



SAP-news

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On a beautiful summer's night airplanes passing...; photo IM

It is summer, indeed. One good and sure sign is the building and construction activity taking place in our airpark. The excavator is running come rain or sun, holes are dug, walls are erected, roofing tiles are laid, plots are cleared, and the littl' uns are out... The airpark is very much alive...



Another good and sure sign of summer are the visitors from abroad, and in the club house we met Patrice and Christine Konecki, France, planning their flight back after some days of visiting in Scandinavia in their Mooney. They live in Paris, BUT they have a summer residence in Vendée, a small airpark in the south western part of France not far from the ocean. The airpark was started 15 years ago and still developing. Once again the three Ts: Things Take Time! The airpark closed their homepage as they were run down by journalists whose only mission obviously was to spread the word that airpark life is exclusively for stinking rich people with big airplanes. Now, our mission must be to spread a word saying that airpark living is for people who love to fly. But the Koneckis were very interested in keeping contact with Siljan AirPark



Local news

Recently we brought the news of a bicycle path from Siljansnäs to Leksand still in the want-to-be-project tray. But one person at least believes in the project namely the owner of the new bicycle store on Lissgattu 4 in Siljansnäs Erik Martinsson, check on his telephone for business hours 070-690 85 13. Now this is an example of belief in the future, and there are numerous potential supporters just a stone throw away: all residents of Sap – permanent as well as temporary – are dependent on working bicycles. They are our navel chord to the area around us. Not all of us have access to a car when we

arrive by plane, and in the new bike store you may rent an ELECTRIC bicycle! Just think of the perspectives: SAP→Tempo: five minutes and no sweat!! Björkberget maybe 15 minutes, SAP→Olsnäset for a swim: you can do it every morning without being just as sweaty when you come home as you were when you jumped into the water, and it will take you approximately ten minutes from Olsnäset to SAP which if you haven't noticed already is UPHILL almost the entire stretch! An ordinary bike running on protein and carbohydrates is available for only 150SEK pr. day.



- and who knows, maybe some sunny day we even have established a bicycle path to the beach of Lake Siljan through the scrub and woods north of the village. Erik, here we come!!!

Suggestions for alternative pastime adventures

It is the fourth day, all the sights are seen, all the stories told, and your plane is too small to take everyone flying at one time. What do you do? They won't leave! Like all of us they like it in Siljan AirPark. Here is one suggestion: Take them on the hike Alviken Runt! Pack a picnic, go to the rowing club, take the row boat to Storön, and get out on a magnificent walk through ancient agricultural land around the beautiful Alviken. It may take at least 4 hours including lunch, swim, bird watching etc. Take your time, it is worth listening, watching, inhaling all the scents, smelling.

Home builders

Do you realize how many home builders we actually have in Siljan AirPark? Around 25%! Naturally, the haven for home builders HAD to be in Siljan AirPark Museum

[homebuilt help : Because nothing beats watching over someone's shoulder to learn](#)

Seven years ago, the engine in Jon Croke's

Zenith 701 failed on takeoff, crashing the homebuilt into trees a short distance from his backyard strip in Brussels, Wis. "Although the aircraft was destroyed, I miraculously walked away from the wreck without a scratch," says Croke.

He also walked away with a new career: Founder of HomebuiltHELP, a company that produces instructional videos for homebuilders. Of course, he didn't realize that at the time.

The old guys whose failures - and successes - have found their haven in Siljan AirPark Museum never knew Croke, but thanks to guys



like Croke there will be no use for further space in the museum!

And talking about home builders - this must definitely cause tachycardia at our Siljan AirPark Lancair-owners [Lancair records](#) . WAUW! - but don't you dare practice in our local airspace!!

The EAA is conducting a survey among home builders in collaboration with the v. See and/or participate in the [survey](#) .

SAP news and names

Thanks to Danne and his creative thinking our newsletter now has its unique name SAP News. Danne was appropriately rewarded for the winning name who got the most votes in our "contest".



Danne rewarded by news editor Ingrid; photo Peter M.

Christer Wretlind our secretary on the board, the proud owner of SE-XXX received recently the final approval and certification of his home built Lancair, the fastest Lancair in Sweden we are told. A spontaneous reception of the triple-X and her proud owner was hastily arranged and took Christer by complete surprise when he rolled up in front of his hangar.

Congratulations, Christer, quite a milestone for you.



..and here is; Photo PM



The proud owner, Christer W.; photo Ingmar L.

Rules and regulations.

Although the ultralight universe has changes dramatically through the last few years UL-pilots still wrestle with the old regulations adhered to the old two-stroke engines that made a h... of a noise and needed ages to pass over the vicinity. Today, modern technology has changed this. The new generation of UL-aircrafts are fast, equipped with four-stroke engines, and literally producing no noise at all. But the UL-pilots still cannot fly with more than 4600 RPM, not over built up areas AT ALL, and several

airfields do not want them AT ALL. In Siljan AirPark there are a couple of that new generations UL-aircrafts, namely a Faeta and a Zephyr, both from ATEC in the Czeck Republiqe and both owned by Danes, Muus and Bruhn-Jensen.

If weather permits 25 ultralight aircrafts will visit SFK during week 31 like they did three years ago. You will have a magnificent chance

to study modern ULs close up.

We all know that regulations are changing sometimes as swiftly as the weather and sometimes it takes a war to change regulations made shortly after WWII. Swamp Ding Duck and his friends realizes this and are suggesting precautions:



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