

The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of Caesar Creek Soaring Club

April 2005

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:

Upcoming Events!!

Clean Up Day

April 9 (rain date April 16)

Cinco De Mayo Party!

May 7

Standard Class National Soaring Championship

June 14-23

Packard Museum Tour

June 22

CCSC Youth Camp

July 10 - 15

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<http://www.soarccsc.com>

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.

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

Flight Instructor's Meeting

There will be a CCSC Flight Instructor's meeting held at the CCSC clubhouse on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 beginning at 7:00 PM. All CCSC CFG's are encouraged to attend.

Dick Eckels plans to brief the CCSC Instructors on the new up and coming procedures for performing CFI administrative tasks via the Internet. Other general discussion and briefing on CCSC operations and flight training will be conducted.

If any of the CCSC CFGs want to add a specific item for discussion to the agenda, please contact me well in advance of the meeting and we'll try to include your topic on the agenda.

The meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday evening rather than on the weekend to avoid conflicts with normal crew operations and flying. It is expected that the meeting will take several hours due to the relatively large amount of material to be covered.

Joe Jackson
CCSC Chief Instructor

SSA Region 6 Town Hall
Saturday, 12 March 2005

Todd Herzog, Todd.Herzog@paradigmtechnologies.com; David Newill, dbnsoaring@ameritech.net, 317-873-2262, Chair of the Clubs Committee; and Dean Carswell, Chairman of the SSA Board addressed the group. Highlights are as follows.

Dave and Todd expressed their sincere appreciation to:

- The Ladies of Caesars Creek Soaring Club for the exceptional food!
- Dick Holzwarth and the CCSC club for their wonderful support in hosting this Town Hall
- Dean Carswell – who clearly shows why he is our Chairman of SSA
- Rich Carlson – as chairman of the Soaring Safety Foundation for fielding so many questions
- **All** of the 41 active participants from Region 6 (and one from Region 5) for their great participation and challenging questions!

And a VERY SPECIAL thanks to John Lubon, [\[lubon.j@pg.com\]](mailto:lubon.j@pg.com) now appointed as SSA State Governor for Ohio. We are thrilled to have John on board as Gov!

Dean Carswell reviewed the “new” SSA and how it is actually something more than a magazine and a website. As an example of what the SSA has dealt with for all of the membership, he went over the recent proposed TSA restrictions on instructors and the records we would have needed to keep on foreign students – or maybe all students for that matter! SSA has also taken on the Pawnee’s converted to tow-plane issues ensuring us of good tow equipment.

A number of questions and issues from the floor were addressed:

Question: Why was the SSA Logo change not voted on by the membership / explained to the membership?

Answer: The new Logo has had as many positive comments as negative. The board had decided that something needed to be done to help signify the changes being made in a more modern organization and the Logo was one of those changes.

Rich Carlson, who had been working all day with Dean on the Flight Instructor Review Clinic (FIRC), stayed to deal with safety and instructor issues. Clearly we heard that the instructors want a more complete syllabus, baseline of instruction, or ‘best-practice –guide” for training pilots and CFG’s. Rich brought up the publishing rights to the Soaring Flight Manual – another thing that SAA HQ and the SSF are working to complete. Some of the discussion focused on the fact that 74% of accidents are on approach and landing. The SSF is working hard to address this critical flight area. Some suggested the above syllabus might be a WIKI format document so that other could add their suggestions on-line as needed. Others want to know if other countries are experiencing similar statistics – and if not – what are they doing differently. The BGA’s self-certification was discussed. Several times Region 6er’s complemented SSF for taking a proactive stance on safety and flight instruction.

Question: How can we help the SSF?

Answer: We can all help the SSF by attending or helping FIRC’s and donating to the Eagle Fund (check out your latest issue of Soaring for info on the Eagle Fund)

Todd Herzog and Dave Newill took their turn in the barrel and heard:

Concern was expressed about CCSC, as a private field, having no legal protection from nearby construction (think Cell Tower on final ~~ UGH!) but if they become a public use airport they may find themselves needing to spend LOTS of dollars meeting anti-terrorist requirements. Just think of what it costs to put a real fence around an airport! ACTION: - check with SSA Government Committee (Steve Northcraft) on this issue.

There is a lot of interest / concern about the lack of flexibility in our current insurance policies. "Insurance cost our club more than fuel!" Members expressed a clear desire to have something that allowed some level of optional deductible on hull insurance. ACTION – Check with Costello on this idea. As an example, the carrier sends out an adjuster for something like canopy damage? This just costs the policy money and adds no benefit.

How will the SSA be handling Sport Pilot Licenses? This was an unknown that will be addressed. It was asked how other clubs handle Reciprocal Agreements so pilots from one club can fly their aircraft at another clubs site? How do you make them a member for that day? (Really an insurance issue). Right now each Club is handling it individually.

Comment on overall SSA membership growth – we need to remember that just selling subscriptions is not the same as growing the sport. SSA does need to gain members to have funds to do marketing, but it really needs long-term pilots to underpin that growth.

After over two hours of Town Hall – and once again the Region 6 gang proved that Soaring people are GREAT people – we had to call it a night and head home thru the snow. Spring is coming and I am anxious to get AW out of the trailer!

Again – Todd and Dave are REALLY excited about things going on in Region 6 and our new way of working in the SSA.

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR COMMENT – try to contact–

KY – State Gov Vacant

Louisville Soaring Club – President Mike .Carlson, michael.carlson@insightbb.com

IN – State Gov – Cheryl Beckage – beckage@indy.net

MI – State Gov – Steve Townsend sptownsend@earthlink.net

OH – State Gov – John Lubon lubon.j@pg.com

Region Directors

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Wax those wings – Spring is coming!

Wanted Dead or Alive... Johnny Instructor!

Now that all of you instructors are 'refreshed'; after the Crash Course on 3/12-13, and ready to instruct. Is there someone who is willing to work on the 2nd Sunday crew. I have lost an instructor and that leaves them with one. I have asked a few people with little success, and I am hoping that there is someone who can step up and help out, if you have the time and energy. Thanks. FLY Safe!
Brian Stoops

MINUTES OF SSD BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Lubon at 9:40 AM. Those present: Hurst, Detert, Root, Maxwell, Maurer, Lubon and Schmidt. Absent were Sorrell and Towne. Visiting: Dick Holzwarth, President of CCSC and many others.

Minutes of the previous meeting and the financial report were reviewed and approved. Dieter Schmidt reported that \$30,000 had been placed in a 3 month CD. He pointed out that interest rates are rising and the penalty for early withdrawal is severe, so short term investments are advisable. The board agreed to place another \$30,000 in a CD.

There was a lengthy discussion on the options for a towplane storage facility. The objectives remain, an all metal building for fire safety, easy access to any towplane, and a convenient location. The most interesting option appears to be a four bay T hangar, with the main problem being location. An option of building a single plane hangar on the end of each storage barn was eliminated because of serious interference with glider erection.

Dick Holzwarth expressed concern that the SSD board was permanently shelving the idea of a new ASK-21. We assured him that project is only being delayed because of the unfavorable exchange rates. Supplying a safe, fire resistant storage facility for the tow planes has a higher priority at this time.

A review of recent and projected business models showing income and expenses indicates that fees are about right at this moment, and therefore no action is indicated.

The Board approved the expenditure of \$2500 for another golf cart, and \$400 for a new chain saw.

The Board indicated that there should be no further cutting of trees on the property without the approval of the Grounds person.

Plans were finalized for the upcoming annual meeting of SSD. Mailing of ballots and associated materials will be ready the week of March 21. The mailing should be completed on or before March 26.

A date was not set for the next board meeting since it may be possible to carry out necessary business at the annual meeting. If not, a date will be decided for the April meeting at that time.

Jim Hurst
Secretary, SSD

CCSC 3rd Annual Youth Soaring Camp

The CCSC Board has approved the date for the 2005 CCSC Youth Soaring Camp to be held from July 10th through 15th. The 2005 camp, like past camps will provide intensive instruction leading to the awarding of SSA A, B, C, and Bronze badges. Youth Camp is limited to youths between the ages of 12 to 21, must be CCSC members and member families, we also allow a limited number of SSA youth members from other clubs to attend.

For the 2005 camp, there is a size limit of 15 youth campers. Priority registration given to volunteer families and past campers. Campers 14 and younger require parent /guardian attendance. Questions on the camp please contact - Steve McManus 513-777-4727 steve.mcmanus@ae.ge.com, or Buck Towne 937-299-9697 townehouse720@aol.com.

Election of SSD Directors

The annual meeting of the Soaring Society of Dayton will be held on Tuesday April 11, 2005. There will be three vacancies on the Board of Directors. We will be preparing the ballot for the annual election in early March. In keeping with the totally democratic traditions of the organization, we are hereby soliciting candidates for these vacancies. Please indicate your intentions by notifying the Secretary of SSD, Jim Hurst at 859-331-7557 or by e-mail at jfhurst@fuse.net. Also, if you intend to run for this office, you can state your qualifications by sending a newsletter paragraph to Aaron Sorrell at 129 McDaniel Street, Dayton, Ohio 45405, or by e-mail at aaronsorrell@ameritech.net.

Last year, an item of business that was on the ballot was the resolution to change the date of the annual meeting from the 2nd Tuesday in April to the 2nd Wednesday in April. The idea was that there is club activity every Wednesday, and holding the annual meeting on Wednesday would increase participation. So many members either overlooked this item on the ballot or chose to ignore it that there were not enough votes to carry the resolution. If the Board again puts this resolution on the ballot, we ask that you seriously consider it, and cast your vote one way or the other.

Jim Hurst, Secretary, SSD

SSD Write In Candidate: Bill Gabbard

Bill first joined the club in 1985. The years since then have been full of enjoyment, fun and personal growth. For most of that time he has served on fourth Sunday crew (as crew chief for several years) and now serves on third Sunday crew. In July 2002 he became a CFI-G. Bill has been a partner in several gliders including the LAK-12, the Schweitzer SGS 1-36. He has recently become part of the Redwings and also owns the SZD-48 Jantar. The Gabbard camper is the "weekend home" for Bill, his wife Barb and grandson Brady. He feels strongly that Caesar Creek Soaring Club is a wonderful place to enjoy the fun of soaring, dear friends, and the great outdoors. It's a great place for our children and our young members to grow to maturity. Bill feels a personal responsibility to see that the tangible assets of our club are well maintained and safeguarded for the foreseeable future.

Soar CCSC (.com)

CCSC now has it's own domain name: www.soarccsc.com! Be sure to update your bookmarks. Happy New Year CCSC!

The CCSC Gallery is now online. If you have photos you'd like to share, just create a login and upload them to a new album. There will be "official" albums for events such as the Wright Memorial and Standard Class Nationals that anyone with a login can add to. The website now has a search function, a calendar and a list of upcoming events on the home page.

Classifieds

For Sale:

One share of Redwings Soaring Club, "The Two Best Looking and Flying 1-26's East (or West) of the Mississippi!" Contact John MacNicol (W) (937) 656-7276, (H) (937) 320-5143, or email John.MacNicol@wpafb.af.mil

For Sale:

LS-1C (1969) 1480TT, fresh annual, Kuhn trailer, barograph, parachute. \$17,000. Contact Kent Sorrell (937) 855-7135 or Dana Colvin (513) 272-0360.

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:

1/3 share of ASW-15 "6V" \$4200.00 Easy terms available!! Contact gstengel@fuse.net or 513-470-6372

Crew Schedule

	<i>Crew Chief</i>	<i>Tow Pilots</i>	<i>Instructors</i>	<i>Ground Crew</i>
1st Sat & 4/30	G. Daugherty D. Edwards	J. Armor T. Hudson	R. Eslinger McClaskey***x	J. Beaupre, A. Colvin, J. Lowe, T. James, L. Sergent
1st Sun & 5/29	M. Karraker D. Rawson	M. Maurer N. Maurer D. Schmidt	G. Penner - x A. Swanson R. Carraway-x	M. Munz, W. Van Breukelen, D. Burns, G. Yee, M. Anthony, D. Gold, M. Miller, M & A. Rytel, T & M Schopp, W. Smith
2nd Sat & 1/29	R. Root D. Staarmann	R. Anderson B. Towne G. Wade - x	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., C. Welsh
2nd Sun & 1/30	D. Menchen T. McDonald	F. Hawk T. Holloran	T. Rudolf	P & D Cahill, M. Debeque, J & H Goebel, G. McDonald, J. McDowell, M & L McKosky, K. Menchen, P. Pedersen, R. Sexton, M. Ganis, E Dorosz
3rd Sat & 10/29	R. Hegele S. McManus	D. Green R. Scheper A. Widner	C. DeBerry - x B. Gaertner	B. Boesel, T. Bresser, M. Drummey, P. Vintrup, R. Griffiths, L & K McManus, C. Richardson, R. Greenlee
3rd Sun & 10/30	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, J. Sorrell, A. Sorrell,
4th Sat & 7/30 12/31	J. Miceli H. Meyerrose	L. Kirkbride - x G. Byars S. Day	J. Jackson** T. Lynch	T. Scott, C. Lohre, J. Murray, E. Saladin, R. Holzwarth, A. Dignan, D. Corni, T. Bales
4th Sun & 7/31	B. Stoops	D. Fisher - x T. Blume F. Paynter	J. Lubon B. Gabbard	R. Cedar, G. Berneir, C. Sheets, B. Cooper, Dr. Krejci, P. Callihan, B. Kish

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