

**Caesar Creek Soaring Club**

September 20, 2016

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 23-25 Boy Scout Troop 598 Aviation Camp Out at CCSC - Maury Drummey
- Oct 15 Oktoberfest Event - Maury Drummey
- Oct 15 Potluck Dinner - 6:15 pm - Maury Drummey

WEDNESDAY - STEVE STATKUS

After 20 years of teaching, coaching, urging, bribing, threatening, and employing numerous other forms of leadership Bob Root has finally decided the Wednesday Crew is untrainable and has left the task of herding these cats to another unworthy volunteer. As one might expect, the crew huddled to discuss this opportunity and decided no one was capable of filling Bob's shoes on a regular basis and so the role of Wednesday Crew Chief would be filled each week by a volunteer- probably the member who arrives the latest. Regardless, the Wednesday crew day will continue. The paperwork will be done and reports submitted as required. As for Wednesday 9/14/16, we had seven flights before the rain began. - Steve Statkus, 1st Wednesday Crew Chief of the new era.

APPEAL FOR HELP

A member is needed to take on the responsibility for maintenance of tow vehicles. Also, members are needed to be plane captains for the two remaining gliders that do not have a captain identified. Volunteers are needed to be captain of each of the tow vehicles. If you are willing to help out in any of these roles please let Steve Statkus or Mark Miller know.

SATURDAY

The weather did not cooperate and the forecast for thunderstorms was not encouraging, so Crew Chief Maury Drummey cancelled the flight activities shortly after arriving and assessing the situation.

EAGLE SIGHTED ON SUNDAY - BRIAN STOOPS

Sunday started out as a marginal day at best. The grass was wet and the air had a high level of humidity. There were light winds from the west at 5 to 7 mph. On the first tow plane flight it was reported that the cloud bases were at 1200', with open areas of blue between clouds. As the day developed, the cloud bases advanced to 2000', then to 2500' and by the end of the day near 3500' agl. We closed down at approximately 16:00 with a total of 13 flights, but everyone was happy with the flying they did get.

One highlight was reported by Bill Gabbard. He was thermalling over the valley just southwest of the airport and was joined by a soaring bird. A closer look revealed that it was an eagle. The eagle did

not seem to mind the invasion of his space. So keep your eyes out SW of the field along the river valley and the bridge and you might also see an eagle. I'm still waiting.



Mile High Introductory Flights were enjoyed by Marge and Russ Cook from Springboro who came at Tim Christman's encouragement. Bob Miller piloted the flights and received high praise in an email from Marge. Russ especially enjoyed his experience and now hopes to join. Photo courtesy Marge Cook.

See you at the GP!!! - Brian Stoops

NEED INSTRUCTOR TO SWAP CREW DAYS - BOB MILLER

I am looking for a instructor to work for me on the First Sunday Crew, October 2nd. I will swap and work for you. Thanks, Bob Miller.

WHO HAS A BETTER IDEA?

CCSC needs a better system for coordinating swapping crew responsibilities. Some have resorted to emailing large numbers of members which may sometimes work but is not very efficient. For instructors, tow pilots and crew chiefs there is already a distribution list known to each member of those groups, so this approach may still be best for those groups. But we need a better way to find someone to swap the ground crew roles. Do you have an idea about a web-based approach? How about a forum on the club's website? Is there a way to use Facebook? Is there a way the club can help new members to get to know members of other crews well enough that they feel comfortable asking for help? Is there some way that the Frequent Flyer can provide that service? Send me your ideas and I will collect them and report in a future Frequent Flyer. If ideas might require Board action I will be happy to arrange for you to present them to the Board or I will present them if you prefer. - Jim Dudley

20 YEARS AGO AT CCSC - JIM HURST

In September, 1996, Francis Bundy submitted a long article for the Frequent Flyer regarding an old man (Francis was 85) and his love affair with an old friend, Schweizer 1-23 N91887 (age about 43 at the time), which he named "Tinny Hawk" and their adventures in pursuing a gold badge with 3 diamonds. The glider (now 63 years old) is apparently still registered to an owner in New Hampshire.

At the September Board Meeting, Jim O'Quinn was appointed to be the new Safety Officer. Rob Cluxton was appointed the new Chief Instructor, replacing Sydney Dekker. Mel Williams retired as a long time Designated Examiner and was replaced by Jim Hurst. Jim wrote an article on his flight testing philosophy, a main point being that he wouldn't pass anybody unless he felt comfortable with them giving a ride to his grandchildren.

Mt. WASHINGTON WAVE CAMP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE-CHRIS GIACOMO

The Mt. Washington Wave Camp is scheduled for October 8 to October 16, 2016. Last year's high was 31,050 ft! Diamond distances in the wave system have been done in the last few years as well. If you are an experienced pilot and would enjoy a trip to New England in prime foliage season this could be for you! For information see <http://mtwashingtonsoaring.org/> If any CCSC members are interested in joining us for the Mt. Washington Wave camp please let Dan Reagan know or contact me directly. - Chris Giacomo

FACEBOOK: WHAT'S NOT TO "LIKE"? - TOM MCDONALD

Haven't put a "like" on our Facebook page yet? Please visit, and click that button. We have well over 1,000 likes now. That means whenever we post, those 1000 people see our news because they want to. It costs us nothing. We have followers worldwide, including one each in Syria, Bosnia and Jordan, but the majority of those 1000 + people live within 60 miles of the club.

For most of the wider Internet, Facebook is the online portal for the club. Our soarccsc.com website is more for current members, or to have a place for keeping online editions of our various documents. Current information and news goes on Facebook. "It's going to be a great day to fly," etc. Sometimes, I put a bit of our ad budget behind a post, and send it out to a target audience. That basically consists of people who live within a reasonable distance from the club and fit our demographic of engineers and people interested in aviation. Another target audience is friends of people who "like" our page, and who also live nearby. That is one good reason to like our page. We can then indirectly and unobtrusively ask your friends to come out for a ride. I recently had a real-life friend tell me he had just seen something about CCSC in his news feed, and it reminded him to ask me about future membership. That is exactly what we are trying to accomplish with our small ad budget.

Gary Adams, another page admin, posts soaring news and various club history pictures. Between us, we try to post two or three times a week during the soaring season. We are generating a lot of guest rides, but my focus right now is new memberships. Guest rides are great, and I hope every guest flier has a great time. But it is the members who really pay the bills.

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Want to learn to fly...really fly?
If you are in the Cincinnati / Columbus / Dayton area consider joining our club!

We operate from our own grass airport, and have the largest membership of any glider club in the US. The member fee to fly one of our Schweizer trainers is only ten bucks, plus the tow.

Questions? Comment here, or message us. See you at the gliderport!



7 Advantages Of Learning To Fly A Glider Before An Airplane
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Sunday, Gary posted [this link](#). Monday, I put \$20 of our ad money on an edited version. I took a screenshot within a few minutes of the post being up for 36 hours. In that time, we've had about 20,000 people look at our link, and 1,900 of them actually took the time to click and read those seven reasons to start in gliders! Almost 200 shared the link with friends, too. I'm usually happy if a post gets a tenth of that response. And, I've only spent \$1.63 of our \$20 ad budget so far.

When I started typing, my idea for this story included more screenshots or links to our recent posts. But I just thought back to the time that I called Pat De Naples years ago, when I was considering joining the club. We talked for a bit, and I eventually asked if he could send me a summary, maybe the fee schedule or something. "Nope!" he said. "If you won't drive out to look around, you won't come out to fly! Not gonna waste my stamp!" I was at the club the next weekend, checkbook in hand. So, I'm going to take a page from Pat's playbook. No, I'm not going to show you examples of the rest. [Here is the link](#). Look for yourself, and be sure and click the "like" button when you get there.

HANGAR FOR ASSEMBLED GLIDERS - DAN REAGAN

The Caesar Creek Soaring Club Board of Directors is entertaining the idea of a member-financed hangar or hangars which would house completely assembled member gliders. The board would like to know how many members would be interested in a hangar (community or single) in which members can keep their gliders assembled.

Since this is just a preliminary study, a definite cost has not been obtained but it is thought that the cost would be between \$12,000 and \$20,000 per glider depending on the design, the number of gliders housed, amenities, etc.

If you have interest in an investment of this kind please contact Dan Reagan at dreagan<at>fuse.net.

MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

<http://www.soarccsc.com/resources/members/meetingminutes/>

(The password is printed on your monthly statement.)

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

CCSC WEBSITE <http://soarccsc.com/>

FOR SALE

Schweizer SGS 1-23, S/N 14, MFG Date May1950, includes open trailer. Has won vintage sailplane awards. Contact Thomas G. Bonser at bonsertom@aol.com or 513-673-7746.

CCSC GROUND CREWS:

1ST SATURDAY

CC: Steve Fenstermaker (cell: 937-581-7713) **Tow Pilots:** John Armor. **Instructors:** Paul McClaskey, Bill Gabbard, Tom McDonald. **Crew:** Gerry Daugherty, CR Gillespie, Mark Hanlon, Waseem Jamali, Courtney Ohl, Kevin Price.

1ST SUNDAY

CC: Mike Karraker (cell: 937-830-0627) **ACC:** Mark Miller. **Tow Pilots:** Manfred Maurer, Norb Maurer, Dieter Schmidt, Andy Swanson. **Instructors:** Bob Miller, Rich Carraway. **Crew:** Carter Aleson, Bob Bohl, Don Burns, Bill Clawson, Joan Clippinger, Jonathan Criss, Aaron Marshall, Daniel Miller, Christian Maurer, Bruce Porter, Dave Rawson, Laviniu Tirca, Cy Young, Joe Zeis.

2ND SATURDAY

CC: Dick Holzwarth (cell: 937-542-9612) **ACC:** Jim Marks, Bob Root. **Tow Pilots:** Bob Anderson, Haskell Simpkins. **Instructors:** Bob Anderson, Jim Price. **Crew:** John Antrim, Jim Hurst, Ron Kellerman, Aaron Marshall.

2ND SUNDAY

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

3RD SATURDAY

CC: Maury Drummey (cell: 513-871-1998) **ACC:** Rolf Hegele. **Tow Pilots:** Don Green, Steve McManus, Dick Scheper. **Instructors:** Charlie DeBerry. **Crew:** Gary Adams, Soren Adams, Chad Beckwith, Jake Burd, Jake Click, Eric Cochran, Chandler Demler, Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Micah Ferguson, Norm Leet, Poul Pedersen, Joshua Rising, Jack Runyon, Chris Uhl.

3RD SUNDAY

CC: Brian Stoops (cell: 937-750-3788) **ACC:** Mike Brewer. **Tow Pilots:** Tony Bonser, Tim Christman. **Instructors:** Dick Eckels, Bill Gabbard, Chad Ryther. **Crew:** Blake Bailey, Daniel Beans, Darin Caviness, Jack Morari, Tony Rein, Zach Siefker, Joey Tomei, David Whapham, Chloe Williams, Michael Williams.

4TH SATURDAY:

CC: Chuck Lohre (cell: 513-260-9025) **ACC:** Ethan Saladin. **Tow Pilots:** John Atkins, Guy Byars, Bernie Fullenkamp, Larry Kirkbride. **Instructors:** 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. **Instructors:** Lynn Alexander, John Lubon, Kat McManus. **Crew:** Bill Barone, Mauricio Berrizbeitia, Richard Cedar, Shelby Estell, Bill Grawe, Jeff Grawe, Keith Kilpatrick, Dan Reagan, Pete Schradin, Stefano Sinigaglia, John Williams.

2016 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:

Jan 30 - 4th Sat Crew
Jan 31 - 4th Sun Crew
Apr 30 - 1st Sat Crew
May 29 - 1st Sun Crew
Jul 30 - 2nd Sat Crew
Jul 31 - 2nd Sun Crew
Oct 29 - 3rd Sat Crew
Oct 30 - 3rd Sun Crew
Dec 31 - ?? Sat Crew

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