today. He can't tell me everything, and of those things he can tell me, he recounts them as if they were "just another day at the office". How often can a man say in all honesty... "My son is my hero?"

I think of all the other families with sons and daughters in Iraq and Afghanistan. Standing boldly, and too often falling in a fight with an enemy whose sole purpose in life is to cast a black shadow over the world. I pray for them every day.

Thank you veterans. Thank you my friends and family members. Thank you for our freedoms and our way of life. I for one will never forget the gift you have given me and all other Americans.



Member Profile

Zoltan Boross... Hungarian Microlighter!

MULA welcomes our newest member, Zoltan Boross, all the way from Hungary. Zoltan owns an Apollo Racer GT Trike that he brought over with him from his homeland along with his family. I asked Zoltan to send me a little information about himself, so, here is his story in his own words...

I'm Zoltan Boross (46) and I'm a development engineer in diesel engineering for cars. I have been working for an Austrian company since 2000 which has an affiliate in Plymouth, Mi. I got a job opportunity for a period of three years at my company's American facility last year. My company has a really considerable experience in diesel engine development and now we are helping the two biggest car makers to come alive the American Diesel Program from light duty to heavy duty level.

I arrived with my family last August to the US. We are living in Northville. My wife, Timea is also an engineer but her current job is taking care about our children. We have a two year old girl, Regina and a six month old boy, Mate who was born in the US. I have two daughters more in Europe. Andrea (21) and Nora (19). They love flying and they could fly a lot with me by my trike. We have daily contact with each other. In Hungary we have a house (under construction) in a small town about 15 miles south-west from of Budapest. Anyone wants to visit Hungary or me any time, he is welcome in our home! (from 2009).

My first flight was a 10 minutes helicopter flying (DC 500) in September 1992 (roundtrip) from a small airport next to Budapest. The second one was fulfilled by a trike also from that airport a couple of days later. I also have already had a strong interest in trike flying earlier but I had no chance to

meet the appropriate guys (in real: I was lazy) therefore I looked for any occasion to try it. I started and completed my trike pilot training in the next year. I bought my trike after this course but I could fly only the weekends. We had a small club on the airport I was trained with 6-8 trike pilots (friends) and we could fly together a lot. In a couple of summers we could take air trips around in the country. Ones I could fly over the Adriatic sea (coast, of course) during my vacation.

Unfortunately this "band" and this time already is over because the conditions of flying were changed a couple years ago on our airport therefore everybody removed his aircraft to store to his garage. The UL pilots and their planes became "persona non grata" on this airport because the glider pilots were "stronger"....

My best friend (who made the picture of Hungarian Sunset) is living in true close of me in Hungary and we are flying together regularly.

I have 130 flying hours by trike but I am still a learner because I can not fly frequently, so I forget to fly regularly. :-))) Anyway my training was held in "perfect weather conditions" only therefore I have no really experience and practice in windy weather conditions.

My other best friend is a first officer at the Hungarian Airlines and he also has PPL license (and trike of course) for a couple of aircrafts. I could fly with him

a very lot by several Cessna types around Hungary, Austria, Slovakia and Croatia as well.

When we moved to the US my plane was shipped with our household things of course (the company paid the shipping). I planned to fly a lot here but in the last year I could not find suitable



airport and guys who helped me. Finally I found the Airrahe airport in southern Michigan accidentally via internet this summer. It is so far a bit from my house but I can store my aircraft there in a hangar and I can take off when I want. I could spend 2 hours in the US air so far.

My best day was in this September when I met Darryl in Marshal and he

Zoltan Boross ... Cont.

invited me to this great meeting at MULA. Thanks Darryl for the invitation and the Michigan sectional chart too, thanks Denny and thanks guys who welcomed me. I hope we can meet and fly together in the future a lot. I would like to be a "good" MULA member and to take my experiences to Hungary.

My goals to learn take off from water by trike and to build a two seats, fix wing UL (from KIT or from plan) in Hungary sometime in the future.

I do not know what can I write more....

Thanks Denny again and please correct my horrible English if you wish to publish something about it.

...Your English is just fine. Welcome to America, and welcome to MULA!



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Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.



FLYING FLINGS AND WING-DINGS!

Feb. 17-18

MULA Winter Party - Saginaw Holiday Inn - Awards, Potluck Dinner, FUN! Dinner & Awards Saturday nite at about 7:00 p.m. Pool party all day and all nite after dinner!

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A group shot taken at the pool during last years' **WINTER PARTY**... See how much fun you missed out on if you weren't there?

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