

The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of Caesar Creek Soaring Club

October 2004

Ready... Set... Go...

By: Brian Stoops – Dir of Operations

I have tried to get around and observe every crew. I want to commend you ALL on your efforts and hard work. However, there is still a blaringly obvious problem, I would like to take a few minutes to address.

This problem was addressed in the Crew Chief's meeting and left up to the Crew Chiefs to address. Since I have seen a wide spread epidemic I thought I would address the problem my self.

The problem is that people are taking too long to get ready, thus causing the towplane to sit idling and burning gas. Who is paying for that gas? You are... with higher prices because we are using and paying for extra fuel. Let's look at this scenario...

Let's say the average crew does 40 flights a day, and each of flights the pilot takes an extra 3 minutes to get ready. Yes, a simple 3 minutes. That is 120 minutes or 2 hours that the towplane is sitting idling, or about 8 flights a day that are missed. So we are throwing away \$\$\$ and also missing opportunities to get more revenue for your club. So we can continue to upgrade our fleet.

Have you ever noticed that the private (sailplane) pilots are usually in the cockpit before the towplane is on the ground? Well they are. They have done all of their checks and getting settled into the cockpit and are ready to fly. I would like to see more of that from the training membership. Put a little extra urgency in your preparation. Here are a few things you can do to help with that urgency.

1. Be Prepared. Have all your stuff and know what you are going to do.
2. Find your instructor and talk to them before you get in the plane.
3. Know what plane you are going to fly and check it out before you are 2nd in line.
4. Be in the cockpit of your plane while the plane ahead of you is launching.
 - Students this may require you to be in the plane before your instructor gets there, but have your logbook and tow card ready.
 - If you are not ready, do not get in the plane until you are. This may require waving off a tow, and taking the next one. I would rather see you do that, then have the towplane sit idling.

Upcoming Events!!

The Buckeye Nationals!

Standard Class National
Soaring Championship
14-23 June 2005

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

I understand that there are going to be different circumstances that may require you to break these suggestions. That is fine... but DON'T do it on every flight.

This will also require the crews to be prepared and have planes staged in proper order and be prepared to move a plane that is not ready.

I am not trying to be a hard @\$@ about this, I just wanted to let you know about an observation I made on most crews and ask that you try and do your part and help out where you can, to minimize the delayed take-offs. Thanks for your attention to this matter and KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

New Ground Traffic Pattern at West End of Field

The CCSC Board is establishing a new traffic pattern for vehicles and pedestrians at the west end of the field. From now on, the CCSC Board requires that all traffic reaching the end of the gravel path past the clubhouse and campground area stay to the left and proceed alongside the campground and the woods. Traffic going back towards the clubhouse should also stay to the left alongside the woods. The idea is to always pass behind the towplanes and whatever gliders or other activity is going on in the cleared area alongside the runway. (At the campground end, the new traffic lane is marked with a rope.)

This new pattern applies to ALL traffic, members on foot, golf carts, personal cars. Golf carts or members actually engaged in moving sailplanes on or off the runway may transit across the area alongside the runway. Other than this, we want you, yes, YOU to go around the back. We ask your cooperation in complying with this new procedure, and we ask crew chiefs to begin enforcing it.

The idea here is to keep people and vehicles away from towplanes as much as possible, and to keep the area clear for towplanes to enter and exit. This new procedure really allows us to operate on the west end in the same manner as on the east end, where we ask traffic to follow the path through the woods, and stay clear of the operating area.

CAESAR CREEK SOARING CLUB LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday - December 4, 2004 @ 11:30AM

Hammel House Inn
121 South Main Street,
Waynesville, OH

Reservations needed by November 29th

CALL: in Cincinnati - Doris Morari 513-984-0561 or Margie Meyerrose 385-7329
in Dayton - Harolyn Burns 937-256-0345
in Columbus - Kim Paar 614-775-0050

FLYING HIGH

This series lets us acknowledge flying achievements and happenings around the gliderport. If you know of someone who should be recognized, please forward the information to Rolf Hegele, 937-271-5003, rhegele@erinet.com.

- Gene Yee completed his first solo flight in a 2-33 on Sunday, September 12. He received an enthusiastic round of applause from the flight line when he executed a perfect approach and landing!
- Matt Wiebe is a new CCSC member, and he soloed a club 2-33 on Sunday, September 5th. Matt originally soloed at John Lane's operation in 1991, and had not flown gliders for over ten years. Nice job, Matt!
- Steve McManus soloed on 29 August. He's following in his daughter's (Liz) footsteps who soloed during the Youth Soaring Camp; soon to be followed by his other daughter Kat on 17 October, her 14th birthday. What a great soaring family.
- Marty Keller had his first non-airport landout. He landed in a field just south of Morningstar.
- Don Burns has been energetically pursuing the Traveling Trophy from the Indianapolis club. We're preparing an article describing the trophy, but basically it requires a flight of 97.3 miles to Alexandria, Indiana. Just this last month, Don made this flight (and the return) on two consecutive days. After Don retrieved the trophy on Saturday, the Indianapolis Club sent two people to retrieve it on Sunday. Meanwhile Don had made the flight again and delayed his landing until after the others had landed at CCSC. Although the trophy should have stayed at CCSC, the word of Don's landing did not get back in time to prevent them from taking the trophy. Who will make the trip next and get the trophy back?

Don't forget to check the X-C board in the patio area. This highlights the longest flights and points achieved by our members for the on-line contest. CCSC has moved up to 20th in the US with only 7 pilots participating and logging their flights. *Let's get some more participation!!*



CCSC Board Minutes September 4, 2004

In attendance were Joe Jackson, President; Brian Stoops, Operations; Dave Menchen, Maintenance; Bill Paar, Grounds; Dick Holzwarth, Social; Dave Rawson, Publicity; Jim Lowe, Treasurer; and Rolf Hegele, Secretary. The previous minutes were reviewed and approved with one modification: we will use our normal gift certificates for charitable purposes, which will be charged at normal member rates. The Treasurer's report was accepted as is. The results of the financial review were presented. Revenues are down due to lower membership and the loss of income from no Regional Contest and no air show participation. Expenses appear to be in line with projections. It was agreed that the trends will continue to be watched for any anomaly. Bill Gabbard indicated that his account was charged for a guest ride that he piloted and his account was now being shown in arrears. It was pointed out that all guest flights are charged to the crew chief's account and it is his responsibility to collect the money. Jim Lowe will talk to Sara to correct Bill's account.

Dave Menchen offered to buy a camera and printer for about \$100 to put in the trailer. Its use would be to document significant activities as well as guest rides. The board took no action on this item. It was pointed out that the Grob needed some maintenance: the wing root tape needs to be replaced and the front vent window needs to be replaced. It was pointed out that the Plane Crews, in conjunction with the maintenance director, have responsibility for these kinds of repairs. It is however every member's responsibility to bring items to the attention of the maintenance director or the Crew Chief.

Dick Holzwarth requested clarification on the new traffic pattern at the west end of the field. He will prepare a Newsletter article indicating that all traffic: pedestrians, cars and golf carts, are all to go behind the leach field. Linda Murray presented the new clothing lines. She recommended that we obtain a new display case and a process by which the items would be available for purchase by guests. The club will look for a new, larger display case.

A question was raised as to whether a Board Member must be a member of the club. A review of the current By-Laws indicated that there is no limitation or restriction on who can be on the board. We received a letter from the Waynesville Police Department reminding us not to fly low over the Sauerkraut festival. Dave Rawson will prepare a Where-to-Fly update for the SSA website. The Ohio Department of Taxation notified us of a new tax structure and the information was forwarded to Jim Lowe. Chris Welsh and Paul Fisher are new tow pilots for the club. Because of family health situation, a recent new member requested he be terminated. The board agreed to reimburse him his initiation fee less flying expenses. The UOPs have been updated and are available on our website. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Open Items were reviewed with the following held over or new from this meeting:

- Review the available Public Use Airport documentation from Jim Micelli and prepare a presentation to the membership - Joe Jackson, Mike Karraker, Rolf Hegele
- Review annual Pawnee costs - Rolf Hegele
- Document Tow Pilot Qualification process - Paul McClaskey
- Emergency Response Plan - Buck Towne
- Update Emergency Phone List - Joe Jackson
- Purchase driving directions software

- 1-34 flying cost review
 - Terms and conditions for using Cubby's tow plane - Joe Jackson
 - Trailer park planning - Bill Paar
 - Foot fairings for the 2-33s - Dave Menchen
 - Update the late notice letter – Jim Lowe
 - Continue ground and launch crew discussions for the Nationals – Board
 - Prepare newsletter article for traffic changes behind the leach field – Dick
 - Resolve insurance issue requirements – Bill Paar
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SSD Board Meeting
September 18, 2004

Those present: Root, Towne, Maxwell, Schmidt, Hurst, Detert, Lubon and Norb Maurer.
Absent: Sorrell. Visiting: Chris Palmer, Pat DeNaples

The meeting was called to order by President Lubon at 9:40 AM. The minutes of the previous meeting and the financial report were reviewed and approved.

At the previous meeting, Chris Palmer had alerted the Board that the gang mower was requiring excessive maintenance and that spare parts were not available. He was instructed to investigate the cost and availability of a new (or used) mower. Chris reported on several mowers which are available at a cost of \$10,000 to \$11,000, one being a 17 foot wide mower which had advantages of cost, performance and interchangeability of parts. The board authorized Chris to proceed to buy a replacement mower for up to \$11,000, using his judgment to choose from those available.

Concern was expressed at the previous meeting about the deterioration of the picnic shelter and Norb Maurer was to investigate the cost of replacing the roof. This structure is now used as a storage facility for the small tractor and several club trailers. Norb reported at this meeting that he had a bid of \$3200 for replacement of the roof including new plywood. There is some possibility of an increase in plywood cost due to the recent hurricanes, so the Board authorized \$3500 for this project and asked Norb to proceed.

It was reported that Paul Schweizer had died recently and a memorial service is scheduled in Elmira. Pat DeNaples and Wally Detert planned to attend the service and Wally suggested that the club make a donation to the Soaring Museum in Paul Schweizer's name. The Board approved a donation of \$500.

The next meeting will be had at 9:30 AM at the gliderport on Saturday October 16, 2004

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Jim Hurst
SSD Secretary

The Buckeye Nationals
Standard Class National Soaring Championship
Caesar Creek Gliderport, Waynesville, OH
14-23 June 2005

Caesar Creek Soaring Club has been selected to host the Standard Class National Championship in 2005. The best sailplane racers in America will be here to compete in what is always one of the most hotly contested championships, and we get to host it! This is an honor for our club, an opportunity to showcase ourselves, and a chance to generate some additional income.

But it is also going to be a HUGE challenge. In some ways, this event will be more difficult to bring about than the convention, and certainly will require the same, or greater level of commitment and involvement by the club. There is much to be done, both long term, such as preparing the gliderport, and during the conduct of the event. We have to be ready to receive upwards of 40 entrants and crews and be prepared to support 12 full days of racing and practice, with all the functions and services required, and we have to provide for social functions.

We will need club members to help with welcoming guests, registration, ground operations, towing, retrieve calls, contest scoring, results reporting, weather, and social activities. There is plenty of work for everyone! Please contact Dick Holzwarth for more information.

Classifieds

For Sub Lease:

Space in trailer storage barn (two doors). Three years remaining as of Nov. 1st.
Contact John Antrim (513) 825-1447 or Bob Root (513) 575-5494.

For Sale:

LS-1F, N261EH, built 1975, 1950 hours, easy to fly, good choice for transition to fiberglass; \$18,000. Will also consider ¼ shares. Email: Dieter.Schmidt@uc.edu or by telephone at (937) 748-5390.

For Sale:

1-26B, N1230 with trailer \$6500. Trailer needs TLC. Contact John Antrim at (513) 825-1447 or Andy Swanson at (937) 376-9473.

For Sale:

For Sale: One share of Redwings Soaring Club, "Two 1-26's."
Contact Tom Bales @ 937 256 4843 or tombales@donet.com.

For Sale:

One share of Redwings SGS 1-26. Contact Stewart Trefzger at 513-561-5579 or e-mail at strefzger@worldnet.att.net

For Sale or Rent:

26' Kencraft 1966 Travel Trailer. Located at the glider port. \$1500.
Contact Gloria Dalton for rental information at 704 394-0401, or e-mail gbdalton@juno.com.

Crew Schedule

Date	Crew Chief	Tow Pilots	Instructors	Ground Crew
1st Sat & 10/30	G. Daugherty D. Edwards	J. Armor T. Hudson	R. Eslinger McClaskey***x	J. Beaupre, J. Chiles, A. Colvin, J. Lowe, A. Sorrell, T. James, L. Sergeant
1st Sun & 10/31	M. Karraker D. Rawson	M. Maurer N. Maurer D. Schmidt	G. Penner - x A. Swanson R. Carraway-x	G & G Monn, M. Munz, W. Van Breukelen, D. Burns, J. Sorrell, G. Yee
2nd Sat & 7/31	R. Root D. Staarmann	R Anderson B. Towne	J. Price J. Hurst M. Williams	J. Antrim, J. Biernacki, B. Connolly, D. Colvin, W. Detert, S. Trefzger, J. Benner, J. Inman, B. Towne Jr.,
2nd Sun & 8/29	D. Menchen T. McDonald	F. Hawk T. Holloran	G. Wade - x T. Rudolf	P & D Cahill, M. Debeque, J & H Goebel, G. McDonald, J. McDowell, M & L McKosky, K. Menchen, P. Pedersen, R. Sexton, E. Tete, M. Ganis
3rd Sat & 5/29	R. Hegele S. McManus	D. Green R. Scheper A. Widner	C. DeBerry – x B. Gaerttner	B. Boesel, T. Bresser, M. Drummey, P. Vintrup, R. Griffiths, L & K McManus
3rd Sun & 5/30	J. Morari B. Paar	G. Owens R. Hennig - x	R. Eckels - x* B. Gabbard R.	T. Bonser, M. Keller, J. Koons, J. MacNicol, K. Sorrell, C. Richardson, C. Welsh
4th Sat & 1/31	J. Miceli J. Murray	L. Kirkbride - x G. Byars S. Day	J. Jackson **	T. Scott, C. Lohre, H. Meyerrose, E. Saladin, R. Holzwarth, A. Dignan, D. Corni, T. Bales
4th Sun & 2/29	M. Statt G. Crook	D. Fisher	J. Lubon B. Gabbard	R. Cedar, M. Jett, G. Berneir, B. Stoops, C. Sheets, B. Cooper

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Submissions are due by the Monday before the
first Saturday of each month.