



Caesar Creek Soaring Club

February 10, 2015

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Make your reservations now for the Banquet on February 21
- Operations may be moved to Clinton County soon. Check with Crew Chief before starting out
- Make your reservation now for Cincinnati Observatory outing on Sunday, March 29.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 14	SSD Directors Meeting
Feb 21	Banquet–Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South - Gary Adams/Brian Stoops
Mar 7-8	Instructor Refresher Course - Rich Carraway
Mar 29	Cincinnati Observatory Center outing - Poul Pedersen
Apr 4-5	Spring Cleanup - Bob Miller
Apr 8	Soaring Society of Dayton Annual Meeting - John Lubon
Apr 19-25	Annual outing to Tom Knauff's Ridge Soaring in Julian, PA. - Mark Miller
Jun 22-Jul 3	Sports Class National Contest - Rolf Hegele
Jul 12-18	Youth Camp - Steve McManus
Aug 9-15	Adult Camp (dates tentative) - Steve Statkus

FIRST SOLO - KEITH KILPATRICK

Congratulations to Keith Kilpatrick on completing his first solo flight in a glider on Wednesday, 4 February. Keith is a new member - if you are a careful reader of the Frequent Flyer you will remember that he is the one who did the welding to repair 135. Keith's aviation activities started with hang gliding in 1974. He achieved a 4 hour flight and also a mile of altitude gain, both significant accomplishments in a hang glider. He set that aside to raise a family with his wife, Jean. Now both their children are married and they have two grandchildren. Keith recently retired from the position of Mananager of Engineering at O'Gara Armoring Company, where his products included armor for Humvees, presidential limousines, etc. Keith is now carrying on the tradition that the Wednesday Crew has more fun.



Keith Kilpatrick

MAKE YOUR BANQUET RESERVATIONS

The annual CCSC banquet will be held on **Saturday, February 21**, at the Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South/Austin Landing, 12000 Innovation Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342 at 6:00 PM. The featured speakers will be Jim and Simine Short. Jim is the president of the Vintage Sailplane Association, and Simine is Editor of the Vintage Sailplane Association's magazine, *The Bungee Cord*, and author of *Locomotive to Aeromotive: Octave Chanute and the Transportation Revolution*. Also joining us will be Bruce Stephenson, co-ordinating editor of *Vintage Glider Club News*, reporting on international vintage glider activities, including the recent announcement that the next International Vintage Soaring Meet will be held at Harris Hill from July 9-16, 2016.

Menu: Garden Salad (garden greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, shredded carrots, choice of dressings); Green Beans & Fire Grilled Vegetables; Herb Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes; Oven Roasted Chicken w/ Lemon Herb Jus; Dry Rubbed Teres Major w/ Red Wine Demi (tender cut of beef shoulder sliced and put in a Red Wine sauce); Dinner Rolls & Butter; Dessert, Arabica Coffee, Herbal Tea and Iced Tea. Cash Bar. \$35. Join us as we look back at the 2014 soaring season and forward to a great 2015. To reserve your place at the table email: [Brian Stoops](mailto:brian.stoops@ccsc.org).

A block of 10 rooms has been allocated for those attending the banquet. The price is \$104/night for either a single King or two Queen beds. If you would like to reserve one of these rooms contact the hotel directly at 937-247-5850.

CLUB STATISTICS

<u>ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>2/1/2014</u>	<u>2/1/2015</u>	<u>FLIGHT ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Full Members	157	155	Last month	0	32
Family & Youth	35	36	Year to Date	0	32

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY

Income from flight activity was above plan and also the Grob-102 prepayments were accrued in January, so total income was \$10,096, somewhat above the plan of \$8,739. However, expenses were also above plan because the annual inspection of 909 was completed, billed and paid (\$3,304) earlier than anticipated. Also, two months of electric charges were paid in January. The overall impact is that net income was \$1,057 unfavorable to plan, with one tow plan annual inspection and one utility bill paid ahead of plan. In other words, CCSC is off to a good start on 2015.

FUEL INDEX DROPS

Great news! The fuel delivery in January cost \$2.966/gal so the fuel index dropped from \$0.40 to \$0.28 per 100 feet. Come on out and enjoy the reduced cost of a tow.

OPERATIONS AT CLINTON COUNTY AIRPORT SOON

While our field is too soft for operations we will use Clinton County Airport. One 2-33 and one K-21 will be moved there, possibly this week. The hangar rental is now \$325 per month. The plan is to keep the tow plane at CCSC and start each day with a full tank of fuel so we can limit the amount of fuel purchased at Clinton. To cover the hangar rental and a slightly increased fuel cost the board has set a \$8 per flight premium for flights at Clinton. This is a small price to pay for the experience of operating from a paved runway and the chance to complete your annual flight check and hone your skills for the spring soaring season that is coming quickly. Come join the fun.

LARRY KIRKBRIDE APPOINTED CHIEF FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Larry presented to the board some observations about practices and procedures that he has noticed that can be changed to improve the training experience for student pilots and to enhance safety for all members. He described his philosophy about training and offered some specific recommendations for improvement. For instance, he suggests putting training materials on our website and providing clear expectations to each student about how the student should prepare for each flight lesson. Another recommendation was to develop and implement a standardized checkout process for authorization to fly club aircraft and for the annual field flight check. Following his presentation the board voted unanimously to appoint Larry to the position of Chief Flight Instructor and endorsed his proposals for improving training procedures.



Larry Kirkbride (standing) with new member Jul Alvarez preparing for a December training flight.

SAFETY CORNER ... "WHERE ARE WE GOING?"

The CCSC Trustees have agreed to add a safety section to the Frequent Flyer wherein we can share safety related thoughts, observations, and anecdotes that hopefully will contribute to our pilot and operational safety. My goal is to contribute regularly, and you also are encouraged to share your insights to make flying at CCSC even safer for all of us. Safety Corner articles will also be available in a binder in the club house for ease of reference. Please take a gander from time-to-time.

OK, there are endless safety topics for focus, and I have no grand, systematic plan for what to cover each week. It will simply be random (and brief), but hopefully it will touch on areas you find interesting and beneficial. If you have thoughts or ideas on what could be covered, please let me know and I will add it to the topic list.

My topic for today concerns tow operations...or perhaps I should say destinations. First and foremost, let me say that in my 1.5 years or so of flying at CCSC I have been generally impressed with our tow pilots. No one has scared me yet (or even come close to it), and I find they are amazingly consistent in terms of airspeed control and smoothness. They are typically very good about taking us upwind and toward an area of promising lift, so much so that some of us may have become complacent about where we are being taken.

The Tow Handbook says to "Plan your flight path to be upwind of the glider port at release altitude." While that guidance is generally followed, occasionally traffic conflicts, a change in winds or some other factor results in reaching release altitude some distance downwind of the gliderport. When winds are light, I suppose it doesn't matter much if at all. But what is light? Is my light your light? Also, how many tow pilots...or glider pilots...know the exact winds aloft for the day? For those that have flown aircraft with wind readouts, you'll know that quite significant wind shifts and speed changes can occur within just a couple of thousand feet. (Once at Ft Wayne I saw the wind go from a 50 knot crosswind at pattern altitude to less than a 10 knot headwind on final.)

To help us all know the winds aloft for the day, Brian Stoops is working to put a white board on the trailer which will include the weather, NOTAMS, etc for the day. Each PIC is responsible for knowing that information and it will now be much easier to obtain it. As part of your preflight preparations, are you forming a mental picture of where you want to be when you release? Why let the tow pilot take you where you don't want ..or perhaps even shouldn't... go? Are you monitoring where you are being towed? Remember those tow plane steering signals you practiced for and performed on your FAA checkride? Well, it would be nice to put those to use from time to time, both for practice (for you and the tow pilot) as well as for practical reasons (i.e., you don't like where you are going).

Fly safe! - Kevin Price

CINCINNATI OBSERVATORY CENTER -TRIP DETAILS FINALIZED

Plans for our CCSC group to enjoy the Cincinnati Observatory are complete. The visit will start at **7:30 PM on Sunday March 29**, not Saturday 28 as anticipated. While the daylight fades we will spend about an hour and a half on a guided tour of the buildings. The tour will cover the history of the facilities, the telescopes, and the individuals that founded and directed the first professional observatory in United States.

After the tour we will take advantage of the hopefully clear skies to use the 170 year old masterpiece of a telescope. The brightest features of the late March skies will be the moon with its craters and mountains, and Jupiter with its four Galilean moons.

Experience has shown that the arrangements work best if we limit the number of participants to around 30. Please send an e-mail to Poul Pedersen if you would like to attend. Those 18 who have already indicated their desire to participate should have received an e-mail confirming the sign-up and will be notified of the change of date.



Cincinnati Observatory Center, birthplace of American astronomy and home of the world's oldest telescope still in use.

The cost will be \$5 per person. Directions will be provided before the event.

RIDGE TRIP - APRIL 19-25

We have a block of 10 rooms reserved at the Quality Inn, 1274 N. Atherton, State College, PA starting Sunday, 19-25 April for \$59/night. The group name is Caesar Creek Soaring Club and the account no. is 2034787. Each guest is responsible for making his own reservation at this special rate. Phone number is (814)234-1600.

The plan is to start out Sunday morning and tow one ASK-21 (CC, already in the trailer). It is about a 7 hour tow over to Julian, PA, where Tom Knauff's Ridge Soaring is located. We will drop off the trailers with the gliders and then drive over the Bald Eagle Ridge to State College and check into the Quality Inn.

The weather at that time of year can vary, but we are hoping to get a few good ridge days. If the wind does not cooperate, then sunny days usually generate strong thermals along the ridge for some great flying.

All are invited. - Mark Miller

Pilot's Bill of Rights

Did you know that the United States Congress enacted a Bill of Rights to protect. A copy of that document was obtained by Lynn Alexander and has now been put [on our web site](#) on the Student Resources page. You may want to read through it to become familiar with your rights. Thanks, Lynn.

A SOARING PILOT'S HANDBOOK

Previously available only as an ebook, Dick Eckels' comprehensive new book for soaring pilots is now available as a coil bound printed book. Copies are available in the clubhouse merchandise cabinet or from [Sporty's](#). Here is a [link to the press release about the book](#). If you are preparing for a written test or the oral portion of the practical test for your private or commercial glider certificate, this is the book with all the information that you need.

In case you missed the past edition, here are some repeat notices:

YOUR COMMENTS REQUESTED ON PROPOSED CODE OF REGULATIONS

Probably the most challenging aspect of consolidating our two corporations (SSD and CCSC) into a single entity is reaching agreement on the wording of the Code of Regulations/Bylaws of the resulting organization. A proposed document has been through numerous revisions as the Governance Committee worked on it, ideas were incorporated from the January 10 meeting of the 2020 Committee and most recently suggestions from members of both boards were implemented after their review. It is now your turn. Please find the [current version in the Members Only section of the Website](#). (The password is printed on your monthly bill.) Please review it and provide your recommendations to the [Governance Committee](#). We have only a couple of weeks before the document must be finalized and notice provided to all stock holders in accordance with current SSD regulations, so that it can be approved at the April 8 meeting of SSD.

COMPLETE YOUR ANNUAL CCSC FIELD FLIGHT CHECK

CCSC Uniform Operating Procedures (UOP) state: "In order to fly a CCSC glider as PIC each CCSC member (except for instructors) must receive a CCSC field flight review each calendar year in the highest performing CCSC aircraft in which he/she is qualified to fly consisting of at least one dual instructional flight with a CCSC instructor with logbook endorsement. Note: For the purpose of this review the G103 and ASK 21 are considered to be of equal performance." In other words the first flight of the year in a CCSC glider needs to be with an instructor in the highest performance CCSC glider that you plan to fly this year.

2015 SPORTS CLASS NATIONALS

Member Flying. Caesar Creek Soaring Club will be hosting the 2015 Sports Class Nationals this June. Practice days are scheduled for Monday, June 22 and Tuesday, June 23 with the actual ten day contest running from Wednesday, June 24 through Friday, July 3. Club flying will only be available on the practice days, but we are soliciting Club members to be sniffers on contest days. We need two Club members every day with free relights as necessary. This is a first come first served sign up opportunity, so please email [Rolf](#) with the days you would be available. No other Club flying will occur during the Contest.

Looking for Trailers. I have gotten a number of inquiries already about the availability of trailers or RVs in the campground that could be rented to contestants. If you would consider allowing CCSC to rent out your trailer for the period of Saturday, 20 June through Saturday, 4 July, please let me know and under what conditions the trailer would be available.

Volunteers Needed. As with any Club function, we need Volunteers to help with Club activities, and this is particularly true during the twelve days of the 2015 Sports Class Nationals. Come out and talk and learn from current and former National Champions and other contestants from as far away as New Hampshire and Florida. We particularly need volunteers to help with Registration for four days: Saturday through Tuesday, June 20 through June 23.

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

Here is your opportunity to fly with a world record setting glider pilot and a member of the U.S. Soaring hall of Fame. Fly one day of the CCSC contest with Karl Striedieck in his Duo Discus! Karl is now booking "KS Contest Duo Discus Flights" at five 2015 contests and X/C camp, including the Sport Nationals which will be held at CCSC June 24-Jul 3. In this 13th year of bus rides the cost is still \$200.

CCSC TRUSTEE BOARD MINUTES

(The password is printed on your monthly bill.)

CCSC IS ON FACEBOOK

CCSC WEBSITE

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 reduced to \$40,000. 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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