

The Frequent Flyer

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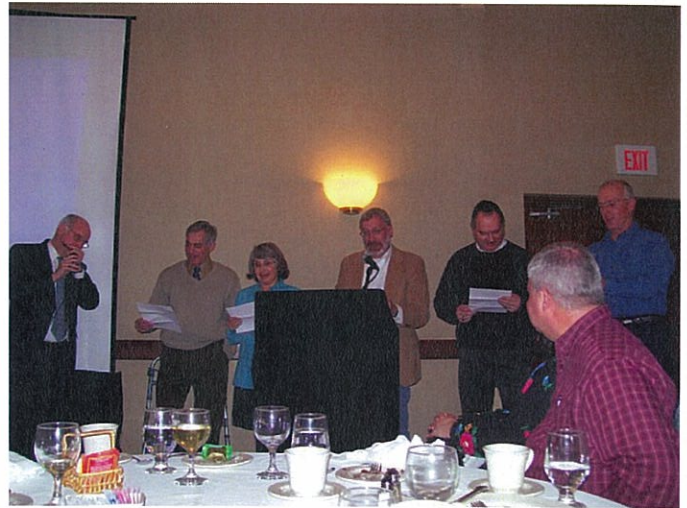
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2006 Awards Banquet

The 2006 Awards Banquet was a great event this year! Hosted by President Andrew Dignan and held at King's Island Resort, everyone had a super meal, enjoyed colorful speakers and funny stories, and applauded the award winners. A picture slideshow of CCSC people and events and good memories capped off the evening.



Our Commander and Chief – Andrew



Music by Crew of the Year – 2nd Sunday Crew
Lyrics by Tom McDonald Sung to "Yesterday"

"Yesterday, all the clouds they seemed so far away,
Now it seems as though they're here to stay,
But we believe we'll fly today.

Suddenly, its not half as bad as it appeared to be
there's no reason for the tim-id-i-ty
let's haul them out and fly today.

Who could we get to tow, we didn't know, it caused
dismay.
Then Jim came along and we knew we'd fly today.

Second Sunday-we're the crew that seeks to find a
way,
hot and sunny or all cold and grey,
We'll find somehow to fly today.

Runway's short but wide when you land this way..."



Trustee's Award Winner – Jim Gobel

- Tow Pilot – 2nd highest tows
- Instructor – 2nd highest # of instructions
- Member of Crew of the Year – 2nd Sunday

Last year we made 2564 tows, which was only about 7% less than the average of 2747 tows for the previous six years. Of our 240 active, dues paying members, 167 (70%) took at least 1 tow during the year; 98(41%) took 10 or more tows; 47 (20%) took 20 or more tows; 17 (7%) took 30 or more tows, and 5 (2%) took 40 or more tows. Here are the five most active flyers:

Jim English	80 flights
Giacomo Toscani	59
Don Burns	46
Fred Mischler	44
Dan Johnson	42

As always, most of our flights are made in club gliders. Here is the breakdown of all by plane:

2-33 135	315 flights
2-33 16Q	311
2-33 15H	283
Grob	266
ASK 221	219
Blanik	188
ASK 521	181
1-35	132
1-26	60
Club Gliders Total	1972 (77%)
CCSC Private Gliders	442 (17%)
Non-CCSC Private Gliders	150 (6%)
Total	2564 (100%)

Let's not forget our guests! We had 112 introductory flights (guest rides) in 2006.

As for the tow planes:

33Z	862 flights
909	833
48L	713

More than 120 of us worked of the eight weekend crews that made it possible to achieve these 2564 tows. The top three crews were:

2 nd Sunday	323 Tows
1 st Sunday	297
1 st Saturday	234

Now we can't make too many flights without our intrepid tow pilot corps and last year 38 of them made those 2564 tows. Here are the top six:

Dick Shepard	186 flights
Jim Goebel	182
Brian Cooper	154
Dieter Schmidt	133
Fred Hawke	131
Tony Bonser	116

We are a training club. We teach people to fly gliders and so most of our club ship flights are instructional. In 2006, 33 different CCSC instructors flew with our members. The top six are:

Rich Carraway	135 flights
Jim Goebel	88
Anna Gunn-Golkin	76
Bill Gabbard	73
Tom Bales	49
Jim Hurst	43

All of the statistics are dependent on data from Flight Data Cards filled out for each tow and the accurate entry of this data into the computer. Print neatly when you fill out your cards and, in turn, Sara and I will do our best at the keyboard. If an instructor flies with you, be sure to indicate his account number on your card. Print neatly your glider contest number or ID. Thanks! Pat

St. Patrick's Day Party !

There will be a party and bonfire held at the club on Saturday March 17th, St. Patrick's Day after flying – about 5 pm. Drinks will be provided by the club. Attendees are asked to bring a dish or appetizer. Be sure you are "wearin' of the green" !