



## Caesar Creek Soaring Club

December 27, 2016

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 1 First Day to Fly in 2017 - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Jan 7 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 am - John Lubon
- Jun or Jul Region 6 South Contest at CCSC - Gary Adams
- Jul 9-14 Youth Camp 2017 - Steve McManus

### MY FIRST FLIGHT-CHLOE WILLIAMS

*Chloe Williams is now 14 years old and a freshman at Walnut Hills High School. She has attended the past three CCSC Youth Camps. This picture shows her at age 10 taking her first glider ride. Her grandfather, Bill Gabbard, is a certified flight instructor and was in the back seat of the Schweizer SGS 2-33 for this special flight. This essay was written for an English 9 assignment in October 2016 for which the task was to describe an experience that changed her life in some way. The picture was extracted from a video produced by Kevin Wolf in which Chloe's first flight is one of the highlights. You may view the video at <https://vimeo.com/105810456>. The segments featuring Chloe's first flight start at the following times: 1:26, 2:10, 3:45 and 4:07.*



On a warm summer day in 2012, I finally agreed to go with my grandmother to the "gliderport". After driving for what seemed like an eternity, we arrived at a big grass field with a barn and silo. It also included a small house with two dusty couches, two bathrooms, a kitchen, a room with long tables and two old desktop computers. I was not impressed, but little did I know that this trip to this nondescript area would change my life forever.

My heart jumped at the sound of a roaring Piper Pawnee taking off in front of me in the grass field. I had never seen an airplane like that before. Something strange seemed to be behind the aircraft being held on by a rope of sort. The aircraft behind the Piper Pawnee was a glider. My grandpa had told me about gliders before, but I'd never seen one in person until that day. It had a thin white body that was about the length of a pickup truck. It had long slim wings, and it looked similar to a very small airplane. My grandfather, who is a certified flight instructor (CFI), had explained to me how the aircraft didn't use an engine and used thermals to stay in the air, which is an anomaly of the weather. One thing leads to another, and here I am in the front seat of a glider, with the flight controls in my hands, about to be towed 3000 ft. in the air. It was amazing and I was hooked immediately. I felt like a new person once I had gotten out of the glider.

I had flown in commercial airplanes before, but it was nothing like flying in a glider. It's just you and the sky. All of your thoughts seem to disappear and you just focus on the sky. Large fields of crops turn into small gold, yellow, and green oceans of color. Clouds seemed only inches away. It was definitely one of the best experiences of my life.

I will always remember this day. It has inspired me to become a pilot and pursue becoming an instructor like my grandfather. I've been flying for 4 years now and I am going to solo this year, which means I'll be flying by myself. I'm working towards getting my pilot's license, which I can get by the age of 16. It has helped me to become a more well rounded person by building my confidence, my critical thinking, and giving me the courage to try new things (thank you Grandpa).

This experience has taught me to be more receptive to new things and to be more open minded about new ideas and the world around me.



**Chloe and her grandfather prepare to release the tow line on her first flight. Picture from video.**

## **CONGRATULATIONS BLAKE BAILEY - FIRST SOLO**

Blake Bailey joined the Wednesday gang on the 21st, not just for soup and storytelling, but most importantly for accomplishing a major goal, his first solo flight! Blake joined CCSC late last year, attended youth camp and is currently assigned to the 3rd Sunday crew. He's a high school freshman at Dayton Christian School where he is on the football team. He will turn fifteen on December 29. For the past few years he has completed 4H projects related to aviation. His interest in flying has been encouraged by his dad who is a pilot and formerly owned a Piper Cherokee. Several members of Blake's family were present for this event and he dazzled them all with his flying ability! He enjoyed his initial solo flight so much that he promptly mounted the "Pickle" for a second



**Blake Bailey (c.) receives congratulatory handshake from his instructors Rich Carraway (l.) and Bob Anderson (r.) at the conclusion of his first solo**

solo. Despite a chill in the air, it was a near perfect day for a first solo with clear skies and a light wind. Great job, Blake! - Rich Carraway

[Editor] Blake wanted to express his appreciation to members who donated funds to CCYSA for the scholarships which have enabled him to take one free flight for each crew day he has worked this fall. He said that the extra flight each month helped him a lot in achieving his goal of completing a solo flight while still 14.

### **WEDNESDAY LUNCH**



The Wednesday crew enjoyed Laurel Eckels' chili which Dick delivered and heated it to the right temperature. Bob Root judged that it was "the best chili we ever had." Everyone is welcome so come and join the fun.

Photo and reporting: Keith Kilpatrick

### **FIRST DAY TO FLY IN 2017**

There is a tradition in aviation that flying on January 1 is the best way to start the new year. Remember that CCSC has a requirement that each member complete an annual CCSC Field Flight Review with a CCSC instructor and get the instructor's endorsement in his/her logbook prior to acting as PIC of any CCSC glider (UOP 4.2-Pilot Qualifications). Two or more instructors will be present on January 1 and ready to work with you to complete the CCSC Field Flight Review requirement. Plan now to get 2017 off to a flying start. Weather permitting flight operations will be from noon until 4:00 pm on New Year's Day.

### **RIDGE SOARING - DAN REAGAN**

Several members have mentioned to me that they would like to learn more about soaring the Pennsylvania (Bald Eagle) ridge. Maybe over the slow season we could get together for a discussion

on ridge running. I would be glad to coordinate this Club activity and have prepared a tentative outline for the topics we will discuss.

### **FLYING THE BALD EAGLE RIDGE**

Description of the ridge system

Preparation for ridge flying

Weather forecasts

Clothes

Glider

General

Simulated ridge running using Google Earth

Methods of ridge flying

Ridge explanation

Wave explanation

Thermals

Safety issues

About 30 minutes of video will be used to demonstrate some of the above.

Raised relief plastic topographical maps will be used so you can both see and feel the ridge.

So how many are interested in a seminar type discussion on ridge running? When we see how many are interested we can set a time that meets everyone's needs. Since there appear to be several interested parties, I would expect the presentation/discussion to last about an hour and a half. So, if you are interested just send me an email to dreagan<at>fuse.net.

Note that everyone is welcome to attend even if you have no intention of flying the ridge. It will be educational.

Also, John Lubon's seminars on thermaling strategies and techniques have been popular in previous years and may be of interest to many members. This presentation is also being considered for a future seminar. - Dan Reagan

[Editor] For inspiration here is a link to a video Dan took while screaming along at tree top level at an average speed of 169 km/h during his 1007 km flight on October 24.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeeluMywUzs> Be sure to send Dan an email to express your interest.

### **SOARING CALENDARS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP - BRIAN STOOPS**

Those members who placed an order for 2017 SSA Soaring Calendars may pick them up at the display case near the phone in the clubhouse where the sign-up sheet was. If anyone else would like to order one he should contact Brian Stoops before 12/30.

### **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/>

## **MISSING: ONE-MAN-RIG**

Chuck Lohre is still looking for his one-man-rig which was in the hangar next to Tim's ASW15 trailer and behind Henry's trailer. It is black and gray and had new tires. Please let Chuck know if you know where he can find it. [chuck@lohre.com](mailto:chuck@lohre.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](mailto:bonsertom@aol.com) or 513-673-7746.

**ILEC SN10B nav computer and vario**. Came with glider but never installed. No wiring bundle. \$300 Contact Mark Miller (513)697-6477

## CCSC GROUND CREWS:

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY**

**CC:** Steve Fenstermaker (cell: 937-581-7713) **Tow Pilots:** John Armor, CR Gillespie. **Instructors:** Paul McClaskey, Tom McDonald. **Crew:** Gerry Daugherty, Mark Hanlon, Kevin Price, Dan Beans, Jul Alvarez, D. Mattmuller

### **1<sup>ST</sup> 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, Jonathan Criss, Daniel Miller, Christian Maurer, Brian Mork, Bruce Porter, Dave Rawson, Alex Teffenhardt, Laviniu Tirca, Joe Zeis.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY**

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

### **2<sup>ND</sup> 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, Fred Hawk, Kate Kreiner, Mike McKosky.

### **3<sup>RD</sup> 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, Jake Burd, Jake Click, Eric Cochran, Chandler Demler, Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Micah Ferguson, Norm Leet, Ethan Maxwell, Joshua Rising, Jack Runyon, Chris Uhl.

### **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY**

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

### **4<sup>TH</sup> 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, Andrew Dignan, Michael Hayden, Casey Hildenbrand, Henry Meyerrose, John Murray.

### **4<sup>TH</sup> 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.

## 2017 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:

Jan 29 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun Crew  
Apr 29 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Crew  
Apr 30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sun Crew  
Jul 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sat Crew  
Jul 30 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sun Crew  
Sep 30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Crew  
Oct 29 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun Crew  
Dec 30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sat  
Dec 31 – Informal (Unknown)

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