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Preparing to take off

Raymond and Vickie Brown check over their Dominator Gyroplane. The plane can fly up to 10,000 feet, but Raymond said he normally stays under 1,500 feet. The plane, which weighs about 560 pounds, can fly up to 120 miles per hour. Brown's plane was one of several on Saturday at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport.



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Gliding in

Raymond Brown prepares to land his Dominator Tandem gyroplane Saturday at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. Brown cut the engine and put the nose down, allowing the gyroplane to gently glide toward the runway. Brown has been flying gyroplanes for two years. "It's about the closest thing you can be to being a bird up there," said Brown.

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