

The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of Caesar Creek Soaring Club

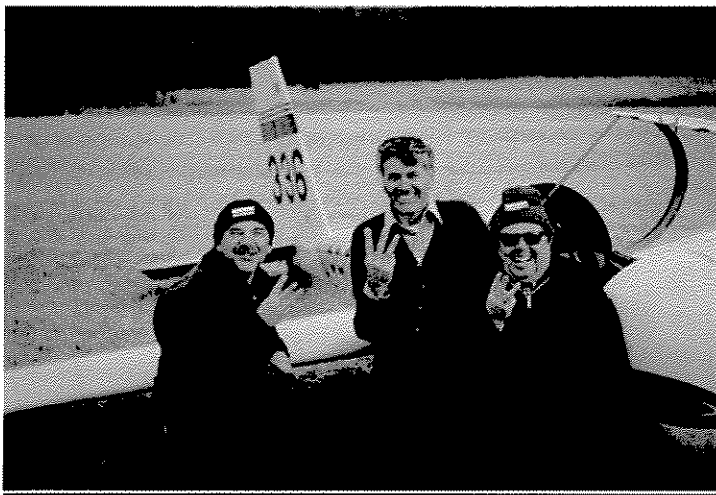
January 2007

Happy New Year, Amanda!



It will be a happy new year for Amanda Evans as she starts off with solo status! Amanda, one of our youth members, made her first solo flight on Wednesday, December 20th in a club 2-33. Amanda was ready to solo some time ago, but the weather refused to cooperate. This particular day turned out to be ideal for an initial solo with light surface winds and calm conditions aloft. Amanda brought her boyfriend along to witness the event. She said her mom was "freaked-out" at the thought of her first solo flight, but mom didn't have much to worry about. The flight was perfect! After the celebrity cutting of the shirt tail, the crew decided not to send Amanda into the cold and dreary pond, but perhaps that can be done when warmer weather returns! Tom Bales provided the primary solo endorsement and Rich Carraway did the second endorsement. Great job, Amanda, and we wish you many successful flights in your future!

Who Dey???



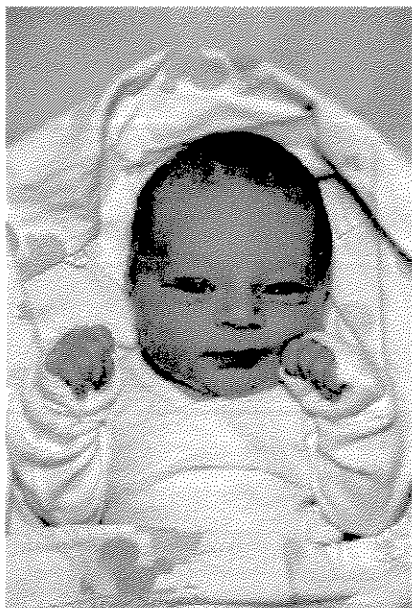
In case you have not figured out who those three guys were in last months newsletter, they are, left to right, Pat De Naples, Bob Root and John Bennett in front of the Redwings #336 1-26. The time was April 1975, at Ridge Soaring Gliderport in Julian PA.

The story behind the picture is interesting. Ridge Soaring GP had just opened for the first time and the three Caesar Creek pilots decided to find out what ridge flying was all about. After almost a week great flying, including a number of land outs, but no badge flights, they came to the last two days of camp.

It was Saturday and John Bennett took off on a 300k Diamond Goal attempt. He made it, as well as earning his whole Silver Badge plus his Gold Distance leg. Tom Knauff, the eternal optimist, convinced Bob Root to get in 336 and try it too. After all, there were three hours of daylight left. The flight ended 40 miles down the ridge at Altoona where a sudden snow squall resulted in an off field landing. (This is a good story in itself.)

The final day, Sunday, the ridge was still working and so instead of heading back to Ohio, it was decided that Pat should attempt his 300k. By 2:00 PM, he was back, having completed the second 300k. Tom, who had not lost any of his optimism, convinced Bob to try it again. After all, this time there were four hours of day light left. Bob returned with all of the day light used up but with the third 300k Diamond Goal flight in 32 hours in the same 1-26. The moral to the story is that with a 1-26 you don't have to spend a fortune to do great things.

Since that first trip in 1975, Caesar Creek pilots have been showing up at the Ridge every spring for the past 31 years. Plan on joining the Caesar Creek ridge runners this spring and find out why they keep returning.



Another Happy New Year Event !

It will be a happy 2007 for Chris and Sara Palmer as they are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Ryan Lewis Palmer. He was born on December 20th and came in at 8 lbs., 9oz. Mother and baby are doing well. (Father is doing pretty good, too!)

2007 Sport Class Nationals **12-21 June 2007**

The SSA has selected the Caesar Creek Soaring Club to host the 2007 Sports Class Nationals. This is a big job, and there is much to do. We need volunteers to help with preparing the gliderport, registration, retrieve, operations, crew, scoring, social events - all the myriad activities necessary to put on a first class effort. Please contact Dick Holzwarth if you would like to assist with this event.

January Invoice Update

There is a January invoice with this newsletter. Please pay your Balance Due promptly to assure our cash flow during these slower months. If you can swing it, you might even consider paying ahead a couple of months or so. Another item that would help us in the office is if you would be sure to put your CCSC account number on your check. Also, rounding up your check to the next whole dollar helps us to save time and avoid errors. The computer will keep track of the difference and apply the credit to your next invoice.

SSA 2007 Calendars

The 2007 SSA Calendars are here and are available in the clubhouse on the display case. There were 100 ordered, but at this time, only about twenty remain. It's an honor system: take as many as you wish, but be sure to fill-in the log sheet with calendars giving your name, account number and the number of calendars you take. The charge for the calendars is \$7.50 each.

Our honor system is slipping this year as we have about 15 fewer calendars on hand than we should. Some of us have not been filling-in the log sheet. If you have not been billed, see the attached January invoice, for calendars that you have taken, let Pat De Naples know and we'll get you next month.

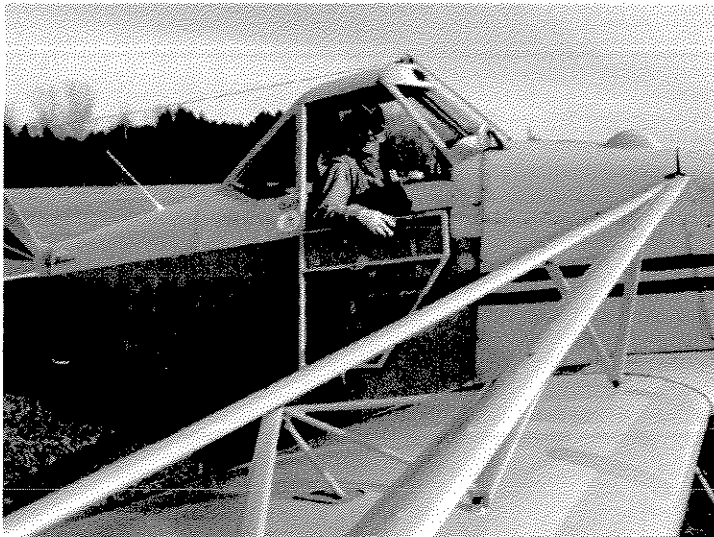
Caesar Creek Youth Soaring Organization - 2007 Youth Soaring Camp

We are accepting applications for the 5th annual Caesar Creek Youth Soaring Organization Camp being held July 16th through the 21st. The camp has grown in popularity over the years where youth and adults alike look forward to a fun week of flying. The camp is designed to provide instruction from the beginner through advanced student leading to the awarding of SSA A, B, C, and Bronze badges. Successes in the past camps have led to student solos, transition to other gliders, making new friends, a lot of learning and a lot of fun.

In looking at the 2007 camp, we have a lot of activities planned for the youth during the week, which may be of interest to adult members as well:

- Sunday 16th – Registration after 5 pm welcome meeting and cook-out
- Monday 17th through Friday 21st – We have ground school and Fly most of the week with a Break on Wednesday for a canoe trip.

All are welcome to visit during the camp. Come fly, observe and or volunteer. We need help and can use your support in: mentoring, instructing, and in food preparations. If you wish attend or volunteer contact Buck Towne, Steve McManus, or Paul McClaskey



CCSC Meeting Minutes 06 January 2007

In attendance were Andrew Digman, President; Jim Lowe, Treasurer; Dave Rawson, facilities; Dave Menchen, Operations; Paul McClaskey, Tow Plane Maintenance; Steve McManus, Glider Maintenance

The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

President's Report: Andrew confirmed all buildings on the property are insured. We need to decide if the club should insure the ground equipment. We have not typically insured the equipment and may want to consider liability and theft.

In preparation for the contest, the old picnic shed is being prepared for demolition; the equipment in the

shed needs to be moved to the barn and hanger areas. One suggestion, that was not acceptable to the board, was to move a tow plane in with the gliders to make room for the tractor in the barn. The turnout for the banquet is down, Andrew requested that board members call members to personally invite them and encourage them to attend.

Treasurers Report: We have \$32,899.45 in checking and saving at year-end 2006. The treasurer's report was approved. The first installment on the 2007 fleet insurance was made; the last installment will be made Feb 1, 2007. Jim provided an overview of the 2007 budget based on past years experience and requested that the board members review at their leisure and provide comments back over the next couple of weeks.

Facilities Report: Work progressing on the grounds to put gravel and seed around the new hanger. In the meantime the youth and other club gliders not in use can be stored there to make room in the glider hanger. Dave is putting retractable extension cords in the glider hangar for use in charging sailplane batteries, three of them installed as of Sunday, still have to put power to them) John Lubon is coordinating running power to the tow plane hangar.

Tow Plane Maintenance: 33Z is being annualized at Stewarts and will probably be out for a few weeks. Paul indicated that it is expected that the Club will be down one (1) tow plane down for maintenance through March.

Glider Maintenance: Six gliders need annual in January, Blanik, 2-33 (15H), 2-33 (135) 1-34, and both K21's. John Lubon coordinated with John Murray to perform the Annual on both K21's on Saturday. Cathy has applied for ferry permits with the FAA for the Blanik and both 2-33's. The backlog at Stewarts should clear up in January. Gliders should be back in service in February.

Operations: Confirmed that Joe Jackson sent the notification for FIRC Instructor training out by email.

New Business / Wish List:

Safety Policy – Paul McClaskey provided an overview of the Club safety policy. The basis of the policy is the first step in a formal safety program at the club. The concept would be for each Crew Chief to hold a prep meeting before the start of each flying day and review policy and discuss flying conditions and concerns and invite discussion on promoting safe flying.

The board approved the wording with a minor change and agreed to have a placard made-up and placed on the trailer to promote the prep meeting discussion. Actions were taken to place a copy on the CCSC Home page and in a preface to the UOP's

- The 2007 Ridge – Andrew requested and received permission to bring a K21 to the Ridge

- in April for two weekends. Andrew agreed to be the plane captain while away
- Emergency Response Plan - Dave Menchen would like to get at least one crewmember (Crew Chief and or assistant Crew Chief) First Aid and CPR trained and suggested the club should have an AED.
- Classroom space – Greg McDowell suggested that we need class room area for ground school that is often difficult to hold training in the clubhouse due to the number of meetings and the social gatherings that take place. Multiple ideas were discussed including: adding a trailer, utilizing the same need for space during the nationals contest and perhaps there could be common solution.



What a Great Day for a Ride !

Editors Note re: Our Photographer

Many thanks to Tom Bales for his picture contributions to the last several newsletters. I wish I could put them all in every month because there are so many good ones. They have been great and many members have commented on their enjoyment of them. Thanks, Tom!

Focus on Safety - By Paul McClaskey

Before I joined CCSC just over three years ago, I took a careful look at CCSC's flying operation to determine if I thought it was safe. Prior to joining CCSC I had flown at several different soaring sites and visited many more. I knew that not all soaring operations were equal when it came to safety. Since my intention was to join CCSC so my children could enjoy the sport of soaring, I had a keen interest in finding a safe operation. Because of my background in flight operations and aviation safety, I knew what to look for. And thankfully CCSC had it.

I still think that CCSC is a first class soaring operation, but frankly, this past season we've had a few "exciting events" and a couple that were downright scary. It is normal for any flying operation to have good times and not so good times. But year in and year out, what makes a good flying operation is a continuous focus on safety.

Make no mistake about it CCSC is a flying organization. Sure, we enjoy good fellowship at the cookouts, take nice walks around the field in the evening, build big bonfires, cut down a tree here or there and even get to drive tractors and stuff. But the thing that separates us from a Midwestern farm or a KOA Kampground is the fact that we fly aircraft. And we do it seriously. We fly thousands of flights per year and during each one we attempt to extract all we can out of ourselves and our ships to set a national record, win a competition, earn a badge, test our proficiency or try for a personal best. Yes, we are a flying organization, and a serious one at that.

Over the last few months, the Board has had some discussions on safety issues and how to refocus our flight operations on safety. We determined that the first step was a sound safety policy. Toward that end, the Board adopted a safety policy that will guide all club operations. It will be posted in conspicuous places around the club. But the policy will be just words unless each of us reads it and embraces the concepts it embodies. Please take the time to review the policy and consider what it means to your flying activities and to your participation in club operations. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any other member of the CCSC Board.

Like any other good flying organization, it is time to focus again on safety.

Caesar Creek Soaring Club - Safety Policy

Adopted by the Board January 6, 2007

Caesar Creek Soaring Club was created so that people could enjoy the sport of soaring. Over the years, the Club has provided the opportunity for many people to be exposed to soaring, become glider pilots and go on to achieve their goals of flying in contests, earning badges or just having a good flight on a beautiful day. Although some days are better than others, nothing can ruin the soaring experience like a serious incident or an accident.

Caesar Creek Soaring Club can have no higher purpose than protecting its members and guests from injury and its equipment and facilities from damage as it promotes the sport of soaring. Each person who uses the Club's facilities and equipment is responsible for preventing accidents and incidents.

Each operation will be conducted:

- By qualified and authorized individuals
- Using suitable equipment that is operable and properly maintained
- From facilities that are adequate for the operation
- In compliance with all applicable rules and regulations
- In such a manner that it avoids unnecessary risk
- With the benefit of lessons learned from previous operations

These fundamental safety principles will guide all operations at Caesar Creek Soaring Club.

No operation is so important that it should be undertaken in an unsafe manner. If hazards are identified that pose a threat to safe operations, operations will be modified or terminated until the hazard is addressed.

A safe and enjoyable soaring experience for all requires each club member's personal commitment to this safety policy.

Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, March 10th and 11th, 2007

Location: Caesar Creek Soaring Club Waynesville, OH
Date: March 10-11, 2007
Status: Firm
Cost: \$150.00
Registration: Joe Jackson Tel: (513) 851-4816 email: joejackson@cinci.rr.com

A Soaring Safety Foundation (SSF) Flight instructor Refresher Course (FIRC) for US glider flight instructors will be conducted at Caesar Creek Soaring Club on the weekend of March 10-11, 2007. The FIRC course has been prepared by the Soaring Safety Foundation and will be presented by Bob Wander.

The Soaring Safety Foundation provides US glider flight instructors the ability to renew their FAA flight instructor certificate in a class tailored to the need of the glider pilots and students. It will start at 8:00 am on both Saturday and Sunday. SSF FIRC's are open to any and all glider pilots who are interested in learning more about the art of Soaring. Instructors can renew anytime during their validity period. Instructors renewing their certificates in the 3 month period preceding their expiration will retain their current renewal. If you are outside that window, your renewal month will be changed to March. You do not need to be a flight instructor to attend an FIRC.

As in the past, CCSC will reimburse CCSC flight instructors with credit on crew for the cost of attending the clinic. CCSC instructors will be reimbursed \$15.00 for each month that they receive crew credit up to the full \$150.00 for the clinic. This means that any instructor that serves on crew for at least 10 months in 2007 will be fully reimbursed for attending the clinic. Furthermore, any CCSC pilot who is not a flight instructor may attend the clinic and receive reimbursement for attending the clinic provided they go on to get their glider instructor's certificate, join a CCSC crew, and serve as an instructor on crew sometime during 2007. If you are a CCSC glider flight instructor and attend the FIRC, the full cost of the clinic will be posted to your March invoice with credit given for crew service provided through March 2007. Additional FIRC credit will be posted in subsequent months during 2007 up to the full FIRC cost.

If you plan to attend the FIRC, please register as early as possible so that we will know how many attendees to expect. For questions concerning the FIRC, please contact Joe Jackson at the contact information above.

Midwest Soaring and Safety Seminar

The ChicagoLand Glider Council will be hosting their 4th Annual Midwest Soaring and Safety Seminar on February 24th, 2007 at the Elgin Community College in Elgin, IL. This is a one day event that will feature nationally and internationally known speakers discussing topics that are of interest to all soaring pilots. A continental breakfast and hot lunch will be provided.

The speaker list, presentation topics, and directions to the venue can be found on the CLGC website along with a downloadable pdf registration form. The website is www.chicagolandglidercouncil.com.

Cross Country soaring will be covered extensively, as well as Safety, Competition, Ridge Soaring and International Competition. A dinner get together is optional and will feature Karl Streidieck who will speak about "Falconry", which is one of his favorite pastimes when not soaring himself. The speaker list is quite impressive.

- Karl Streidieck and John Cochrane: Competition Flying – The presentation will cover competition flying and flying for speed.
- Derek Piggott: Safety – This aviation legend from Great Britain will be on hand and this may be the last opportunity we have to hear him speak.
- Dean Carswell: Cross Country – Dean literally wrote the book on this subject and will discuss the finer points of cross country flight.
- John Good: Ridge Soaring – John will discuss the fine art of ridge soaring and additionally discuss International Competition and the US team.
- Curt Lewis: Cross Country – Curt's presentation is a must for those of you who have never left the vicinity of your local field and will focus on what it takes to break the bond.

As you can see, we have a stellar speaker list and excellent range of topics. The seminar has received excellent reviews from past attendees and is shaping up to be the best one ever. I encourage you to attend and hope to see many of you there to soak up the expertise and enjoy a great day of off-season soaring camaraderie.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Scott Wolf, VP ChicagoLand Glider Council, by phone at 847-778-7962 or by email scott.wolf@mchsi.com

Classifieds

Editor's note: Ads will be re-run monthly unless otherwise advised. Thanks!

For Sale:

One share of Redwings Soaring Club, "The Two Best Looking and Flying 1-26's East (or West) of the Mississippi!" Contact Pat De Naples 937-291-1466, or email patccsc@sbcglobal.net

For Sale:

LS-1c. 1495 TT, fresh annual, M-Nav, Terra 760, Kuhn trailer, parachute. \$16,500. 937-220-9026 or aaron_sorrell@sbcglobal.net

For Sale:

STANDARD CIRRUS 70. B model, serial no. 399, 1668 hours total time, no damage history. Original gel coat in good condition. Good canopy, no cracks. August 07 annual. Instrumentation: Dittel radio, Cambridge S-NAV flight computer, Cambridge electric variometer, PZL mechanical variometer, Schueman Model B high altitude total energy system, Brittain electric turn and bank, gear warning alarm, outside air temp. Endurox oxygen system. Pfeifer trailer with surge brakes and good tires.

\$20,000. Contact Don Burns, Phone 937-256-0345, cell phone 937-239-1345, email: donburns@ameritech.net

Wanted: Garage hanger to rent, lease or buy. Please contact Randall Orem 937-667-7468 or rodo@acsorem.com

Wanted: Campground Trailer on the pad. If you have any interest in selling your trailer, please contact me at n774jp@netscape.net or 812-537-3137. Thanks, Jim Price

Submissions for *The Frequent Flyer* should be sent to Tammy Scott at:
tspot1@sbcglobal.net

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

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2007 Crew Schedule

	Crew Chief	Tow Pilots	Instructors	Ground Crew
1st Sat & 3/31	G. Daugherty D. Edwards	J. Armor T. Hudson	R. Eslinger McClaskey*** x	J. Beaupre, A. Colvin, J. Lowe, S. Hoye, A. McClaskey, E. Eslinger, J. English,
	Glider: 2-33 – N36135 – Gerry Daugherty			Crew Chief E-mail: gdaugherty@cinci.rr.com
1st Sun & 4/29	M. Karraker D. Rawson	M. Maurer N. Maurer D. Schmidt	G. Penner - x R. Carraway-x	W. Van Breukelen, D. Burns, G. Yee, M. Anthony, M. Miller, M & A. Rytel, W. Smith, G. Adams
	Glider: Blanik L23 – N253BA – Mike Karraker			Crew Chief E-mail: karrakmc@aol.com
2nd Sat & 6/30	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, B. Towne Jr., C. Welsh
	Glider: 1-34 - N11485 - Wally Detert			Crew Chief E-mail: olaandbob@aol.com
2nd Sun & 7/29	D. Menchen T. McDonald	F. Hawk J. Goebel	T. Rudolf D. Conrad-x	P & D Cahill, M. Debeque, J & H Goebel, G. McDonald, J. McDowell, M & L McKosky, K. Menchen, P. Pedersen, M. Ganist
	Glider: 2-33 – N2615H – Dave Menchen			Crew Chief E-mail: DMenchen@cinci.rr.com
3rd Sat & 9/29	R. Hegele M. Drummey	D. Green R. Scheper A. Widner	C. DeBerry – x B. Gaerttner	T. Bresser, B. Stoops, R. Griffiths, C. Richardson, R. Greenlee,
	Glider:			Crew Chief E-mail: N11rdbird@starband.net
3rd Sun & 9/30	J. Morari B. Paar	R. Hennig – x T. Bonser	R. Eckels - x* B. Gabbard	J. Koons, K. Sorrell, J. Sorrell, J. Paar, J. Geeraert, A. Dollas, T. Morris
	Glider: 2-33 – N3616Q – Jack Morari			Crew Chief E-mail: djmorari@fuse.net
4th Sat & 12/29	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
	Glider: Grob 103 - N44259 – Joe Jackson ASK-21 – N521CC – Dick Holzwarth			Crew Chief E-mail: jm514@aol.com
4th Sun & 12/30	S. McManus O. Krejci	R. Blume D. Fisher – x F. Paynter - x	J. Lubon A. Golkin	R. Cedar, J. Coomes, P. Callihan, G. Proffitt, L. Alexander, L & K McManus, G. Toscani
	Glider: ASK-21 - N221CC – John Lubon			Crew Chief E-mail: smcmanus1@cinci.rr.com

*FAA Flight Examiner

** Chief Flight Instructor

*** Chief Towpilot

x – Tow Pilot & Instrctr

PLEASE CHECK YOUR 2007 5TH CREW DAY SCHEDULE

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