

The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of Caesar Creek Soaring Club

June 2003

Remembering Ed Lopez

“I’m ready to fly
I’m ready to soar
I’m ready to leave this world behind...”*

With the song “Ready to Fly” playing in the background, the friends and family of Ed Lopez gathered at CCSC on May 27 for a memorial service. Ed’s family and friends filled the deck, and great clouds filled the sky. It was the perfect day to soar. Ed’s love of flight was honored by a commemorative fly-by in the ASH-25, piloted by John Murray and Henry Meyerrose.

Edward F. Lopez, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.) was born in Leesburg, Florida in 1935. As a teenager he learned to fly at the Leesburg Airport and continued to fly for the rest of his life. After college he joined the U.S. Air Force and flew F-101’s. While in the Air Force he was both a pilot and a navigator. After he retired from active duty, he began a second career with General Electric, which brought him to Ohio. Additionally, he served in the Air Force Reserve. During this time, his wife Zora surprised him with a guest ride at CCSC, and Ed fell in love with the sport of soaring.

Ed flew EW, an LS-3, usually with his flying buddy Henry Meyerrose. They had many flying adventures, but one of their favorites was the wheat field landing. On this day, Ed got low and began to look for a field. The corn was too high, but there seemed to be a freshly cut wheat field within gliding distance. Ed looked it over and saw tracks in the middle of the field, which was a good sign that it had been freshly cut. Henry looked at the field and agreed that it looked like a good one. What they wouldn’t find out—until Ed landed—was that the “tracks” were different colored wheat plants. Instead of being freshly cut, the wheat was nearly four feet high and towered over Ed’s glider!!! As he landed, pieces of wheat filled his glider. Despite his best efforts to clean it out, Ed was pelted with wheat for weeks afterward and kidded about baking bread in his glider.

When he wasn’t flying, Ed loved to travel with his flying buddies. He and Zora, along with the Meyerroses, Burns, and Murrays, trekked many times to the Blue Ridge Soaring Club for fall flying in New Castle, Virginia. They attended the SSA conventions in Indianapolis and Albuquerque with many of us. In 1998 nine of us traveled to Mexico for Norb and Carolina Maurer’s wedding. No one had a better time than Señor Lopez!

Throughout the years of his membership, Ed dedicated many hours of service to the club. He served on the SSD Board of Directors and was the First Saturday Crew Chief for many years. Whenever there was a work project, Ed and Zora were always among the volunteers. CCSC was truly his second home. We will miss him very much.

Upcoming Events

1-26 Championship
July 7-17, 2003

Caesar Creek Soaring Club
P.O. Box 918
Waynesville, Ohio 45068
(513)932-7627

See our website at:

<http://www.wrightdesigns.com/ccsc>

*Ready to Fly by Jeromy Deibler, music by FFH.

2003 Wright Memorial Glider Meet

The 2003 Wright Memorial Glider Meet was held 24-26 2003. After several years of questionable weather, the entry list was short this year. But those who participated enjoyed two days of soaring, and the final day was one of the best seen this year. John Lubon was the overall winner, but he was pushed hard by Alan Widner 13 points back in second. Terry Buker enjoyed his first contest, finishing the task each day, and scoring third overall. Brad Towne also got an introduction to contest flying, teaming up with Joe Jackson in the club L-23, and in a single contest experienced both the highs and lows of contest flying. Brad and Joe landed at Wright Brothers airport on the first day, but came roaring back to win the second day overall.

Special thanks to all of those who helped make this event a success. Thanks go to Rob Cluxton for his service as the Contest Director, and to the tow pilots and crews who allowed us to have successful contest days. Kent Sorrell was once again the key to the very successful Sunday night Ox Roast. (We really do appreciate your labor and your skill, Kent!) Claire Crook and Sandy Holzwarth also were instrumental in making the Ox Roast a success. And finally, thanks to club in general, those members who did not fly but allowed us to have a contest, and to the members who did support the contest by signing up and competing.

Why don't you join us next year?

- Richard Holzwarth

Wright Memorial Glider Meet 2003
Caesar Creek Soaring Club

Final Cumulative Standings

Rank	Points	ID	Name	Glider
1	1561	JL	Lubon, John	Ventus CM
2	1548	3F	Widner, Alan	PIK-20B
3	1156	TV	Buker, Terry	SZD-48-3
4	1116	L23	Towne, Brad / Jackson, Joe	L-23 Super
5	952	AT	Lohre, Chuck	PIK-20D
6	942	AHA	Schmidt, Dieter / Crook, Greg	ASH-25
7	652	11	Byars, Guy	Discus 2B
8	569	RD	Hegele, Rolf	H-201 Std
9	450	322	Maxwell, Bill / DeNaples, Pat	SGS 1-26C
10	188	GC	Crook, Greg	LS-6
11	71	63	Holzwarth, Dick	ASW-20
12	0	X3	Painter, Frank	LS-4
12	0	19T	Holleran, Tom	Russia AC-4

Return to Kitty Hawk

The Return to Kitty Hawk race will be arriving at CCSC on or about June 28. Arrival is dependent on the weather throughout the course of the race. CCSC is hosting a dinner for the participants and volunteers are welcome to help with dinner and traffic control. The contestants are coming with their own crew and support so little will be needed in terms of launching them. There is a chance they won't be able to make it to CCSC if they lose too many weather days during the race they will have to skip us and fly on to Gallipolis. Contact Gil Stengel to volunteer at gstengel@fuse.net.

-Gil Stengel

MINUTES OF CCSC BOARD MEETING - May 17, 2002

Those present: Bob Root, Bill Maxwell, Aaron Sorrell, Dieter Schmidt, Norb Maurer, John Lubon and Jim Hurst.

Absent: Pat DeNaples and Bob Gaerttner.

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM. Minutes of the previous meeting were published in the Newsletter and a copy was not available. Such will be available at future meetings. The Financial report was reviewed and approved. The SSA Convention was a financial success and SSD received a check from SSA for the maximum expected share.

A fourth golf cart (the green one) has been received and is in operation. Towplane 48L is having a new fuel tank bladder installed and after that all three tow planes are operational. 33Z had a low battery last week and may need a replacement. There was no progress in the search for a 1-26 D or E as no candidate has come to light.

The runway drainage project has been completed except for reseeding. It is difficult to measure the effectiveness of this project, but water is flowing from the outlet. Also, the field was very wet on Saturday May 10, but was completely dry on Wednesday May 13.

The pros and cons of leasing the L-23 for use in Florida under the direction of Dick Eckels during January to March, 2004 was further discussed. A final decision was not made and the idea will be reconsidered if Dick is serious about this at the end of the year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Jim Hurst
Secretary, SSD

CCSC Board Meeting Minutes / 3 May 2003

This meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM. Board members in attendance were Mike Karraker (President), Joe Jackson (VP), Greg Crook (Secretary), Jim Lowe (Treasurer), Rolf Hegele (Maintenance) and Dave Menchen (Operations). Absent were and Bill Parr (Facilities), Dick Holzwarth (Social) and Jim Price (PR). The minutes of the previous meeting were modified and approved and the treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business: Joe Jackson reported that he purchased an Internet service account for CCSC and will notify the membership of this new service in the next newsletter. Joe also reported progress on selecting new accounting software for CCSC and will test a version of Quick Books next month using Board Member accounts. Gil Stengel agreed to obtain a quotation from Eastern Sailplane for gel coat repairs that may be made to our Grob next winter. Rolf Hegele gave a report on the aircraft annual inspection and advised us that he will install a new interior for the Grob prior to our next meeting. Dave Menchen agreed to make arrangements to meet with Dayton Approach to determine our best course of action regarding airspace conflicts and will also make the needed changes to our flight cards and limited member cards. Dave will also review and bring all new CCSC membership applications to this board for board approval. Mike Karraker will contact Bill Parr to arrange or reschedule a clean-up day at CCSC. Our delinquent account list has been reduced significantly thanks to the efforts of Pat DeNaples. Dave Menchen and Rolf Hegele will study our delinquent account procedures and provide recommendations.

New Business: Aaron Sorrell reported on the results of the financial review that he provided in conjunction with Sara Palmer, Gil Stengel, Pat DeNaples and Nancy Hudson. The board moved to accept this report and expressed their appreciation to this group for the quality of this review and their recommendations. The board then agreed to make all future deposits to our checking account and will proceed with efforts to consolidate our financial accounting systems using one type of accounting software only. Mike Karraker presented the subject of changing to a Public Use Airport and it was agreed that Mike, Rolf and Joe would investigate this subject and report their findings to the board next month. The Return to Kittyhawk participants are expected to be in our area sometime between June 29-July 1 (depending on the weather) and the board agreed to host a picnic or party of some type when this group arrives at CCSC. The board approved a request by Rich Carraway to host a youth camp 30 June through 2 July. The Chamber of Commerce picnic is scheduled for July 25 and Jim Miceli will manage it. The board reviewed a member's request for a reduction in his membership dues, the board declined this request and Greg Crook will draft a reply in this regard. Gil Stengel requested approval to purchase T-shirts for the club and the board approved this request. Jim Lowe agreed to contact the SSA to determine when we are to receive our share of profit from the 2003 convention. This meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Greg Crook, CCSC Secretary

PLAN A PARTY AT CCSC

It's party season at CCSC and everyone can participate. There's no such thing as a bad party, although some are certainly better than others. So if you have an idea for party that might be a little different, or if you would just like to take charge and show off your party animal qualities contact Dick or Sandy Holzwarth at: (937) 885 4156.

Submissions for *The Frequent Flyer* should be sent to:

aaronsorrell@ameritech.net

- or -

Aaron Sorrell
128 McDaniel St.
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July 7-17, 2003

1-26 Championships

Hosts: Caesar Creek Soaring Club

Contact: Pat De Naples

ccsc@go-concepts.com

Classifieds

For Sale:

1977 MacGregor 22' Venture sailboat with 5hp Evinrude. Sleeps 4. \$3250 Complete and ready to sail. Remember that glider pilots make natural sailors. Gene Wade 937-667-5619

For Sale:

One-fifth share of Big Wings, ASH-25E, including Cobra trailer, competition instruments, new winglets and 55-1 L/D. Contact Greg Crook at 513-494-1350 or email gregcrook@att.net.

For Sale:

Dutchman Travel Trailer, **Price Reduced to \$6500**, 1991, 30', \$8000 OBO. Currently on site at the CCSC campgrounds. Contact Greg at 513-494-1350 or greg.crook@att.net.

For Sale:

Security 150 parachute, chair-type. Also Raine Winter barograph, 10 km.
Contact Kent Sorrell 937-855-7135

For Sale:

18' Travel Trailer, 1994 Innsbruck by Gulfstream, lots of extras and everything in good working order. Asking \$4200. Call Jim Price at 513-677-2374

For Sale:

1/16 share in Redwing Soaring Club. Two 1-26's, recently refurbished with trailers, radios and parachute. Contact Jim Hurst at 859-331-7557 or e-mail at jfhurst@fuse.net.

Crew Schedule

Date	Crew Chief	Tow Pilots	Instructors	Ground Crew
1st Sat & 3/29	A. Sorrell G. Daugherty	J. Armor T. Hudson	R. Hennig W. Miley	J. Beaupre, J. Chiles, A. Colvin, D. Colvin, P. Nord, Dave Edwards, J. Lowe
1st Sun & 3/30	M. Karraker R. Carraway	M. Maurer N. Maurer D. Schmidt	A. Swanson J. Sorrell	W. Van Breukelen, M. Jett, W. Schmid M. Munz, B.& B Towne, J. Miles, D. Rawson S. Tagariello, T..Lynch
2nd Sat & 5/31	R. Root D. Staarmann	R Anderson	J. Price J. Hurst M. Williams	J. Antrim, J. Biernacki, B. Connolly, W. Detert, S. Trefzger, J. Benner, J. Inman
2nd Sun & 6/29	D. Menchen	L. Kirkbride F. Hawk T. Holloran	G. Wade T. Rudolf	R. Anderson, Ed Dorosz, M. & L. McKosky, K. Menchen, J. Muth, P. Pedersen, R.Sexton, M. Debeque, J. Smissaert, T. & G. McDonald, H Goebel
3rd Sat & 8/30	R. Griffiths	D. Green R. Hegele A. Widner	B. Gaerttner C. De Berry	B. Boesel, R. Weaver, D. Klenbanow E. Lopez, T. Bresser, T. Lynch, J. Miquel H. Poelzing, P. Vintrup, D. Rivers
3rd Sun & 8/31	J. Morari B. Paar	B. Oagley	R. Eckels * B. Gabbard J. Walasek	S. Estell, K. Sorrell, J. Koons, M. Keller K. Robertson, S. Shields, T. Bonser R. Reinhart, J. Macnicol
4th Sat & 11/29	J. Miceli J. Murray	T. Bales G. Byars S. Day	J. Jackson ** T. Bales	T. Spillane, C. Lohre, H. Meyerrose, E. Saladin, B. Stoops, A. Dignan
4th Sun & 11/30	R. Holzwarth M. Statt	F. Paynter R. Scheper	J. Lubon	C. Burns, R. Cedar, G. Crook, B. Kish, J. Jordan, P. Lubon, G. Stengel, G. Berneir
Floating Crew		T. Buker R. Cluxton R. Garrison E. Gieselman J. Goabel G. McDowell G. Owen G. Penner E. Rutherford G. Tyler	T. Buker R, Cluxton R. Garrison J. Goebel G. McDowell G. Penner E. Rutherford G. Tyler	D. Taschuk

* Designated Examiner

** Chief Instructor

**If you are not assigned to a crew and would like to be, contact Dave Menchen at
513-779-0821.**