



Caesar Creek Soaring Club

November 11, 2014

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Potluck this Saturday

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 15	November Potluck (6:00 pm)
Nov 22	CCSC 2020 Planning Committee - 9:30 am - Jim Marks
Feb 21	Banquet – Gary Adams
Mar 7-8	Instructor Refresher Course - Tom McDonald

SUNDAY WAS A GOOD DAY TO FLY

Wednesday there was no flying because of the weather and Saturday there were only 3 flights because of wind, but the Dave Menchen and his 2nd Sunday Crew were kept busy all day for training, currency, fun flights and two guest rides.



Gabe Dorsey, ready for his first glider flight, facilitated by John Lubon (rear seat) and Dave Menchen

How I Know It Might Be a Good Ridge Day - MARK MILLER

You can first check the weather forecasts for cold fronts moving across the country and when they will pass through State College, PA, or watch sites like windmapper.com. Tom Knauff also puts out a newsletter that includes projections of upcoming ridge days.

Once you are at Ridge Soaring and have committed to fly, your first indicator comes while you are building your glider - the wind will be out of the south down the valley at 10-12 knots. Your second indicator is that the clouds overhead are moving briskly to the NW. Your third indicator is right after

takeoff. You make a normal roll and get airborne quickly and weathervane behind the tow plane as he rotates off the runway. About 75-100 ft in the air the tow plane suddenly dips 20 deg nose down and yaws to the right 10-15 deg followed by an immediate pull up and roll to the left. That's when you think, oh monkey poop, it's going to be a good ridge day, followed immediately by, of course, full stick deflections in all directions for the next 3-4 minutes trying desperately to keep the tow plane and rope in your zip code until you have at least pattern altitude. You thank the tow pilot as you release and state it was all you could stand.



Mark's view looking toward Nittany Valley from Howard Dam while southbound from Ridge Soaring on 7 Nov 14.

After release at no higher than 1200-1400 AGL you test the ridge for lift and wait until your heart rate drops below 150-200 bpm before remembering to pull up the gear. The latter does not occur for at least 10-15 minutes.

If you have never been over to Tom Knauff's Ridge Soaring it is something to experience. Last Friday I flew about 264 miles back and forth between Ridge Soaring near State College and Altoona about 35 miles south then up to Lock Haven about 32 miles north. Each time I reached Altoona or Lock Haven I would encounter a snow/rain squall that would block my way, so I would reverse and try it again. Here is a link to a video showing me southbound on the Ridge over I-99 that goes between State College and Altoona. The Ridge is about 2000' there and the ground is about 800'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tTJJQdlgQ>

You can fly it conservatively, like me, at 75 kts and keep a little altitude cushion or you can go 100+ at treetop level, like some of our other members. You can also find some great thermals to get you across the gaps or up and down the Ridge when the wind isn't blowing.

It can be challenging in either case but Tom Knauff has a guide with all of the land out fields that you can follow on Google Earth.

Next time for me will be the annual CCSC road trip in April. If you have never tried it, the tow alone is worth the price of admission.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Caesar Creek Soaring Club was held at the clubhouse at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 11. The agenda was the election of four trustees and voting on five amendments to the Bylaws. Although attendance was minimal, sufficient proxy votes had been submitted by members to pass the amendments to the Bylaws. Tim Christman, John Dudley, Jim Dudley and Mark Miller were elected to serve two year terms as trustees.

Katie Menchen Kreiner

CCSC congratulates Kathryn Menchen on her marriage to Phillip Kreiner on July 12, 2014. Second Sunday Crew turned out en masse to celebrate the occasion with Katie and her dad, crew chief Dave Menchen. Katie started flying at CCSC at the age of 12, soloed at 14, and earned her pilot's license at 16. She and her dad have been stalwarts of the Second Sunday Crew from the time they joined the club.



Katie Menchen Kreiner with flight instructor Chad Ryther, doing the paperwork for Katie's flight review completed Sunday.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

Yes, time to order your 2015 SSA Calendars. There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse on the Merchandise cabinet. The calendars are \$10 each; don't miss your chance. - Brian Stoops

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](#).

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. Dittal 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.

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, Chad Ryther. **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, 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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