

Caesar Creek Soaring Club NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

January 5, 2016

- Final chance: sign up now to fly the Baby Grob (Grob-102) in 2016
- Annual Field Flight Check required before flying CCSC aircraft

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

| Feb 6 | Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM - John Lubon |
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| Mar 5 | Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM - John Lubon |
| Mar 19 | Crew Chiefs' Meeting - 9:30 AM - Brian Stoops |
| Apr 2-3 | Spring Cleanup Event - Bob Miller |
| Apr 9 | Annual CCSC Banquet - Maury Drummey |
| Apr 24-30 | Ridge Trip |

FIRST FLIGHTS OF 2016



Tyler Dockum was the first to fly this year. This photo was taken prior to his second flight as he took his mom, Marisa, for a flight. Tyler is doing as much flying as he can before he heads back to the Air Force Academy.

Steve Fenstermaker's First Saturday crew enjoyed a beautiful sunny day. The field was frozen and there was a little ice on the pond in the morning. Tyler Dockum was the first to complete his annual field flight check with an instructor. Several other members took advantage of the great weather to complete their annual field checks, bringing the total number of flights to 7. Mike Karraker reports that the First Sunday Training Crew found ceilings too low for glider flights so they assembled the Grob-102 with several Grob-102 pilots participating to become more familiar with the assembly process. Mike's crew also cleaned the club house.

REFURBISHING N3616Q - WEEK SIX



Tim Morris spraying grey epoxy paint onto frame of 16Q

After Keith Kilpatrick completed welding in a replacement for some corroded tubing at the tail wheel attachment and the team did some fiberglass work on the nose, the frame was painted with grey epoxy primer at Tim Morris' shop. The newly painted fuselage frame was returned to CCSC on Saturday and stored in the tow plane hangar until the Grob-102 is out of the shop and reassembled. The plan is to start installing all the parts on Wednesday, January 6, after the right wing is taken to Cubby for replacement of skin panels. So, if you want to see a thing of beauty come on out this Wednesday. Viewing the structure uncovered is a

pretty rare opportunity for most pilots and you'll really appreciate the engineering that the Schwiezer's applied to their designs. The Board has approved funding for interior panels similar to what we have in 135, but an evaluation is still under way as to whether to make them ourselves out of fiberglass or buy them. Dan Reagan has borrowed molds from Cubby and is experimenting to determine the level of effort required, etc. It is planned to commence covering the frame with fabric next Wednesday, 1/13/16. If you're interested in learning the steps of covering using the Ceconite process and will be helping covering 16Q, you ought to mark your calendar. - Seve Statkus



Freshly painted frame for 16Q returned to CCSC on Saturday. Reassembly of interior components will take place Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY CREW ENJOYS BEST SOUP EVER

There was no flying on Wednesday because the field was soggy, but the crew enjoyed great potato soup which Mark Miller prepared. His recipe included five pounds of potatoes, two pounds of bacon, two onions, various herbs and chicken stock. The soup filled a large pot, but the pot was empty by the time the crew finished. Thanks, Mark.

CLUB STATISTICS

| ACTIVE MEMBERS | <u>1/1/2014</u> | <u>1/1/2015</u> | <u>1/1/2016</u> | FLIGHT ACTIVITY | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Full Members | 161 | 156 | 166 | Last month | 17 | 44 | 59 |
| Family & Youth | 32 | 36 | 37 | Year to Date | 1673 | 1835 | 2054 |

WHO FLEW THE MOST IN 2015?

| <u>Tow Pilots</u> | <u>i</u> | <u>Instructors</u> | | <u>Members</u> | | <u>Youth</u> | |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------|----|----------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Don Green - | 263 | Bill Gabbard- | 99 | Tony Rein- | 65 | Zach Siefker- | 78 |
| Bernie Fullenkamp- | 154 | Rich Carraway- | 82 | Tom Geygan- | 49 | Joseph Tomei- | 38 |
| Dieter Schmidt- | 126 | Larry Kirkbride- | 78 | Don Burns- | 47 | Christian Maurer- | 28 |
| | | · | | Dan Reagan- | 47 | | |

A total of 2054 flights were launched at CCSC in 2015 of which 851 were instructional, 145 were paid guest flights and 65 were contest flights.

2015 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
| Total Income: | \$ 181,011.00 | \$199,399.30 | | |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 165,865.00 | \$190,564.95 | | |
| Addition to Reserves: | \$ 15,146.00 | \$ 8,834.35 | | |

Because the budget was based on the assumption of 1700 flights and the actual was 2054 flights, the income associated with flying was \$13,442 above plan. Introductory Flights and Gift Certificates accounted for \$12,389 total 2015 income, \$3,989 above plan (included in the \$13,442). Thanks to a membership increase of 10 full members, initiation fees, monthly dues and stock fees were above plan by a total of \$3,853. Stock purchases exceeded the plan by \$3,200 because of increases in membership, but redemptions also exceeded plan with total redemptions exceeding total purchases by \$4,600, possibly triggered by efforts to contact inactive share holders for votes on the change in the Code of Regulations. All in all 2015 was a good year financially with \$8,834 being added to the reserve for capital expenditures (future capital improvements, such as refurbishment of gliders, replacement of the big tractor, etc.) even after substantial 2015 investment in the future of the club with a new drainage system for the runway, painting of the main hangar roof and restoration work on a glider and a tow plane.

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF TOW PLANES

909 should be finished with its annual by the time you read this; it is expected to be returned to CCSC on Wednesday. 48L will be taken to Cubby's next.

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. Be sure your instructor signs the flight card because that is how Noelle knows that you completed the requirement so she can give you credit on the "Approved to Fly List."

WHICH BADGE DO YOU PLAN TO EARN IN 2016?

Are you aware that there are badges administered by Soaring Society of America and additional badges administered by FAI (Federation Aeronautique Internationale)? These badges recognize levels of

achievement in soaring and provide a possible roadmap for enhancing your skills. For instance, the "A" badge is the starting point and recognizes achieving the knowledge and skills for solo flight and the completion of a solo flight. Every student who has completed a solo flight at CCSC should have completed all the requirements for the "A" badge. Here is the link to the website with the detailed requirements. If you have completed a solo flight and have not received your "A" badge, track down one of CCSC's designated SSA Instructors (Charlie DeBerry, Dick Eckels, Dennis Fisher, Jim Goebel, Joe Jackson, Larry Kirkbride, Brian Lewis, Paul McClaskey, Bob Miller) and demonstrate to them that you have met the requirements. Your "A" badge is just the starting point. To earn a "B" badge all you need to do is complete a solo flight of at least 30 minutes after release from a 2,000-foot AGL tow (45 minutes if 3,000-foot AGL tow). Is the "B" badge the right goal for you for 2016?



Remember seeing this on the wall of the clubhouse? Bruce Helvie used to track all badge achievements by club members, but there have not been any additions to this list since Brian Stoops completed his Gold-Distance badge 6/4/1988. Many club members have earned highly respected badges in the mean time. Is there someone who will volunteer to help track these achievements?

CALENDARS ARE IN

If you ordered a 2016 Soaring Calendar, pick it up at the clubhouse. - Brian Stoops

TWENTY YEARS AGO AT CCSC - JANUARY 1986

The annual dinner was scheduled at King's Island Inn. For those sleeping over, the cost was \$49 which included breakfast and a bottle of champagne. What a deal!

The newsletter reported the passing of Bill Coverdale who died during some scheduled surgery. Bill was a world class glider pilot and was famous for making a 90 mile flight in his 1-23 during a glider meet when nobody else was able to leave the field. He was a long time member of the club who often made hour long flights at Richmond when nobody else could stay up. Bill retired at about age 50 and when asked how he was able to do that he just said "I had a hard working daddy". Another of his memorable remarks was "I can afford to be cheated, but I still don't like it".

The Treasurer, Pat DeNaples, reported that the loans made to purchase the Grob 103 and to build the main hangar had been repaid and the club was debt-free except for the mortgage. (The mortgage was paid off shortly after that.) - Jim Hurst

GAS COST - FUEL INDEX MOVES LOWER

The most recent fuel delivery reduced our fuel index to \$0.26/100 ft . That means that extending your tow an additional 1000 feet costs only \$2.60. Come on out and take advantage of this great rate!

GROB-102 PLAN FOR 2016 - FINAL CHANCE

The board approved treating the Baby Grob in the same manner as for 2015, so if you want to fly BG for "free" in 2016 you need to act prior to the deadline of January 10, 2016. The 18 who have already signed up were emailed confirmation on 12/31/2015. If you did not receive the confirmation email, your name is not yet on the list.

Everyone who wants to fly the Baby Grob is asked sign up. In exchange, those members will fly up to 2-hour blocks with no Aircraft Use Fee. Other members will be charged \$25 for Aircraft Use and will be limited to 1-hour blocks. The Hook-up Fee, Basic Tow Fee and Altitude Index Fee will follow the Schedule of Fees and Dues for all pilots, only the Aircraft Use Fee is different.

If you want to fly G-102 with no Aircraft Use Fee in 2016 you must declare that desire before January 10, 2016, by email to <u>Jim Dudley</u>. The \$90 G-102 Fee will be put on your February statement, payable by February 28.

WAVE CAMP IN NORTH CAROLINA 2/21/2016 - 3/2/2016

Fly in wave to FL260 (weather permitting) from Shiflet Field, Marion, NC (9A9), a wide grass strip near the base of Mt. Mitchell, highest point east of the Mississippi. Upon registration and payment, your spot is secure and materials and full info will be sent. \$245. Includes all oxygen fills in your tank(s) and airport fees. Tows additional. Make check payable to CSA (Chilhowee Soaring Association, Inc). Web Site: <u>www.wavecamp.chilhowee.com</u>. Control Point Site: <u>http://soaringweb.org/TP/Shiflet</u>. For more information contact Sarah Arnold at <u>info@chilhowee.com</u>, Phone: (423) 506-9015. Online Registration: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DPVDJFY</u>. Rolf Hegele and Dan Reagan will probably go again this year to try for the 25,000 ft. Lennie pin. If you want to join them, reserve your spot now.

MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

(http://soar-ccsc.com/?page_id=484 The password is printed on your monthly bill.) <u>CCSC IS ON FACEBOOK</u> (https://www.facebook.com/CaesarCreekSoaringClub) <u>CCSC WEBSITE</u> (http://soar-ccsc.com/)

FOR SALE

Red Wing Soaring Club 1-26, N126TU is now for sale, complete with open Trailer \$9000 OBO. Has two varios, one is electric. Annual is due 4/16. Call Bob Anderson, 937-609-8937, managing partner Red Wings. Fun, easy and low cost soaring!

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.

CCSC GROUND CREWS:

1ST SATURDAY

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

1ST SUNDAY

CC: Mike Karraker (cell: 937-830-0627), **ACC**: Mark Miller, **Tow** Pilots: Manfred Mauer, Norb Mauer, Dieter Schmidt, Andy Swanson. **Instructor:** Bob Miller, Rich Carraway. **Crew**: Carter Aleson, Jul Alvarez, Blake Bailey, Bill Barone, Bob Bohl, Don Burns, Bill Clawson, Russell Cook, CR Gillespie, Bill Grawe, Bill Hall, Christian Maurer, Bruce Porter, Dave Rawson, Skye Toomey, Michael Williams, Joe Zeis.

2ND SATURDAY

CC: Dick Holzwarth, **ACC**: Bob Root. **Tow Pilots**: Bob Anderson, Haskell Simpkins. **Instructor**: Bob Anderson, Jim Price. **Crew:** John Antrim, Stuart Delk, Jim Hurst, Ron Kellerman, Anil Mahajan, Irwin Mahajan, Jim Marks, Nick Oleska, Dan Staarmann.

2ND SUNDAY

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

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, Soren Adams, Jake Click, Eric Cochran, Chandler Demler, Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Micah Ferguson, Norm Leet, Poul Pederson, Jack Runyan, Jakob Salzmann, Chris Uhl.

3RD SUNDAY

CC: Brian Stoops (cell: 937-750-3788), **ACC:**. **Tow Pilots**: Tony Bonser, Tim Christman, Richard Perry. **Instructor:** Dick Eckels, Bill Gabbard, Chad Ryther. **Crew**: Daniel Beans, Tom Bonser, Mike Brewer, Laura May, Topher May, Tony Rein, Zach Siefker, Joey Tomei, David Whapham.

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, Michael Hayden, Casey Hildenbrand, Ethan Maxwell, Henry Meyerrose, John Murray.

4TH SUNDAY

CC: Steve Statkus (cell: 513-720-8955), **ACC:** Rik Ghai. **Tow Pilots:** Ron Blume, Matt Davis, Tim Morris. **Instructor:** Lynn Alexander, John Lubon. **Crew:** Chad Beckwith, Mauricio Berrizbeitia, Jake Burd, Richard Cedar, Shelby Estell, Jeff Grawe, Keith Kilpatrick, Dan Reagan, Pete Schradin, Stefano Sinigaglia, Chloe Williams.

2016 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:

Jan 30 – ?? Sat Crew Jan 31 – ?? Sun Crew Apr 30 – ?? Sat Crew May 29 – ?? Sun Crew Jul 30 – ?? Sat Crew Jul 31 – ?? Sun Crew Oct 29 – ?? Sat Crew Oct 30 – ?? Sun Crew Dec 31 – ?? Sat Crew

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