



Caesar Creek Soaring Club

January 6, 2015

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Open discussion of governance of club - Saturday, Jan 10
- Memorial service for Tom Bayles - Sunday, Jan 11

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 10	SSD Directors - 9:30; 2020 Planning Committee - 10:30 am
Jan 17	Ladies Annual Winter Luncheon - 12:00 noon
Feb 21	Banquet–Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South - Gary Adams/Brian Stoops
Mar 7-8	Instructor Refresher Course

GOVERNANCE OF CLUB ACTIVITIES

One of the primary topics identified by the 2020 Committee to assure club vitality in the future was governance of club activities. A subcommittee led by John Lubon was formed to work this issue. A key question was whether our two-corporation arrangement is the best for members and the long term strength of the club. The Governance Committee has met with an attorney and received guidance. There will be a discussion of that guidance as part of the report to the full 2020 Committee on January 10. All members are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.



During CCSC Board meeting, members listen to John Lubon's explanation of Governance Committee work.

CLUB STATISTICS

<u>ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>1/1/2014</u>	<u>1/1/2015</u>	<u>FLIGHT ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Full Members	161	156	Last month	17	44
Family & Youth	32	36	Year to Date	1673	1835

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2014

Full year net income was \$2,366 favorable to plan on gross income of \$175,358. One important contributor to this favorable variance was that flights for the year totaled 1835, whereas the budget was based on an estimate of only 1700 flights. The fuel index is anticipated to decrease based on the fuel delivery 1/3/2015 from the new supplier at the current lower price. Overall, the financial situation is still looking good. There is ample cash on hand to cover the anticipated expenses during the next three months.

LADIES LUNCHEON

The CCSC ladies annual winter luncheon will be held at The Hammel House (121 S. Main St., Waynesville, 513-897-2333) on Saturday, January 17th, at 12:00. Please RSVP to [JoAnne Pedersen](#) by Wednesday, January 14th, so she can reserve a seat for you. All CCSC ladies and their relatives and friends are invited.

THOMAS P. BALES

Tom Bales died on Saturday, Dec. 27, following an extended illness. He was one of the members of SSD who made the bold move to purchase the farm that we now enjoy as the CCSC gliderport. He served superbly as Chief Instructor and later as Designated Flight Examiner. His *Tom's Tips for Flying the 2-33* served as the primary reference for students for many years. Tom was also a tow pilot, logging over 11,000 tow flights. With his wife, Donna, Tom operated a soaring school at Myrtle Beach for many years. After returning to Ohio he was nearly always at the club on Wednesdays, either to instruct or tow, or do any of the other tasks required to keep the club running.

Tom displayed an exuberant enthusiasm for many things, but two of his greatest joys in life were soaring and his grandchildren. He was especially proud that his grandson, Ross Bales, had the opportunity to learn to soar at CCSC. Tom enjoyed helping at Youth Camp, accordingly the family would appreciate any donations in Tom's memory be made to the Caesar Creek Youth Soaring Association (CCYSA). Gifts to CCYSA are tax-deductible. Checks can be mailed to Steve McManus, 6193 Marcus Ct, West Chester, OH 45069. It is anticipated that a scholarship to Youth Camp 2015 will be offered in Tom's memory.

From 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday, January 11, family and friends will gather to remember Tom at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Centerville (intersection of Far Hills Route 48, Alex Bell and just off I-675). A special service of remembrance will start at 3:00 pm. If you have memorabilia about Tom, there will be a table on which items can be displayed.

THOMAS P BALES: A COUPLE OF JIM PRICE'S MEMORIES

On my training flight number 26 Joe Jackson (in the back seat) pulled the release. I was surprised, but managed an acceptable turn back to the field and a decent landing (with my heart pounding). As I remember, on the next flight I went with Tom Bales. I was feeling pretty good, having just completed my first simulated rope break. At about 200 feet I heard a loud bang. Oh no, another "rope break"! When I looked ahead the tow plane was still in position and the rope was still attached. Tom said, "I just opened the back window so you could hear the sound it makes. Notice that the glider is flying just fine. If the back window isn't latched properly it might come open and surprise you".

On another flight with Tom cu's were just starting to form. We were directly over the field at maybe 1200 feet when Tom said, "See that little cu forming to the north? Let me have the controls, let's go see if we can catch a thermal." I was apprehensive when Tom flew to the north, away from the field. At about 800 feet above ground he said. "Well, no luck. Your glider." I didn't know what to do. Tom calmly said, "Let's just start the downwind leg from here and we'll make a right turn onto base leg." Like a lot of beginners I was fixated on getting back across the field to make a "standard" pattern. That lesson broke me of it. Tom taught me many valuable lessons.

Tom was also a mentor for Ronnie when she was learning. He and I signed her off for solo in October, 1996.

There must be a thousand stories from the hundreds of pilots that Tom mentored over his many decades of teaching. He loved to instruct and it showed. Tom collaborated with his wife, Donna, to write a little book about their many years of running a commercial glider operation in Myrtle Beach. I don't think Donna will mind if I tell my favorite story from the book



Tom Bales and Ronnie Price.

It Happened at Carolina Sailplanes by Tom Bales

One day a young lady came into the office wanting some information about the glider rides. She seemed very apprehensive and wanted to know if they always landed back at the airport, and also wanted to know if anyone ever got hurt. When we assured her that it was quite safe and they always landed back at the airport she seemed a little relieved. About that time, Jim Iverson came into the office and Donna said, "**Here's your pilot now.** You can go whenever you like."

The girl replied, "Oh, I get a pilot?" She was under the impression that people flew the gliders themselves, and after having been told that everyone landed back at the airport and no one had ever been hurt, she was ready to go. She figured that if all those other people could do it, she could too.

I will miss Tom's ready smile, his enthusiasm, his willingness to go fly with me as a student..... and his gentle manner. - Jim Price

THOMAS P BALES: A COUPLE OF JOHN ANTRIM'S MEMORIES

With Tom's background in the Marines as a radar maintenance specialist and Staff Sargent for the Hellcat night fighters in the Pacific theater of WW2, one of the things he did after returning to civilian life was repair television sets. That technical acumen benefitted CCSC many times. Tom earned his Airframe Mechanic license and was particularly good at noticing problems with the gliders that others missed in preflight inspections. Who knows how many lives he saved by his thoroughness.

John also remembers Tom as a superb flight instructor. With experience as a school teacher and a passion for soaring, Tom was always teaching. He made flying really fun. He was cheerful, always joking. Tom's interests included investments in the stock market. John remembers flight reviews with Tom in the back seat of a 2-33 with a portable radio, listening to the stock market report while completing John's flight review.

WANT TO FLY FOR FREE?

In the past season we have noticed an increase in folks wanting guest rides, which of course has been a financial benefit to the club. Unfortunately, from time to time we have had an insufficient number of qualified pilots to accommodate our guests or to do so in a timely manner. So, you experienced private pilots - how about upgrading your certificate to commercial and helping our club and enjoying a few free flights. See your friendly CFGI for details and requirements.

NOTICE- ALL CROSS COUNTRY FLYERS OR CROSS COUNTRY WANT-TO-BE:

IF YOU WANT TO FLY WITH ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST EXPERIENCED CROSS COUNTRY PILOTS IN THE U. S., THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. FLY A CCSC CONTEST TASK WITH KARL IN HIS DUO DISCUS!!!

The following notice was posted by Karl Striedieck:

Now booking KS Duo Discus flights at five 2015 contests and X/C camp.

Seniors and X/C March 14-19, X/C camp March 20-27.

R2 Mifflin, PA May 17-23

Sport Nationals, OH Jun 24 - Jul 3

R4N Fairfield, PA Oct 11 - 17

In this 13th year of bus rides the cost is still the same: \$200

No charge for revelation of secrets of success such as effective swear words, special thigh slapping techniques or whistling. (Surcharge for requests except for Deutschland Uber Alles)

Contained barfing: n/c Uncontained barfing: \$50

Rebates for taking controls when pilot dozes off, forgets task, gear, call sign, etc.

ANOTHER SOGGY WEEKEND PUT TO GOOD USE PREPARING FOR SPRING

No flights due to rain. Steve Statkus drove to Alabama Saturday to inspect a 2-33 that has been the object of negotiations for several weeks as a potential upgrade to our fleet. Upon close inspection he determined that the "bird has not been maintained at the lowest level of acceptability" so he returned home with an empty trailer. After pulling the trailer a total of 18 hours in the rain on Saturday, Steve still had enough energy to join with Mike Karraker's First Sunday Crew and finish servicing the Kabota. It and all the golf carts are back in service having received an annual oil change and inspection. 135 was loaded into the empty trailer and Steve took it to Moss-Vale where the tubing inspection/repair will begin this week. The First Sunday Crew also disassembled and cleaned the Grob to start the annual inspection process.

CCSC TRUSTEE BOARD MINUTES

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

CCSC IS ON FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/CaesarCreekSoaringClub>

CCSC WEBSITE

<http://soar-ccsc.com/>

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.

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:** Jul Alvarez, 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, Kate Kreiner.

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, 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, Joey Tomei.

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:** 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, Dan Reagan, Stefano Sinigaglia.

2015 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:

Jan 31 – 3rd Sat Crew
Mar 29 – 3rd Sun Crew
May 30 – 4th Sat Crew
May 31 – 4th Sun Crew
Aug 29 – 1st Sat Crew
Aug 30 – 1st Sun Crew
Oct 31 – 2nd Sat Crew
Nov 29 – 2nd Sun Crew

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