

**Caesar Creek Soaring Club**

September 16, 2014

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Pot Luck Dinner on September 20 will feature a great speaker on Astronomy

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 20	Pot Luck Dinner – Astronomy talk by Dean Regas of Cincinnati Observatory
Oct 4	CCSC Trustees Meeting
Oct 11	SSD Directors Meeting
Nov 11	Annual meeting and election
Feb 21	Banquet – Gary Adams

SOARING WITH EAGLES

Dana Mark Bales had the honor of being the first passenger his son, Ross, took for a glider ride, having obtained his pilot certificate last week. Dana reports that: "It was a beautiful day for flying, and Ross showed some excellent flying skills. The high point of our flight, however, was when a bald eagle decided to join us. He cut across in front of us



Dana, seated in glider, and Ross Bales



Ross Bales is piloting from the front, so that's his head; the bald eagle is off to the side of the 2-33.

several times, then flew along side for a while. We then followed him for over a minute as he soared along."

Dana was also remembering October 15, 1967, when he had the honor of being the first passenger for his father, Tom Bales. He recalls that they flew in a 2-22 out of Richmond, IN, and that it also was an awesome flight.

THAT CRYSTAL BALL DAN FOUND SEEMS TO WORK

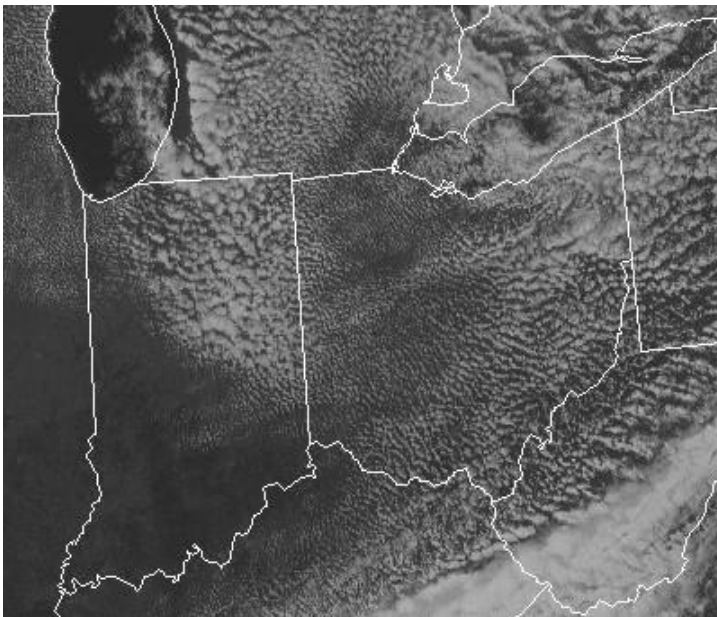
Bob Root reports that those of you who looked out and thought the flying wouldn't be worth the effort on Saturday, 9/13, missed the boat. There were only 11 flights (actually 12 with Deiter's self launch), but there were no flights under an hour.

The best flight of day was Ross Bales' who came out with his brand new pilot certificate to take up his first passenger---his dad. They were up over an hour in the 2-33 and got to soar for a while with a Bald Eagle up close. Bob Anderson took up a friend of one of our new members and after an hour had him convinced he needed to do this too and he joined the club. Dick Holtsworth got his flight review at the end of the day with a 2 hour flight in the 2-33 (a beer buying event)! The regular X-country tigers, Dan Reagan, Don Burns, Joe Simmers, Deiter Schmidt and Norb Maurer headed out somewhere. There were conversations picked up about Alexandria, Indiana. Anyway, they all returned except Joe who was reported at an Amish farm NW of Richmond.



EZ safely nestled in Amish alfalfa field in Indiana after the overdeveloped clouds moved on and the late afternoon sun beamed brightly from the blue sky.

LOOK AT ALL THOSE CU'S



This satellite picture taken at 4:15 PM last Saturday shows what the crystal ball from last Tuesday anticipated. The low overcast of the morning changed into nice soaring weather. The heavy clouds of the passed cold front can be seen to the southeast of Ohio. The nice fluffy clouds over Ohio are what we are looking for, but on Saturday if you went too far west into Indiana, the clouds became big resulting in over-development in some areas. If you fly your glider into one of these overdeveloped areas, it causes your glider to land in an Amish alfalfa field as demonstrated by glider EZ. Sunday also had weather which produced good clouds enabling good flights. There were flights of 500 kilometer, 400k, 300k, 250k and several other good flights.

NEWEST MEMBER: MAURICIO BERRIZBEITIA

Mauricio came to the club Sunday with Stephano Sinigaglia and enjoyed his one hour fifteen minute soaring flight with Bob Anderson so much that he signed up on the spot. Both Mauricio and Stephano are from Venezuela, now living in Mason, and working for P&G. Be sure to welcome him to the club when you see him.



Mauricio Berrizbeitia welcomed to CCSC by Bob Anderson following introductory flight.

ASTRONOMY AT SEPTEMBER POT LUCK

We have a special treat on Saturday evening – Dean Regas of the Cincinnati Observatory and the PBS weekly program “Star Gazers” will make an astronomical related presentation after dinner. No math or science skills are needed, just sit back and enjoy.

Dean has been the Outreach Astronomer for the Cincinnati Observatory since 2000 and the co-host of the syndicated astronomy program Star Gazers since 2010, but he has always been a teacher.

After graduating from Xavier University, with an education degree he taught many different subjects including history, government, science, nature education, and even trail construction.

But the stars captured him in 1998 when he began working at Cincinnati's intimate Wolff Planetarium. It was there that Dean discovered his real passion for space and has since become a national popularizer of astronomy and an expert in observational astronomy, star identification, mythology, and myth debunking.

Dean is a contributor to Sky and Telescope Magazine and Astronomy Magazine, and in 2008 he won the Astronomy Magazine “Out-of-this-World” Award for astronomy education. He has written over 100 astronomy articles for the Cincinnati Enquirer and Community Press and recently began blogging for the Huffington Post. Dean is a frequent guest on National Public Radio's *Science Friday* and is regularly featured on local television and radio whenever an exciting astronomical event comes to a sky near you.

At the Cincinnati Observatory he has developed his skills as a dynamic writer and public speaker who brings the complicated field of astronomy down to Earth for students of all ages. Hope to see you there. - JoAnne Pedersen

NEW VIDEO ABOUT CCSC YOUTH CAMP

Special thanks to Kevin Wolf for his work on a Youth Camp Video... he has recorded a great week of fun and learning and did an excellent job incorporating many of the camp participants and activities. The enthusiasm and excitement are captured well. Watch it: <https://vimeo.com/105810456>

YOUR E-CALENDAR

CCSC events are entered into a Google Calendar which is used to provide current events information on the Welcome page of the website. Crew days have been added to this calendar, along with CCSC and SSD meetings, special events, etc. As events are added and updated to the CCSC Google calendar they will be "pushed out" to subscribers to the calendar feed. If anyone would like to have the CCSC events show up on your mobile device or computers, this is how to do it: with calendar programs that use the almost-universal iCal event types, use the following link to subscribe:

<https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/p0l232upe2nattn21aea1264m0%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics> Thanks to Andrew Dignan for the idea and the procedure.

RUN-A-MUCK FARM, SURELY NOT OUR CCSC

Dear Wilber,

Will, may I call you Will? Seems like you've been on my mind a lot lately this late summer here in SW Ohio. With the soaring weather being exceptional, I guess it brings out everyone to the old glider farm, those guys who work to stay current and proficient and are "in the moment" (if you get my drift) and those folks who just love the outdoors and seem to wander around with their heads in the clouds. There may be a middle ground somewhere between these two points, but it escapes my vision at present.

Since I last communicated with you, (the dog running on the flight line) we've had several events that confound my sense of balance and I thought I'd share them with you to get a perspective from a wise old bird's stand point. Since last, we've had a runway incursion with a glider in tow, interrupting a take off tow event, a couple of glider retrieves down the middle of the runway during tow operations, at least one glider assembly on the launch line complete with tow vehicle and trailer, a student pilot doing his thing over another airfield in the middle of a TFR'd air show, and a near gear up glider landing. What do you think? Is this a normal weekend operation? Is there a common thread? Any ideas Wise One?

Signed: Confounded, Confused and Off - Balance

Dear Confused,

Wow! You sure have an inventive bunch there at the Glider Farm. You're lucky to be writing me and not your insurance company, or worse, the next of kin. You've asked me if there is a common thread and I'd say, definitely yes. What your bunch seems to lack is a profound culture of safety compounded by a reluctance of the crew chiefs to take charge of their operations. Unless each member considers it his or her duty to be a safety observer, it falls on the shoulders of the crew chief to run a safe operation. This means that the crew chief needs to know his crew, their strengths and limitations, and properly brief those pilots and others who come onto the flight line, of the daily situation. That brief ought to include any standard procedures he uses, such as retrieve lanes, launch points, glider assembly and grid requirements, weather conditions, TFR's and end of the day procedures. These things ought to be part of your SOP (standard operating procedure). You do have an SOP right? Until you do I'd suggest you need to change your name to Run A Muck Farm.

Wilber

CLUB STATISTICS

<u>ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>8/1/2014</u>	<u>9/1/2014</u>	<u>FLIGHT ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Full Members	154	155	Last month	284	315
Family & Youth	41	41	Year to Date	1210	1372

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST

YTD income was \$18,404 unfavorable to plan at the end of August, but \$11,147 of that is from payment of SSA dues in August instead of in September as budgeted. Overall, the financial situation is still looking good and there is a good chance that we will end the year exactly breaking even. No fuel was purchased in August, so the fuel index remains at \$0.40 per 100 feet. There is ample cash on hand to cover the anticipated expenses during the next three months.

BYLAW CHANGES PROPOSED

Several changes to the bylaws are being proposed for approval of the membership at the November 11, 2014, Annual Meeting. The first clarifies the SSD stock requirements for "Inactive" members. The others bring the wording up to date relative to technology used for retaining club records and providing notice of club functions. The full text of each of these proposed changes will be provided in the next Frequent Flyer.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The two-year terms of the following will expire at the Annual Meeting in November: Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Tim Christman and Mark Schababerle. If you would consider serving the club as a trustee, please prepare a brief resume and send it to the Secretary, [John Dudley](#). He will be preparing ballots for proxy voting and the brief resume will be used along with the ballot to introduce you to the members.

FREEZER WARNING

Anyone who has items in the club freezer please remove them. There are many mystery items in the freezer. It will be cleaned out at the end of the month and any items left in the freezer will be thrown out. - Linda Murray

HIGHLIGHTS OF SSA DIRECTORS MEETING - JOHN LUBON

Here are some top lines from the SSA Directors Meeting I attended in Charlotte on Sept 13.

Last year SSA has gained 1500 new members but lost 1700 members. This along with other areas of increasing cost has triggered a long overdue dues increase. Note there has not been an increase in 13 years.

The SSA has pledged support of \$35,000 for a documentary on soaring. The Cloudstreet "Soaring the America West" program should air nationally on PBS sometime next year. It could reach up to 200 million viewers.

The Perlan project which is a pressurized glider capable of flying up to 90,000 feet may be ready for flight next year. The SSA has \$15,000 allocated to supply some of the special high altitude instrumentation.

Some Committee Leaders have changed: Ken Sorenson has stepped down as Competition Committee Chairman and has been replaced by John Good; Linda Murray has stepped down from the Site Selection Committee and I have agreed to take this position.

Other items around the region:

The need for Program Letters is being challenged with the FAA

The Blanik L13 is still grounded in the US with no line of sight on a solution

Lack of instructors and examiners is a common problem.

The editor of Soaring Magazine – Chuck Coyne has resigned in the past week. The SSA is looking for a replacement.

The Badge and Record keeper has also resigned recently. There is some compensation for this position if anyone is interested. - John Lubon, Region 6 Director

CCSC TRUSTEE BOARD MINUTES

Available on [website](#). The password is printed on your monthly bill.

CCSC IS ON FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/CaesarCreekSoaringClub>. Help promote our sport and our club by uploading your favorite photographs, videos and stories.

CCSC WEBSITE

Have you checked out our website recently? <http://soar-ccsc.com/> If you have suggestions for improvement please email them to [Jim Dudley](#).

TRASHED LAWNMOWER

This mower was found in the shed where it is normally kept. The previous user must have had a jolt when the blade changed shape on encountering a fixed object. The puddle of oil tells the rest of the story. First of all, be careful when using club equipment. After all, you own it. Secondly, if you break something, let the appropriate person know so corrective action can be taken and the next person will be able to complete his work.



FOR SALE

One eighth share available for the Red Wing Soaring Club 1-26. \$1000.00 Call Jim Grueninger, 740-503-0032, share owner, or Bob Anderson, 937-609-8937, managing partner Red Wings. Fun, easy soaring! Always tied down and ready to go!

2009 SparrowHawk, Dittel Radio with External Antenna, Ideal Trailer custom built by MM Fabrication, ballistic parachute, wing and tail dollies, Price :\$45,000. Contact: Dave, 859-356-0501, dedwardsky@insightbb.com or Charlie, 937-435-9229, 937-626-2000, deberrycw@aol.com

LAK 12 glider and trailer. 50/1. It's big. Price negotiable. Located on the field. Interested parties should contact Wally Detert, 937-667-6950 or John Biernacki.

"6V" ASW 15. Cambridge 302 Vario and moving map Flight Computer. Dittel radio. 1/3 share is For Sale. Contact Chuck Lohre 513-260-9025, chuck@lohre.com

1/3 Share in N11rdbird. A beautiful Libelle201b, Serial No.74. Includes Eberle trailer, tow out gear, Cambridge LNav Vario and GPS, MicroAir Radio, with IPAQ 3955 running SeeYou Mobile. New Chute with Annual through May 2015. Call Rolf, 937-271-5003.

2004 Ford T Bird sports car. 17,200 miles Black w black soft & hard tops, V8 3.9 liter, auto, all options, one owner, very good condition, always garaged, \$18,500. Tom Geygan 513-265-2535

2008 Saturn Sky Red Line Turbo sports car. Chili pepper red w tan soft top, 260 hp. One owner, 18,100 miles, automatic, all options, very good condition, always garaged, \$18,500. Tom Geygan 513-265-2535

CCSC GROUND CREWS:

1ST SATURDAY

CC: Steve Fenstermaker (cell: 937-581-7713),
ACC: , **Tow Pilots:** John Armor, Mark Schababerle, Richard Perry, **Instructor:** Paul McClaskey, Bill Gabbard, Tom McDonald, Richard Perry. **Crew:** Waseem Jamali, Courtney Ohl, Gerry Daugherty, Kevin Price, John Raines.

1ST SUNDAY

CC: Mike Karraker (cell: 937-830-0627), **ACC:** Mark Miller, **Tow Pilots:** Manfred Mauer, Norb Mauer, Dieter Schmidt, Andy Swanson, Bob Miller. **Instructor:** Bob Miller, Rich Carraway. **Crew:** Don Burns, Dave Rawson, Stephen Kleine, Joe Zeis, Chad Runyon, Jack Runyon, Jacob Moore.

2ND SATURDAY

CC: Bob Root (cell: 513-630-8761), **ACC:** Dan Staarmann. **Tow Pilots:** Bob Anderson, Haskell Simpkins©. **Instructor:** Chris Giacomo, Bob Anderson, Jim Price. **Crew:** John Antrim, John Biernacki, Pat DeNaples©, Dick Holzwarth, Jim Hurst ©, Jim Marks.

2ND SUNDAY

CC: Dave Menchen (cell: 513-313-2315), **ACC:** Lucy McKosky, **Tow Pilots:** Tom Rudolf, Lorrie Penner, Gordon Penner, Jim Goebel **Instructor:** Gordon Penner, Jim Goebel, Tom Rudolf, **Crew:** Alyssa Engeseth, Mike McKosky, Katie Menchen, Tom Geygan, Fred Hawk, Dave Conrad.

3RD SATURDAY

CC: Maury Drummey (cell: 513-543-1906),
ACC: Rolf Hegele, **Tow Pilots:** Don Green, Steve McManus. Dick Scheper. **Instructor:** Charlie DeBerry, Kat McManus. **Crew:** Gary Adams, Eric Cochran, Jeff Crawford, Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Norm Leet, Poul Pederson, Charlie Richardson, Brian Stoops©, Chris Uhl ©, Chandler Demler, Jake Click, Micah Ferguson.

3RD SUNDAY

CC: Tom Bonser (cell: 513-673-7746), **ACC:** **Tow Pilots:** Tony Bonser©, Tim Christman, Richard Perry. **Instructor:** Dick Eckels, Bill Gabbard. **Crew:** Jack Morari.

4TH SATURDAY:

CC: Chuck Lohre (cell: 513-260-9025). **ACC:** Ethan Saladin. **Tow Pilots:** John Atkins©, Guy Byars, Bernie Fullenkamp©, Larry Kirkbride. **Instructor:** John Atkins, Joe Jackson, Larry Kirkbride. **Crew:** Henry Meyerrose, Tom Bales ©, Ross Bales, Jon Fullenkamp, John Murray ©, Casey Hildenbrand.

4TH SUNDAY

CC: Steve Statkus (cell: 513-720-8955), **ACC:** Rik Ghai. **Tow Pilots:** Matt Davis, Ron Blume, Tim Morris. **Instructor:** Lynn Alexander, John Lubon. **Crew:** Chad Beckwith, Richard Cedar, Pat DeNaples©, Shelby Estell, Jeff Grawe, David Meyer, Dan Reagan, Kindall Sanders, Pete Schradin, Stefano Sinigaglia.

2014 ADDITIONAL CREW DAYS:

March 29 – 2nd Sat Crew

March 30 – 2nd Sun Crew

May 31 – 3rd Sat Crew

June 29 – 3rd Sun Crew

Aug 30 – 4th Sat Crew

Aug 31 – 4th Sun Crew

Nov. 29 – 1st Sat Crew

Nov 30 – 1st Sun Crew

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