



Look at it! Can't wait to get there, put on the skis and rucksack with hot chocolate, and slide through the white powder across - or round - the runway, through the silent, silent woods, down to Siljan Lake. That's winter life in Siljan AirPark!

Air Park News

Snow on the runway will be cleared once during the Christmas Holidays. Also during spring vacation/sports leave i.e. week 9, and Easter snow will be removed if necessary. The roads in Siljan AirPark will be cleared as long as needed. Consequently, access by car will as a minimum be possible all winter.



Before we know it spring will be here. And our flower-boxes will need plants. A large donation of lavenders from Samo Kenda should arrive in time for the flowers to spread their fragrance all over the airpark by midsummer.



Lovely purple airpark.

There are a number of RV-builders in the airpark. A couple of them are right now engaged in building a RV-6 in a hangar in Roskilde



Denmark
.... In a previous issue of the news letter the link

to www.homebuilderscorner.dk would give you the opportunity to follow the progress of the building. But building the RV is taking all of the precious free time for the group, and consequently updating the website has been

neglected. To compensate for this miss yours truly grabbed the camera (and the photographer) and visited homebuilders' corner one recent Saturday, and therefore is now able to present to you an exclusive selection of photos - also from the building activity. Enjoy all those magnificent men and their



flying

machines.

From the board

Latest board meeting on November 8th in Stockholm. High priority has Vindmyrevägen. On our Member Forum Johan Hammarström wrote December 1st: "Siljan AirPark (SAPS) have applied for state funding to refurbish and maintain our road to Siljan AirPark. 1,5 month ago we got confirmation Trafikverket have received our application and this week we got confirmed that they will investigate this further during 2011. So we have reached step 2 in the process which is good". Read the minutes from the board meeting in *Member Forum > Meetings, protocols and documents > Board meetings* - in Swedish and English (summary).

General Meeting in Siljansnäs Flying Club on March 26th 2011

Siljansnäs Flying Club has decided to move their general meeting closer to

spring, i.e. closer to the flying season. This may give more airparkers the opportunity to attend this very important meeting. As all - or almost all - airparkers are members of the flying club as well it will be of immense importance to attend this meeting to support the flying club, and as hopefully a lot of airparkers will join in the conference during the day it will be easy to drive down hill from the conference hotel to the flying club for the general meeting. See you there!

Conference, work-shop, spring-party also on March 26th 2011

Follow the development of the program for the conference day on *Member Forum > Heaven on earth for aviators - SAP conference 26 th of March*

Speaker's Corner



Our lovely airpark is highly dependent on our member fees. The member fee is so far the only income that our airpark "generates", and these modest sums are all we have to pay for the advantages we enjoy including repayments to the bank. Therefore we cannot afford to have airparkers refusing to pay their bills for materials delivered, or jobs done. Not paying your bills is just loading further expenses on the shoulders of Siljan AirPark, and the cruel fact is that Siljan AirPark is all of us. Consequently, apart from all the extra workload and

unpleasant discussions that always emerge from this kind of ordeals, the extra expenses for the bills not paid, reminders, collections, and for maybe legal aid land on the rest of us. A solution unacceptable for everyone. If you have any unfinished business of this kind with the airpark make it your New Years resolution that you pay your bills and enter 2011 as a good neighbour in Siljan AirPark.

Flying Club news

Now it is "WINTER"! At least in the Reningsvärket (sauna-, showers- and toilets house). ...so you'll have to wait 'till spring ...or if you can't wait the sauna is actually working provided you bring a bucket of water yourself (from the clubhouse for instance).

From the world outside Siljan AirPark

Did you read the president's New Year's greetings??? Check progress on one of his issues. This little e-powered aircraft made its first flight on December 3rd. Check that you have you loud speaker turned on!!

http://www.eaa.org/news/2010/2010-12-03_Waix_First2.asp

From the Safety Corner

Saxed from
www.generalaviationnews.us :

"As winter grips most of the nation, pilots need to be aware of the dangers of ice. If the temperatures aloft are cold enough and there's visible moisture

ahead, it's a safe bet you'll soon be picking up airframe ice. Learn how to avoid icing conditions and what to do if you fly into them unexpectedly with a quiz from the [AOPA Air Safety Institute](#). (Click on Safety Quiz on the left)." It is free to register and gives you access to numerous articles and quizzes to enhance you pilot-skills.



Biggles' Café in winter dress



Siljan AirPark - the president's New Year's Greetings

In the year 2005 many of us made an important decision mainly concerning our passion about flying: now was the time for investing in our passion for flying and build something lasting for the future. You do remember the green pamphlet presenting the airpark and the plots, and the brochures showing

various types of log houses and hangars?

Dream 1

Many of us started dreaming about an airpark long before Siljan AirPark was even a name. For me this dream was born in the very beginning of this decade after a delightful dream. In this dream I took off flying directly from my house. Strangely enough exactly the same thing happened at another occasion where I was flying a boat! After awakening from that latter dream I turned on my computer and googled "flying boat". I ended up on the website of FlySports in Orsa, a company selling flying rubber dinghies and even offering flying lessons. This was my first "real" contact to Dalarna. I went up to Orsa and learned how to fly a trike. Stayed in an old house at the airfield, put at my disposal - and the other student pilots - by Peter Wicander, the instructor and owner of the company. I remember the early mornings trotting along to the airfield just a few stone's throws away, entering the weight shift trike, and singing from happiness and joy when I flew above the beautiful Dalar countryside.

Dream 2

The previous dream of taking off from my house also sent me to the Internet for information. This time I googled "living with your plane", and found a site where all airparks in USA were lined up. Dreaming on among spectacular places and homes really got me going. After that coincidences made Siljan AirPark my home base and me a real pioneer

along with you in the area of theme living.

Carrying out the dream

A little more than five years ago Carl Rönn made the final decision for continuing the development of Siljan AirPark - at that point of time more than 50% of the plots were sold. Exactly five years ago all plots were sold.



The fact is that now we are in the midst of developing what definitely will become the nicest, the coziest, and the most smashing airpark in all of Europe. It is indeed a huge and timeconsuming project to build a brand new community although small, and engagement from everone is necessary to eventually make this something very good. This is why it is so much fun to observe that the number of new holes dug in the airpark is steadily growing.

Now is the time

You cannot emphasize too often that solidarity and shared responsibility are crucial elements for the realisation of our common dream - there is no one else out there to do it for us.

And if we want to see a prospering airpark within a reasonable time span it is also important that Siljan AirPark does not end up being postponed to a remote future for some of us - Siljan Air Park's Samfällighetsförening is clear in our statements that all members should be building by now alternatively hand over the plot to someone else who thus will be able to fulfil his or her dreams. There are no "better times" - the best time is right

now. Neither building materials nor permits will grow cheaper in time, on the contrary most likely. And everything takes time to finish, not only the house but also what you might want to have or grow upon your plot needs time to "grow up".

A living airpark

Loads of entrepreneurship and wild ideas are needed too to continue this development of Siljan AirPark. Carl Rönn possesses these properties, and it is encouraging to notice that more investors have spotted the potential in Siljan AirPark. The expectation is that we will be able to further develop our activities related to aviation. Personally I am convinced that even more ideas will be realized in the future. We should remember to pad each other's back once in a while and cheer each other on in this, as this is a demanding and tough ordeal to row this ashore. Carl Rönn is working constantly and intensively on building a living activity in and around Biggles' Café, and more of this will be seen and heard of during 2011.

A positive airpark

Inside General Aviation there is a tendency to carry forward negative issues such as fuel taxes and increasing bureaucracy. I believe however, that in Siljan AirPark focusing on the positive aspects is our common theme. We want to focus on the future. I feel honoured to be your neighbour. I even find it incredibly thrilling to note that what happens right now in GA is something unique; in fact, only the pioneers in aviation had a comparable opportunity.

Never did development in GA happen with a similar rapid pace. New classes of aircrafts have emerged, new engines, avionics, and electric power driven aircrafts are already knocking on the door. What a progress! It is a magnificent feeling that we actually are building what many people only dream about; that we are investing in the future - we are definitely an important part of the GA of tomorrow.

A festive airpark

The year 2010 was a very constructive year for Siljan AirPark. It is sheer enjoyment to arrive at the airpark, stroll around the block, and notice that new things have happened since you were here last. Hangars, houses, and carports have been erected, and I sincerely hope that this development will continue. The social solidarity has continued to develop in a tremendously positive way including a number of grill-parties, happy landings, raising of rooftrees, common picnics, skiing contests etc.etc. not to mention all the numerous late nights in our outdoor bathtub together with neighbours and cans of beer. Many a great story has already been told and more will come. Joining in one (or more) common flight to other airfields may be an option next year.

An active airpark

I grab the opportunity to remind you all of signing up for the SAPS conference "Heaven on earth for aviators" and the annual meeting in the flying club Siljansäs Flygklubb taking place on Saturday the 26th of March 2011. Sign up directly by e-mail to



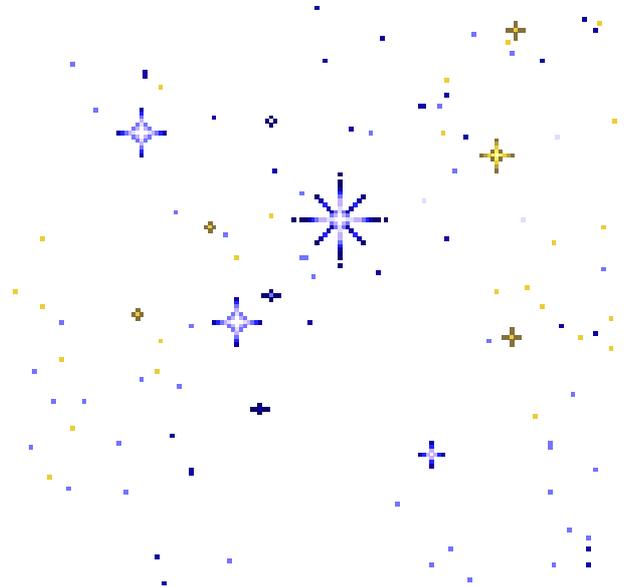
johan.hamm@gmail.com. Turn up yourself or bring family and friends to this exciting meeting where you will find interesting lectures as well as constructive work-shops!

Finally I want to thank everyone for a wonderful 2010. With the hope for another prosperous year, 2011, with lots of new houses, hangars, and other buildings - and a refurbished road, naturally - I wish you all

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Flying Year wishes

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