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Spring is undoubtedly on its way no matter what the weather or the almanac tries to tell you. Officially March is the first spring calendar month on our latitudes but February has been trying to work its way into this category this year. Climate change? When visiting Siljan Airpark early February we had skiing conditions but all of a sudden

something that felt like a normal *vårvinter*, as it is called in Swedish – spring winter - with sunshine, temperatures above zero, water running everywhere, and soft and slushy snow overruled everything and skiing was no longer fun. Looking at the webcam from Granberget March 19<sup>th</sup> it turns out that this was indeed a miss to be fixed! Let's return to normal weather. And this mistake continues in April!! Who would not want to jump into the skiboots when seeing that or better into the small airplane and take a swing above beautiful Dalarna in winter dress? Soon the air will be buzzing with small airplanes, spring is on its way. When you are up there the editorial office calls for new photos from the air of our airpark. So much has happened since the last photos, so please help us to keep updated. Thank you! ☺

### **Annual General Meeting**

May 11<sup>th</sup> we shall have our annual general meeting in Siljan Airpark Samfällighetsförening. This is the forum where we as members of Siljan Airpark Samfällighetsförening can have our say and use our vote for the common best of the airpark. Looking at the member group the challenges are evident. Some members have chosen to use their airpark property as a leisure home once or twice a year, some haven't built anything yet and seldom visit the airpark, and some have chosen the airpark as their future home all year round. Obviously there will be conflicting interests, and the



challenge is as always to try to combine these different interests and reach a common agreement, a consensus. As usual a new board will be elected, and it will be their obligation to work for facilitating whatever the meeting agrees upon besides running our common properties.

To give the board time to prepare any proposals from members these have to reach the board no later than 14 days before the meeting as stated in our articles of association. Don't forget to find a proxy for you to vote on your behalf if you are unable to attend the meeting. Please, NOTE that there is an extra annual general meeting same date starting 12:30 same place

## Website

Our website is living a silent life. Recently all links have been checked and repaired. The SPA in the NICE TO KNOW menu has been removed as Siljansnäs Hotel no longer offers this service. They do have an outdoor Jacuzzi and the new pool area will be ready for the season. If you intend to stay there call the hotel and they will make arrangements for you such as pick up at the airfield.



Recently one plot owner asked for help to update his page in HOUSES. This caused an investigation from our webmaster Florin whether it was possible to update HOUSES yourself. It turned out, however, that this would require an extraordinary administrative burden to keep the site secure, and therefore the offer is for you who wish to update that you send text and pictures to your editor and I shall try the best I can to do the updating. So many things have happened on the building and construction front, and our website deserves to have recent pictures from the results of

these processes. So please, feel free to contact me and we shall see if we can meet the challenge and help you.

## Cranes

The bird in our logo – the crane – *Crus crus* – never stops to fascinate. This year the “invasion”



was watched at Pulken, a marsh-like area south of Kristianstad in the south east of Sweden. Most known among bird watchers is the Hornborgasjön, where 15-20.000 cranes rest each year on their way to Northern Sweden or Finland to establish next

generation. In Pulken “only” 3-4000 cranes rest but that is sufficient for getting the impression of “very many”. And at Pulken you can get close to the cranes without disturbing them, and even better this is where the well known artist Carl Christian Tofte has

his studio and exhibits and sells his beautiful illustrations of bird life at the marsh at Pulken. By now they must have landed in Siljansnäs. As you may know the couple stays together their whole life, raising one youngster



every year, providing they have the right conditions for this. It takes four years before the young crane can reproduce.

## From the world around us

### Haste makes waste

An awful and tragic accident that could have been avoided had the pilot taken his time for the pre-flight check. Unfortunately this is not the first and surely not the last time where rushing has caused accidents with fatal outcome. Classical get-home-itis has surely been the final hole in the cheese at a number of occasions, and also I-know-the-checklist-by-heart. Well, you don't, and in a situation of haste you are at risk for skipping an item or two with unwanted consequences, repairable at best. Good old advice: Take your time when flying. Or as the logo of a small company says: If you have time to spare go by air!! There is more meaning to that sentence than one, and one of them is the story told behind the link above. So, although you are eager to get up there now the sun has started shining and the skies are high don't forget what you learned the first day of your flight training: Haste makes waste!

### **Brave New World**

According to Reuter's April 10 the first license to deliver small packages by drones is on its way.



Test material was among other things to deliver ice-cream to a 5-year old boy in his backyard! Now, think of it: on a hot summer's day in Siljan Airpark you want an ice cream cone freshly made from the wagon in Leksand, and later on you wish to eat a pizza from the pizzeria in Siljansnäs and all you have to do is consult your smartphone, press a couple of buttons, list your credit card number and without even having to get out of the hammock you can have it all delivered on your balcony! Wow!

### **The painful process of confrontation**



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