Caesar Creek Soaring Club

November 18, 2014

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

CCSC 2020 Planning Committee meeting - Saturday 11/22 at 9:30 am

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 22 CCSC 2020 Planning Committee - 9:30 am - Jim Marks

Feb 21 Banquet – Gary Adams

Mar 7-8 Instructor Refresher Course - Tom McDonald

SATURDAY WAS A GOOD DAY TO FLY

It may have been cold, but Maury Drummey's Third Saturday Crew was ready and kept the flight line active all day long. With only Dick Scheper to pilot the tow plane the pace was slower, but that was fine. It gave instructors Charlie DeBerry and Larry Kirkbride plenty of time to work with the pilots and students who came for flight reviews and instructional flights. The gentle breeze was perfect for instructional flights, but those who wanted to soar were not disappointed. Despite air temperatures in the low 30's the sun warmed the surface enough to produce thermals that yielded several climbs of 1000' above release and some extended flight times.



Henry Cochran prepares for his second glider ride while dad, Eric, and John Dudley adjust the seat cushions and belts to fit a 5 yer old.

TEMPTING SOARING ADVENTURES FOR 2015 - Dan Reagan

Although we are thinking of packing our gliders away for the winter, it is not too early to plan ahead for the 2015 soaring season.

The first possibility is the **wave soaring camp** held from February 24th through March 5th at Shiflet Field, Marion, NC, at the base of Mt. Mitchell. Mt. Mitchell is the highest point in the US east of the

Mississippi. Sarah Arnold comes up from Chilhowee, TN in her Pawnee "Sweet Pea" to tow. Oxygen is provided. Expect temperatures in the minus 30 or 40 degree range at altitude.

The **Cross Country Camp** at Moriarty, NM, takes place from June 1st through June 15th. This is an OLC (On Line Contest) event as well. Bring your oxygen bottle along.

Next is **Parowan**, **UT**, where the Auxiliary Power Sailplane Association is holding a camp from June 18th through June 28th. Even though this is being sponsored by a motorglider association, since there will be a tow plane available, conventional gliders can fly there. There is a limit on the number of gravity gliders allowed so registration needs to be early. Registration is not yet available. Again oxygen is required.

Although soaring camps are not currently planned, tows are always available at **Ely, NV**. This is a commercial operation which loves to host glider enthusiasts. They provide grilles in the hangar for cooking, showers, washer and dryer, golf carts, etc., etc. Again, bring your oxygen bottle.

Then there is **Minden, NV**. As I am sure you know or have heard, this is <u>a great</u> place for long distance flights. Minden is located near the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the valley just east of Lake Tahoe. Several camps are held there at various times in the summer but tows are available any time since there is a nice commercial glider operation there. Again, bring your oxygen bottle.

Remember the **Sports Class National** event to be held at CCSC from June 24th through July 3rd. So, make your schedule and plan a great soaring adventure!

THE 2020 COMMITTEE - A CALL FOR INVOLVEMENT - Steve Statkus

As mentioned in the Frequent Flier, the CCSC Board has formed a group of members to look forward and determine what changes (if any) are required to keep our club financially sound and fully functional going forward to the year 2020 and beyond. Thus, the name "The 2020 Committee."

To date the committee has met on a regular basis to do the spade work; the task being to define where CCSC is right now, financially, from a membership perspective, and physical assets. The process the committee used to get this information was to request financial reports from CCSC and

SSD, membership status and trends, expense reports for gliders, tow planes, buildings and grounds. We also included the information generated by the club wide survey of 2012. (Most of this information is posted on the web site under 2020 committee.)

Concurrent with the information gathering effort the committee conducted a SWOT analysis. This effort required several meetings and developed four categories of statements: Strengths (what we do well), Weaknesses (what we don't do well), Opportunities (what we could do better, or new initiatives that would firm up the club's chances for being around in



Stefano Sinigaglia continued his training toward his pilot certificate, taking advantage of the calm conditions to box the wake and practice slack line conditions on tow. Larry Kirkbride provided instruction.

2020) and Threats (those things that could knock the wheels off if not addressed.) The committee then prioritized each item in each category. A database was created that reflected the prioritization.

The next step was to establish sub committees to develop action plans. The sub committees are: Governance/<u>John Lubon</u>, Operations and Maintenance/<u>Steve Statkus</u>, Membership & P.R./<u>Maury Drummy</u>. Chair people as shown. These sub committees were tasked as follows: 1. Define membership (ie. Recruit from the club membership those willing, with expertise and clear thinkers). 2.. Define priorities. 3. Develop action plans.

This is where we are now. We need to staff these sub committees with members who are invested in our club long term. We need out-of-the-box thinkers who are willing to invest some time and effort. We are faced with a future that is somewhat unknown, but we all know gas prices are not going down, maintenance costs are going up, as is insurance, property taxes and the average age of the membership. All these things fall into the category of Weaknesses and Threats, and they are not all the pot holes in our future.

Please ask yourself if this club is important enough for you to invest some time and effort. We're open to ideas. If the answer is yes, think about where you fit best in those three categories and contact the chair person.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards and visits, and flowers during my recent heart adventure. Life is beginning to return to a little like normal (slowly), but progressing. John and I both thank you for all your support. - Linda Murray

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!

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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.

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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: Gerry Daugherty, Waseem Jamali, Courtney Ohl, 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, Stephen Kleine, Jacob Moore, Dave Rawson, Chad Runyon, Jack Runyon, Joe Zeis.

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, Joey Tomei.

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**: Dave Conrad, Alyssa Engeseth, Tom Geygan, Fred Hawk, Mike McKosky, Katie Menchen.

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, Jake
Click, Eric Cochran, Chandler Demler, Jim
Dudley, John Dudley, Micah Ferguson, Norm
Leet, Poul Pederson, Kevin Price, Charlie
Richardson, Brian Stoops©, Chris Uhl ©.

3RD SUNDAY

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

Gabbard, Chad Ryther. **Crew**: Daniel Beans, Jack Morari, Zach Siefker.

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: Tom Bales ©, Ross Bales, Jon Fullenkamp, Casey Hildenbrand, Henry Meyerrose, John Murray ©.

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, Mauricio Berrizbeitia, Richard Cedar, Pat DeNaples©, Shelby Estell, Jeff Grawe, Keith Kilpatrick, David Meyer, Dan Reagan, 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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