

# The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of Caesar Creek Soaring Club

May 2007

## APRIL SHOWERS BROUGHT...



**NEW GLIDERS !**



**OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS !**



**RAINBOWS !**



**LOTS OF FLYERS!**

Well, actually there weren't that many showers. We had lots of great soaring weather and a lot of action around the glider port in April as we held our annual cleanup day, a rowdy group of CCSC'rs headed to the ridge, Joe Jackson held an instructor's clinic, new SSDD board members were elected, and much, much more!

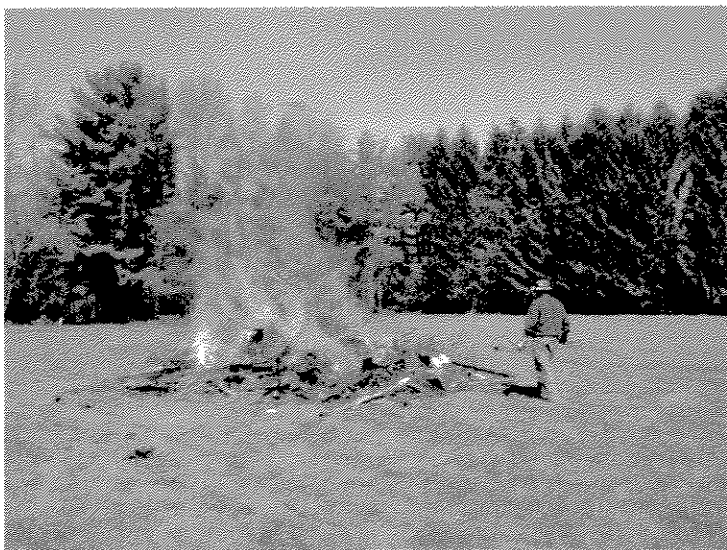
## President's Corner

**From: Andrew**

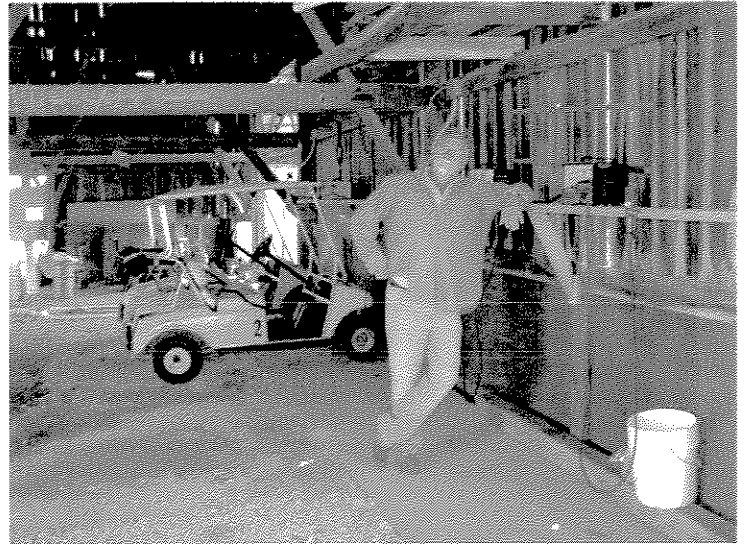
First off, I would like to thank the 32 hearty souls that came out on our cleanup day and made some great progress despite the wet conditions and the gloriously sunny weather.



You may have noticed that the old picnic shelter is now nothing but a pile of ashes soon to be buried as fertilizer at another part of the field. We all had a great time playing 'destruct-o-matic' with every tool that one could imagine. Saws, hammers and brave tractor operators got into the mix and allowed for one great daylight bonfire.



We all owe some thanks to all that made it part of their day to help with the clean up. We even got some flying in after 3pm and a served lunch to boot. Of special note, I would like to thank Mike McKosky (below), who for the most part single-handedly cleaned out the golf cart area of the barn.



He leveled the ground around the concrete pad, painted numbers so we will know where to park each cart, added shelves for the battery chargers and, with a final flourishing touch, placed some hooks that will hold the charging cords off the ground as we go about our business at the field. Now that is taking some ownership!

(Note received from Mike:

"The idea is that when carts are taken, the cables are put on hangers that are screwed into shelves that hold the recharge power supplies. This would help prevent damage to the cables, as when they are just thrown onto the ground, and run over etc. One cable already has its rubber cover torn open. We can minimize down time and cost if we take care of the area and carts.

"Also, 'stalls' are numbered, and carts with corresponding numbers would be put into their own stall. In future I may put some sort of cart logbook in each stall to track problems, etc. We'll see what works...suggestions welcome!

"If the area can be kept clean, it will be easier to maintain, and see where all the tools are and make it easier to work on carts. For example, we need space to check tire inflation pressures etc., and make it easy to bring in the air hose to inflate when needed. We hope to encourage a bit more care on the carts by keeping things clean and organized. I may try to find a simple way to hold tools etc on the area wall, like pressure gages, lug wrenches, etc.

"This might be important also for the contest coming up. A good impression may draw more such activities in the future, and be good for God and country, and world peace, etc etc ☺." Mike)

On a semi sad note, we would like to bid farewell to Ondrej Krejci (part of the 6V group) who is returning to his homeland. The McManus' gave Ondrej a so-long picnic on 4/22 after the flying. There were about 35 members in attendance. I am sure that we all wish him well and hope that he gets a chance to visit us here at CCSC again in the future. We will keep the stump grinder that he and Giacomo found so useful waiting for him at the next spring cleanup.



Ondrej and Giacomo

For those of you that were not out at the field on 4/28 (4th Saturday crew) you missed what was probably one of the best rainbow displays from mother nature I have ever seen. We were treated to a double rainbow where both bows made it to the ground. Yes, all the way to the ground and at the end of that rainbow was the CCSC flying field.

Do not forget that we have Wednesday and, now by popular demand, Friday (starting at 12 noon) get-togethers at the field. Let's all make up for some lost days this year and get some serious and safe flying in!

### **Volunteers Needed The Buckeye Nationals! Sports Class National Soaring Championship from 10-21 June 2007**

We will be hosting the 2007 Sports Class National Championship right here on our field, 10-21 June. For those new to sailplane racing, Sports Class is the "run what you own" class, all gliders are eligible, results are corrected by handicapping. It is a very popular class - we are expecting a field of about 50 gliders.

And we need your help. We have been planning this, and we are well along in the organization, but conducting this event is going to be a HUGE challenge.

We need help with set up and registration. Some folks will be arriving early, and we need "hosts and hostesses" to help get them organized, find parking spaces, etc, etc. We will also need help with registration, confirming entries, checking information.

We need to weigh the gliders. We will need help getting the weighing process organized, weighing the gliders and recording weights. We need ground crew for contest launch. Race operations are different from our usual launch operations, the pace of a race launch is much faster, things happen more quickly, it is exciting and FUN to be part of it. We are really counting on the CCSC Youth Group to help here – we need those young quick legs. But we also need workers to help get gliders to the grid, help get the grid organized, make sure ropes are laid out, and for many other chores. We will also need help getting contestants off the field when they land. (50 sailplanes can fill up our gliderport quickly – we need help getting them off.)

We need towpilots – lots of towpilots. We will have all three of our towplanes working every day of the contest, so, towpilots, please consider volunteering some of your time during the contest week.

Retrieve phones. – Be the first one on the gliderport to know who landed where! Seriously, this is another important job, taking careful notes from pilots who have landed out, and preparing the information so that their crew or our towpilots can go retrieve them. We are going to have many crewless pilots in this contest, the retrieve desk will be critical to communicating who needs what kind of help. We might even need folks to act as crew and go out on a retrieve – do you like adventure?

We need help with all these jobs, and probably a whole lot more. PLEASE consider volunteering some of your time. We need YOU to help make this event successful.

Also, below is a schedule of dinner events planned for the contest. All members of CCSC are welcome to attend. Except for the Ox Roast, these are catered events. Members, you must contact me in advance so that I can arrange for the proper amount of food. All dinners will be priced between \$10 and \$15 dollars, except, again, for the Ox Roast. I will have final prices as we get closer to the event and I get a better handle on the true numbers and costs.

June 11 WELCOME DINNER  
June 14 ALL AMERICAN BARBEQUE  
June 16 FAMOUS CAESAR CREEK OX ROAST  
June 17 OX REDUX (This may change)  
June 19 FINAL GLIDE DINNER  
June 21 MARGARITAS - FAJITAS - TROPHY CELEBRATION

If you would like to volunteer to help during the Sports Class Nationals, 10-21 June 2007, please contact Dick Holzwarth at 937-885-4156 or 937-542-9612 or email to rholzwarth@woh.rr.com. A special thanks to everyone who has already volunteered! Dick

### **SSD Holds Annual Meeting, Elects Board Members**

In the past 10 years, The Soaring Society of Dayton has invested \$335,000 in aircraft, acquiring seven gliders and one towplane. \$180,000 has been spent for property improvements and ground equipment. These were among the highlights presented by John Lubon, SSD president, at the annual meeting of the corporation held on April 11, 2007, at the CCSC clubhouse. John projected that capital expenditures for the next ten years will be similar, and his projections included purchase of new gliders in 2010 and 2015, as well as replacement of one towplane and one towplane engine.

Results of the election for three board positions were announced. Ballots were received for 50.64% of outstanding shares, constituting a legal quorum. Four candidates ran for election: Pat DeNaples, Wally Detert, Gerry Proffitt, and Dieter Schmidt. DeNaples, Detert, and Schmidt were elected. Other topics of concern discussed at the meeting included the youth endowment fund, property tax increase, and the need for replacing or recovering a 2-33.

Following the annual meeting, the new board held its first meeting and elected officers for the coming year. The following slate was approved: President: John Lubon, Vice President: Dave Edwards, Secretary: Lucy Anne McKosky, Treasurer: Dieter Schmidt

Pat DeNaples was appointed Youth Endowment Manager, Bob Root was appointed CCSC Liaison, and Wally Detert was named Project Manager. The SSD board anticipates another successful year of providing equipment and facilities to support the activities of CCSC.



# April's Who Dey Winner is..... Bob Root !

Bob writes..." From left to right – Dana Colvin, George Stillwagon, Bob Root, Tom Bales, Jim Hurst, John Antrim, Barb and Bill Gabbard, Jim O'Quinn, Max Marshall, Don Burns, and Kent Sorrell, and Jim Price in front."

Congratulations, Bob!



**WHO DAT CREW? AND WHO DAT IN DAT 1-26?**

**Email your guess to Jim at [n774jp@netscape.net](mailto:n774jp@netscape.net)**

## April 2007 at the Ridge

**From: Jim Hurst**

A few of the old hands at the Ridge made our annual trip on April 22, accompanied by a couple of newcomers. The old hands were Pat and Johnny DeNaples, Bob Root and son Rob, Jim Hurst, Max Marshall, Jim Price and Dave Rawson. The newcomers were Lynn Alexander and spouse Carol, and Dick Scheper. Pat brought 1-26 322, Johnny brought 1-26 214, Dave Rawson and Jim Price brought their LS-4's, and Lynn Alexander dragged the ASK-21. We arrived on Sunday and the gliders were parked at Ridge Soaring, after which we had happy hour and dinner at the Tavern.

Monday was a wild windy day. I decided it was not a good day for newcomers to get their first experience at the Ridge. Nevertheless, Jim Price flew with Rob Root to get him checked out in the ASK-21. Rob has rejoined the club and become a member of the Redwings. It was a good soaring day as somebody reported an altitude of 8400 feet. It was so rough, that nobody reported it being very much fun. Dinner at the Deli.

The weather forecast looked good on Tuesday. Max and I went to buy ingredients for the annual chili event. I opened tomato and bean cans while Max fried hamburger and chopped onions. I dumped in the other secret ingredients and left Max to simmer and stir and read his book. I then checked out Lynn Alexander in the ASK-21. We had a very good flight of over an hour, getting to 5800 feet and finding some 6 knot thermals

We got good use out of the ASK-21 that day. Jim Price checked out Dick Scheper, and later he and Lynn Alexander flew together and had a good flight. Rob Root had a good flight with his dad Bob in the front seat. Bob Root's cousin Barbara showed up with her spouse, Russ. Rob took him for a ride also. Three people got sickish that day, one with diarrhea. They suspected something bad for dinner the night before, but we will never know.

After flying on Tuesday, we had the annual Chili-Fest. We made about four gallons of chili which was consumed by about 30 people. A couple of guys contributed a case of beer, so we had all the chili you could eat, plus beer for \$3.00 a head. What a bargain!

Wednesday morning there was a forecast of at least two days of rain. We went to the gliderport and it started drizzling around 10:00 AM and never stopped. Around noon, Doris Grove brought in a cake for the birthdays of Tom Knauff and Bob Root. What followed was the most cacophonous rendition of "Happy Birthday" I have ever heard with about 15 guys singing on different pages, different times and different keys.

Dave Rawson, Lynn Alexander, Dick Scheper and Pat DeNaples braved the cold drizzle to put the ASK-21 in the trailer with the help of some knowledgeable Canadians. Dave Rawson already has his LS-4 in the box and Pat had 322 on the trailer. Johnny DeNaples was packed up and on his way home by noon. Jim Price had anticipated the forecast and left that morning.

Wednesday night, we had the annual Bob Root/Tom Knauff birthday dinner at the Tavern. All the CCSC people were present plus Tom, Doris and Maria, Doris's daughter plus about six Canadians who are always there during our annual trip.

The conclusion is that we had a less than ideal trip this year due to rainy weather, but we did get three people checked out to fly the ASK-21 at the ridge, and we had one very good soaring day. I think we have hooked Scheper and Alexander for future trips. Charley DeBerry and Don Green were unable to go this year, but hopefully they will go next year. The ASK-21 is an ideal ship to take to the ridge and perhaps we can recruit more newcomers next year and have better weather. We have sometimes soared five days out of five.



### **OH, NUTS !**

During some cleanup of limbs and trees in the campground by some of the members of the Wednesday & 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday crew, it was noticed that deer have shredded the tops of two young chestnut trees in the area. These had been nurtured by Bob Root and according to Bob they can survive despite the damage. Someone had inadvertently marked them with red tape to signify removal. The tape has now been removed, the area staked off, and an appropriate sign has been added to identify the sponsor. Perhaps the sign will engender compassion for the trees if the deer or individuals could/would occasionally read it!? ☺

## **Upcoming Events and Fun !**

### **May 26 – Cross Country Ground School at CCSC**

There will be a Cross Country Ground School held from 9-11am. Contact John Lubon for more information.

### **June 12 thru 21 – Sports Class Nationals at CCSC**

### **July 16 thru 21 - Youth Soaring Camp at CCSC**

We are accepting applications for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Caesar Creek Youth Soaring Organization Camp being held July 16<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. 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. We have a lot of activities planned for the youth during the week, which may be of interest to adult members, too. If you wish attend or volunteer contact Buck Towne, Steve McManus, or Paul McClaskey.

### **August 27 thru 31 - Another Summer Soaring Camp at CCSC**

After several years of very successful Youth Summer Camps, we are going to try this year a second camp, open to all members. It will run from Monday, August 27 through Friday, August 31. During that period, we will strive to have a couple of tow pilots and a couple of instructors on hand each day. Coupled with the weekend before this period and the 3 day Labor Day Weekend afterwards, this will provide 10 consecutive days for you to work on flying skills, badges, cross-country flying or just plain old fun flying. So if you are interested, contact Jim Goebel or Pat De Naples and help us plan this event.

### **Sept 1 thru 3 – Eastern 1-26 Fun Meet at CCSC**

On Labor Day Weekend, we will be hosting the Eastern 1-26 Fun Meet. We're expecting 8-12 competitors from the East Coast to the Mississippi and points between. There will be an Ox Roast on that Saturday evening for the contestants, their crews, our club members and guests. Mark your calendars and be sure to block out some vacation time for yourself.

## **CCSC Board Meeting Minutes - 5 May 2007**

In attendance were Andrew Dignan, President; Jim Goebel, Vice President; Jim Lowe, Treasurer; Dave Rawson, Facilities; Maury Drummey, Social and PR; Paul McClaskey, Tow Plane Maintenance; Steve McManus, Glider Maintenance; and Rolf Hegele, Secretary.

Secretary - The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. Five new members were reviewed and approved for membership. Welcome Helen Jones, Jonathan Deck, Dan Wald, Kevin Wolf, Valerie Thibodaux.

Treasurer – The report showed almost expenditures exceeding income due to continued lack of flying weather. The audit will be initiated shortly. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Facilities – The Cleanup Day accomplished a lot. The picnic shelter has been burned and the campground electrical has been completed. The stump grinder eliminated a number of remaining obstacles. Special thanks to Mike McKosky for cleaning up and organizing the cart barn. The walkie-talkies will also be moved to the barn to encourage their use.

Tow Plane Maintenance – The tow pilots meeting is scheduled for noon today and 2 PM on Sunday. 48L is undergoing its annual but should be completed this weekend. It was determined that the engine fire in 33Z did no further damage than previously reported. Fire extinguishers are being installed in each aircraft. Paul investigated our fuel source and we should be ethanol free. Paul will monitor our shipments to ensure that continues. He also investigated the possibility of having avgas delivered, but although it would cost only slightly more, it would require a 4000 gallon tank and additional environmental modifications. Paul will purchase a fuel tester and investigate our ability to install a sump valve on the tank so we can check for water.

Paul also indicated that we currently have 38 qualified tow pilots. However, three have not filled out the experience documenting paperwork needed for insurance and they are therefore grounded. We also have several new members wanting to qualify as tow pilots, but it should be noted that any change to the insurance costs us \$200. Paul will prepare a newsletter announcement to alert the membership on the requirements.

Glider Maintenance – All aircraft have been annualized and are in service.

Social – Maury has established contacts with the Cincinnati Enquirer and the Warren County Tourist Commission. In addition, the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce wants to have a picnic at our facilities on Thursday, June 28. This was approved. It was also decided that we would invite our neighbors back again this fall and Maury will select a date. A fly-in for power pilots was also discussed and we'll try to tie it in with an FAA Safety Seminar. It was also recommended we display our merchandise. Joanne Pederson recently performed an inventory and probably knows recommended prices. Mark Miller also wants to sponsor a Boy Scout group on June 2. This was approved.

Operations – The Crew Chief meeting was attended by representatives from all eight monthly crews. It was also noted that the golf carts are Operations responsibility and Mike should coordinate with Dave on maintenance issues. The Board did grant Mike a \$500 expenditure authority for cart maintenance.

Old Business - The Sports Class Nationals now has 48 entrants. Repairs on the farm house have been completed and a procedure for further repairs developed. Several areas of the house have been painted and the gutters are being cleaned. The first day of Friday operations was unsuccessful due to weather.

New Business - Methods for notifying members of the field flight status were discussed including the possibility of installing web cameras. A data logger for membership use was also discussed. It was moved that the SSD be asked to purchase the device. The SSD will procure the audio varios as a capital improvement. It was recommended that a checklist be developed for display in the hanger describing the steps for closing up. Rolf will prepare. Dave Rawson will procure new reflectors for the lane. A new two year lease with the SSD was signed.

There was significant discussion about a Light Sport Pilot and Instructor program. The UOPs will be reviewed to identify needed changes. There are also potential liability and insurance issues to be reviewed. Joe Jackson, Chief Instructor will lead a committee to review the whole Light Sport issues and to document the differences between the training programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Open Items are as follows:

- Document Tow Pilot Qualifications - Paul McClaskey
- Provide a notice on maintenance shop breaker box about heat usage – Dave R
- Newsletter article on "Chain of Command" – Andrew
- Place power drop cords in hanger (in progress) – Dave R.



- Prepare electronic projection recommendation – Andrew
- Emergency and Accident Response Plan, review SSA documents - the Board
- Replace the copier in the office - Andrew
- Prepare the safety policy signs for display on the trailer and on the web page – Paul
- Identify monthly reports for Board consideration -Andrew, Rolf, Sara
- Establish a SoarCCSC. com address for data updates on the invoices – Andrew
- Review, update and publish Board position responsibilities - Andrew, Rolf
- Identify social functions for the year and put them in the Newsletter – Maury
- Review Quick Books as a possible replacement for our club software – Andrew
- Purchase a fuel tester – Paul
- Prepare checklist for closing operations - Rolf

### Gas Alert

There were no new fuel bills. Therefore, in accordance with the schedule of Fees and Dues, the tow fees remain at 70 cents per 100 feet of altitude.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:aaron_sorrell@sbcglobal.net)

**For Sale:** 1977 Glasflugel Mosquito, N303VP, TT approximately 2515. M-Nav, relief tube, nose hook, (CG hook available but not installed), two batteries, Dittel Radio, tow out gear, Komet trailer, \$17,500 Greg McDowell [Quivvinn2@aol.com](mailto:Quivvinn2@aol.com) 937-382-5065, OH

**Wanted:** Campground Trailer on the pad. If you have any interest in selling your trailer, please contact me at [n774jp@netscape.net](mailto: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](mailto:tspot1@sbcglobal.net)

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

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## 2007 Crew Schedule

	cc	Tow Pilots	Instructors	Ground Crew	
1st Sat & 3/31	G. Daugherty	J. Armor	R. Eslinger	J. English, J. Lowe, S. Hoye,	
	D. Edwards	T. Hudson	P. McClaskey	A. McClaskey, E. McClaskey	
	2-33 – N36135 – G. Daugherty			cc E-mail: gdaugherty@cinci.rr.com	
1st Sun & 4/29	M. Karraker	M. Maurer	R. Carraway-x	G. Adams, M. Anthony, C. Borton, D. Burns,	
	D. Rawson	N. Maurer		J. Gordon, M. Miller, M & A. Rytel, W. Smith,	
	Blanik L23 – N253BA – M. Karraker			cc E-mail: karrakmc@aol.com	
2nd Sat & 6/30	R. Root	R Anderson	J. Hurst, J. Price	J. Antrim, J. Benner, J. Biernacki, B. Connolly,	
	D. Staarmann	B. Towne	G.Wade	D. Colvin, W. Detert, B. Towne Jr., S. Trefzger,	
	1-34 - N11485 – Wally Detert			cc E-mail: olaandbob@aol.com	
2nd Sun & 7/29	D. Menchen	J.Goebel,	D. Conrad-x	P & D Cahill, M. Debeque, J & H Goebel,	
	T. McDonald	F.Hawk,		G. McDonald, J. McDowell, M & L McKosky,	
		R.Hennig -x		T. Rudolf	K. Menchen, P. Pedersen, M. Ganist
2-33 – N2615H – D. Menchen				cc E-mail: DMenchen@cinci.rr.com	
3rd Sat & 9/29	R. Hegele	D. Green	C. DeBerry-x	T. Bresser, N. McCoy, R. Griffiths, R. Greenlee,	
	M.Drummey	R. Scheper		B. Gaerttner	C. Richardson, B. Stoops
				cc E-mail: nl1rdbird@starband.net	
3rd Sun & 9/30	J. Morari	T. Bonser	R. Eckels-x*	A. Dollas, J. Geeraert, J. Koons, T. Morris,	
	B. Paar	M. Hutchison	B. Gabbard	J. Paar, J. Sorrell, K. Sorrell	
	2-33 – N3616Q – J. Morari			cc E-mail: djmorari@fuse.net	
4th Sat & 12/29	A. Dignan	G. Byars	T. Lynch	A. Allen, T. Bales, R. Holzwarth C. Lohre,	
	H. Meyerrose	S. Day	J. Jackson	J. Miceli, J. Murray, E. Saladin, T. Scott	
	Grob 103 - N44259 – J. Jackson			cc E-mail: dignan@fusemail.com	
ASK-21 – N521CC – D. Holzwarth					
4th Sun & 12/30		R. Blume		L. Alexander, P. Callihan, R. Cedar, J. Coomes,	
	S. McManus	D. Fisher-x	A. Golkin	G. Proffitt, L & K McManus, G. Toscani	
	O Kreici	F Paynter-x	I Lubon		
ASK-21 - N2SD – J. Lubon				cc E-mail: smcmanus1@cinci.rr.com	

\*FAA Flight Examiner      x – Tow Pilot & Instructor      cc – Crew Chief

### PLEASE CHECK YOUR 2007 5<sup>TH</sup> CREW DAY SCHEDULE

Additions/Changes contact Dave Menchen at – 513.779-0821 (h) or DMenchen@cinci.rr.com

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Chief Flight Instructor : Joe Jackson – 513.851.4816 (h)

Chief Tow Pilot : Paul McClaskey – 614.855.4532 (h)

Crew Operations : Dave Menchen - 513.313.2315 (c)

Glider Chief : Steve McMannus - 513.378.2637 (c)

Grounds Maintenance : Dave Rawson - 937.620.6969 (c)

Grounds Equipment : Bill Maxwell - 513.708.7917 (c)