



Time flies - and it is good to be able to follow its flight if you are outside and left your watch inside! A very practical device on the Björman drainpipe. The design on outdoor clocks have a tendency to look just like that - could have been nicked from the local railway station. Late afternoon sun rays are revealing a time 18.20 - but judging from the angle of the sun rays on the clock one would suspect that either they forgot to wind the clock or it ran out of battery. It is a fact, battery or not, that the amount of light hours are rapidly decreasing this time of year, and most of the Sappers have left the village for the winter. Apart from our only permanent residents it is mainly occasional local visitors that land on the runway and along with the nearest neighbors from Stockholm keep the village alive for the next month or two before the snow covers everything. And then opens the season for skiing!!

A very charming clock version is found around the corner on the same address - maybe they

have a "a thing" about clocks - the Björkmans??



### Local news

Fredrik Pellebergs has acquired glider's license. Congratulations. Some would say that now you are a REAL pilot! Considering your flying experience, Fredrik, you yourself would be the right person to test that statement.



## Preparing for winter in SAP

Our local farmer is ploughing the field around the field...



### ***New member in SAPS.***

Plot number X20 has been acquired by Fredrik Ericson, Dalmas by birth and spending most of his time in the air above less peaceful and more remote parts of the globe. A warm welcome to Fredrik and his family to the most beautiful airpark in Northern Europe. Everyone here is curious to see what will emerge up from the scrub on X20....like for example...????...

The snow may soon be here, better be prepared...



All flower boxes have been covered with a layer of spruce twigs, carefully tucked around the lavender in an attempt to prevent the frost to reach the roots. Hopefully the snow will soon provide sufficient insulation for the roots to survive.

...or maybe this more modest model. A tiny airplane may even fit into the wing.



...ready for a roof...



...and supply for the season is being made. Who would want to be without mushrooms during wintertime?



## What happened to...

Fall and winter is also the time of reflection and looking back on things that happened during spring and summer .... or did not happen. How did the **Siljan AirPark Museum** do in its first season for instance? We asked Carl Rönn, the "driver". The ongoing effort to develop Siljan AirPark museum made a major step forward when Länsstyrelsen in Dalarna on the 21st of March approved a grant of 800 000 SEK to application for finishing Biggles Cafe to a level so it could open for the public. With a planned "Vernissage" the 20:th of June it meant 3 months of hard work against the clock to get everything ready. With the Vallentuna based DC-3 guests flew in from Stockholm, including

the head of the Swedish national museum of science and technology as well as media and staff we could officially open the exhibition "Swedish flight 101 years" with many unique items on display.

This summer the museum has then been open 29 days total up to Kräftstjartssvängen. A total of almost 4 000 guests have visited the exhibition and the response has overall been very positive.

Of many small stories the road sign at the entrance from Moravägen can be mentioned. The sign was ordered the same moment as the approval from Länsstyrelsen in March arrived, and proper signs were, as a matter of fact, something that was mentioned by them as important. The importance of getting the sign before opening day was stressed by several mail and telephone calls. Well, the new sign was put up a week before we closed...



More about the plans for 2012 in next newsletter.

Exciting, indeed. Some people worked very hard this summer, but also had a lot of fun doing it. It turned out, that replacing Baron von Schmetterling in the Flying Circus is always possible. Apparently this is a figure that appeals and fits into any nationality. So far the part of the pickel-hooded cabbage grower has been played by folks from Sweden, Romania, Germany, and Denmark.

And what about our **road project**? We asked our chairman, Johan Hammarström. The very strange experience of getting a refusal on the application for financial support to the project

via the newspapers created understandable frustration. This is not a proper way to act as a responsible instance whose members are elected to serve the citizens in a community by the very same citizens. As applicant one doesn't feel taken seriously when the media gets the decision first. Do the people elected by the people and put to manage people's funds and resulting service level put media before their voters?

Well, good things happen, too. The Swedish Transportation Authorities inspected our miserable road conditions in October. They agreed, this cannot be neglected. The road has to be repaired. However, the TA suggests a less radical but absolutely sufficient solution which also means a less costly solution. And to this solution the TA recommends approval of the application from SAPS. Decision will be made during spring 2012. All members are encouraged to keep your fingers crossed from now on.

And the research project, remember?

### **EUROPEAN RESIDENTIAL AIRPARKS IN THE CONTEXT OF LOCAL SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT by Judith Simone Wordsworth**

Judith Wordsworth from the UK explored some of the likely positive and negative impacts of air parks on the local environment from a socio-economic and an environmental perspective. We asked Judith, and one of her conclusion is "This research found positive economic, social and even some environmental RA impacts have assisted local community sustainability and SRD. RAs can help slow rural out-migration, ageing, lack of infrastructure and difficulties in public service provision by improving the local economy, skill-base and, directly and indirectly, rural transport." (RA = residential air-parks, SRD = sustainable rural development)

Her dissertation is available on the Public Forum where you can read all Judith's work including data collection and data analysis material, presented with a large number of very illustrative and informative graphs and tables. Very interesting to see her comparisons between the French airpark in Biscarosse and Siljan AirPark.

Unfortunately there are a few incorrect pieces of factual information in the thesis concerning Siljan AirPark and its background. The correct facts are as follows: The project School@Work was initiated by Carl Rönn and driven by him and his private company until the end of the project in 2005. In 2005 the foundation School at Work Aviation Foundation (SWAF) was formed where the formal founders on Carl's initiative were Siljansnäs Flying Club, Experimental Aircrafts Association (EAA), and The Royal Swedish Aeroclub (KSAK). SWAF was to take over the enterprise created by the project. Also the information stating that a LEADER project financed the airpark and Leksand commune and Sockenforeningen financed a road renovation are incorrect.

This said there is no doubt about that Judith's research has the potential to spread the good news about how well residential airparks generally fit into the local environment in a very positive sense. The strength of her work is exactly the fact that she set out asking the local people living AROUND the airpark and not IN the airpark.

### **Planning for the future**



Excavation job has started on the passage to the fire pond. Step by step...

### **From the board**

On November 12th our board is having a conference, an extended board meeting where

there will be time for the board members to both really discuss and get to the bottom of issues but also to reveal dreams and visions of Siljan AirPark. The content of these hours will inspire and guide our board in the process of preparing proposals for the further development of our airpark to be presented and decided upon at the annual meetings where all members are able to participate in the discussion and the decisions.

There will be a dinner following the board conference. All members are invited to participate in the dinner. Please sign up by mailing Danne Marttinen, dan.marttinen@euronom.se

## Annual meeting 2012

NOTE that the date for the next annual meeting in 2012 is set already. It will take place on **April 14th**. All the material for the meeting, accounts, budget, proposals, will be presented and mailed beforehand, so everybody has the opportunity and sufficient time to discuss the issues. ALSO remember if you are not able to attend the meeting be sure to give your vote on proposals to a proxy eligible for participation and voting.

## Cultural starvation?

NO, this is unnecessary whilst staying for a



longer period in SAP. Only 60 kilometers from Siljansnäs is the chance of viewing some of the world's most famous opera singers performing in the popular and loved operas of Verdi, Puccini, Donizetti, Mozart etc. Vansbro Theater offers direct digital transmissions from the Metropolitan Opera on New York. Your editor watched world soprano Anna Netrepko in Donizetti's Anna Bolena after consuming the delicious gastronomic opera plate which might even have been preceded by the traditional opera bath but we refrained from that having showered before we left home. Vansbro Operacinema is warmly recommended. Check the repertoire on [www.vansbroteater.se](http://www.vansbroteater.se)

[Kulturbanken](#) in Siljansnäs also offers a serial of very interesting concerts during wintertime. They are mostly held in Sockenstugan which a few years ago received a large donation which enabled the purchase of a magnificent sound equipment

## Discount on skiing lessons

Talking about the approaching skiing season: SAP-members are given a 10% discount on skiing lessons at Granberget. Just refer to Lotta from the cottage village on Bjorkberget.

