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Kräftis 2011; photo Peter M.

KRÄFTSTJÄRTSVÄNG (KRÄFTIS) 2011

Kräftis - this formidable 22-year-old fly-in for experimentals and home-builders was this year blessed with gorgeous weather! 147 airplanes were registered, and the club board was very pleased as was the rest of the people in Siljan AirPark and Siljansnäs Flying Club.



Waffle booth; photo Peter M



Entrepreneurship always was a part of Siljan AirPark. An opportunity to make a buck or two for the flying club is never missed. During Kräftis you could see different examples of this - from the young Sofia Diehl selling waffles and Stockmos cider assisted by Wanja over Sinje selling steaks and homemade potato salad at the

club house to medical Peter going into tax-free weapon-dealer business at his lunch break. Quite a crowd found their way to Biggles' to watch the eternal fight between la Fleur and von Schmetterling over the local barmaid Kullan, who as always at the end shacks up with the dubious but most likely better off weapon-dealer, Handelsmann Bert Ingvar Roll.



And at the delicious salmon and crayfish dinner at the club house Saturday night the tent was full, the weather beautiful, and the music the way we like it. GREAT PARTY!



This is the annual financial boost for the club, and all of it depends on the efforts of volunteers. It seems to be a law of nature that no matter how many members there are in a club whatever may be the focus there is always a core of 10-15 people who are actually doing the planning, the contracting, the shopping, the cooking, the cleaning - the hard and dirty work, and it is always the same people. **A zillion thanks** to this core of members, who make things roll, and the rest of us are catching on the best we can, everyone according to time available, knowledge, and talent, learning, and hopefully contributing to ease the workload from the brave core. Many blue polos were seen on the grounds helping with something but there is always room for one more!



Annual meeting in SAPS

Following the celebrations of Kräftis 29 out of 46 members of SAPS made it to the annual meeting in Ekström's spectacular hangar on Sunday morning. Unfortunately your news editor didn't make it, and consequently factual reports from the meeting for you who did not attend either will have to wait until the minutes appear - and they are on their way. Keep an eye on the Latest News column on the home page where we shall announce the edition of the minutes. One fact though is out: the financial year and the year of activity were decided to run parallel, which again has the consequence that the annual meeting most likely will be held in connection with Easter. This may have lower turnout as a consequence but considering the usual level of information from the board which no-one expects to lessen this should create no worries in terms of decreased democracy in our airpark!



years of hard work in the difficult upstart of our plot owners association. Their work has been much appreciated!

Young pilots?

In our part of the world there is a history of fluctuation in basic education between generalization and specialization. There is also an increasing worry about recruitment for GA-flying. Both motor- and glidersections are experiencing a decrease in new student pilots, and only the ultralight world seems to be able to keep their noses above the waterline. A link from General Aviation News [aviation line in high school](#) gave associations to the presently specialization minded education system. Wonder if anyone ever considered this a feasible solution on the problem of student pilot scarcity? One country alone would probably not be able to sustain sufficient number of student, but an international high school line should not sound like utopia as the international aviation language is English! In Gothenburg, Sweden, there has for more than 50 years been a very well renowned Nordic school of public health, with students from the five Nordic countries plus the Baltic countries and now and then also from some more remote and exotic parts of the world. Everybody doing the same : studying the science of public health. Why not aviation?

Yours truly looked over somebody's shoulder:

All proposals from the board were passed. The first down payment on the three-year plan for infrastructure improvement of 2500SEK will be due together with the reduced member fee for 2011, reduced as a consequence of the new financial year, thus only 6000SEK in 2011. The 2nd down payment of 10.000SEK still depends on subsidies from the authorities, which is not yet decided upon. The 3rd down payment concerns lights in SAP and is still to be discussed as work is in progress find a less expensive solution to this. The motion for change to water bill calculation made by Anne Markey was voted down.

New board members Anna Eronn and Fredrik Diehl. Old members Sven Jerlhagen and Fredrik Pellebergs are leaving the board after several

Crayfish life - discussions before Kräftis????.....



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