

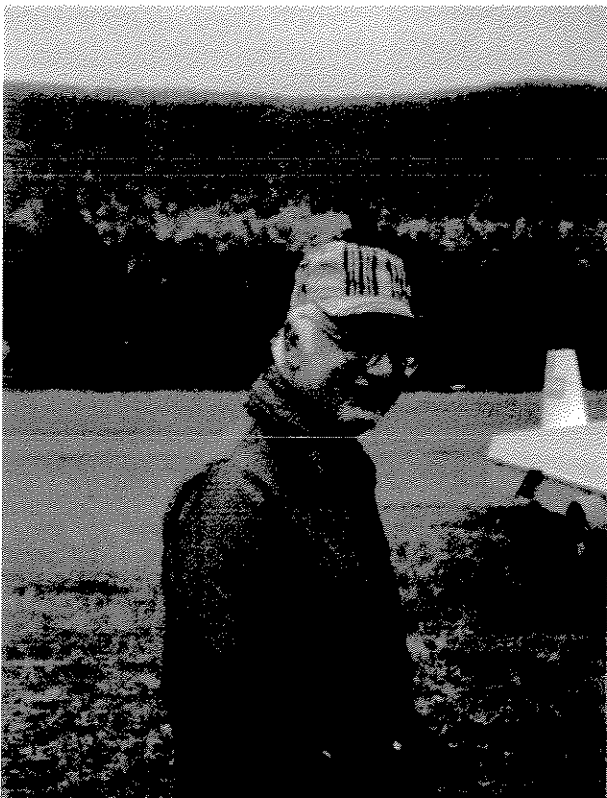
The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of Caesar Creek Soaring Club

August 2007

IN TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND...

Mel Williams passed away last month and to those who knew him we'll realize that our club lost a special member. Mel was an engineer and a lawyer who devoted much of his time to the sport of soaring and the development of the Caesar Creek Soaring Club. During the over 40 years in the club he was a CFIG and a tow pilot as well as a Designated Flight Examiner. He also served on the SSD and CCSC Boards many times. As a soaring pilot he achieved his Silver and Gold Badges and two Diamond legs.



MEL WILLIAMS

In the 1970's our club had moved from Richmond, Indiana to our current location (called "The Farm" in those days) and we were starting to grow. It was obvious that in order to continue to be successful some changes had to be made. With Mel's expertise and guidance the Soaring Society of Dayton became the owners of the property and all the equipment and the Caesar Creek Soaring Club was formed which leases the land and equipment and runs the flying activities. In addition all members of CCSC were required to own stock in SSD with no one owning more than one percent of the stock. This made everyone an owner with a say in how things are run. Today our club is one of the most well known and successful glider clubs in the country thanks in no small part to Mel's foresight. He will be greatly missed. Bob Root

Glider Rating and Solo News

Yuichiro Tanabe added a glider rating to his Private ASEL certificate. Yuichiro completed most of his pre-solo training in Japan, in an ASK-21, so when he arrived in the United States and joined CCSC, he continued his training in the ASK-21, and passed his checkride last month. Randy Orem completed his initial glider solo flight July 25, also in the ASK-21. Randy has a Private-single and multi rating, and owns a Baron and a Pitts. He's taking acro instruction in the Pitts at Waynesville Airport.

CCSC Youth Soaring Encampment

by Jim Goebel



The 2007 Youth Soaring Camp was a huge success. There were 22 campers, 8 returning "mentors", and a pleasant plethora of volunteers. You can go to the CCSC web page and take the time to review the youth camp Daily Summaries and Talley Sheet to see "what really happened", and the daily numbers for the 2007 CCSC Youth Soaring Encampment. Many photos from Youth Camp can be found at the following website:

<http://web.mac.com/mariner/iWeb/SoaringCamp2007>

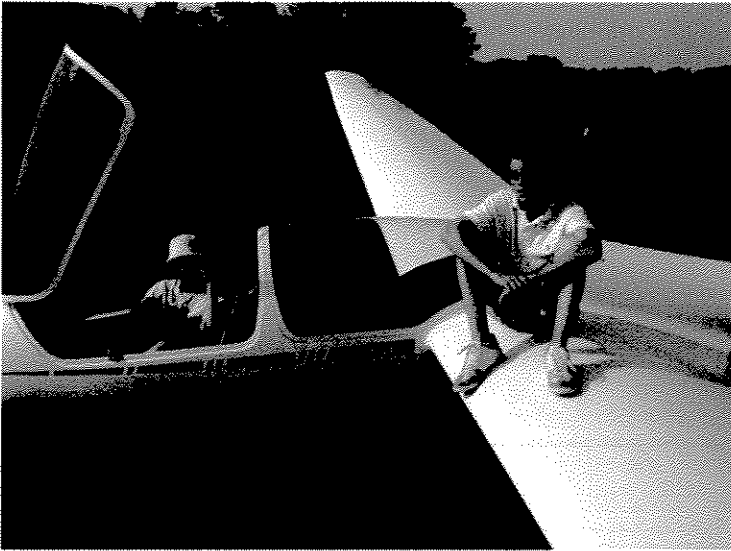


The McManus family led the pack of volunteers...Steve orchestrated the event and managed the cast of volunteers. Marybeth assembled a meal plan that was relatively easy to prepare (for our volunteer cooks), nourishing and complete for the youth attendees. Liz was unable to fly during the week due to her babysitting job, so she enlisted the kids to assist with the events, launches and recoveries...Do I see potential future youth campers here? Kat was the magnetic "lead lemming" who led the rest of the campers to their successful destinies. On behalf of the youth campers and the cast of volunteers, thank you McManuses! But, the list of volunteers is long...we thank you all!

And, there are the "Mentors" to thank for their presence and leadership - these are the returning elder and youth campers from previous years. Some (Andy McClaskey, Liz McManus, Sean Norhona & Brad Town) stayed for the week, while others (Diana Cahill, Brian Cooper, Heather Goebel, & Glenn McDonald), could only come out and support for a day/evening or two due to their other obligations. And to all the other volunteers (parents/siblings, instructors, tow pilots, cooks, & peripheral support) that helped make the week a success...thank you!

MONDAY - Unlike the previous two years, the week dawned...soarable. 70 flights were flown. Andy and Brad sought and attained SSA Silver Cross Country Badges. Joey Coomes got his initial glider solo, in the Blanik, and had the most flights of the day...7. Four youths had their very first glider flights. And, Kevin Christner took a couple youths on separate "near silver" cross countries.

The flying day was long; the evening debriefing, by the youths was...animated, and the evening/night ultimate frisbee game...well attended.



TUESDAY - We flew and then broke for storm showers. We trained the youth in glider assembly/disassembly during the deluge, while another group reviewed FAA checkride requirements/ experiences. Then we got the glider fleet out again and flew into the evening's calm...amassing 60 flights for the day. The youths experienced numerous weather conditions, with the predominant being windy operations. Alex and Joey completed their tenth solos by days' end (with Joey again maxing the day with 10 flights). The "Bomb Drop" was won by Oliver's 20-foot'er. Kevin Christner offered the youths some sweat equity, in future glider flights, by assisting in the re-profiling of the wings that were in the shop. Thank you, Kevin.

WEDNESDAY - Youth Wednesdays are known for their "sortie surge", a turnover to the "regular Wednesday crew" and an evening "sortie surge" following the field trip. Today we managed 55 flights. The morning flying began with flights (and patterns) above and around a low scud deck.

Later, Premature Termination of The Tow (PT3) exercises were the order of the day, and James Paar maxed that maneuver with three for the day. The "graybeards" relinquished their claim to the field due to the foul weather and the youth flying continued until the two separate groups "had to leave" for their canoe treks down the L'il Miami River. The weather improved and flying continued in earnest upon returning from the river. Dan and Joey both got their initial SGS 1-26 flights; Joey also soloed the SGS 2-33. Kat McManus flew her first passenger since getting her license the previous week. We flew until sunset...2100hrs! Amanda had caught Joey to tie for the max flights for the day...5 each. The debrief was again animated and the games went into the night.

THURSDAY - 59 flights were flown on a day that would have had the club normally shut down. At breakfast, a squall line at the Indiana border was advancing from the northwest. A couple gliders made it to the flight line and more than a dozen flights were flown before showers shut us down. We hangered the fleet while the weather passed and resumed operations after a stormy break and lunch. The afternoon surge gave all participants some crosswind practice. Before the day ended at 1900hrs, James Goebel had soloed the SGS 1-26; Jon learned to use his feet on tow, and many other youths plateau'ed in their training/skill levels. Elisabeth McClaskey and James G. maxed the day with 5 flights each. Amanda and Alex led the evening debrief. Goals for the final day were voiced. And, the group blew off any remaining energy during the evening/night ultimate "glow-in-the-dark" frisbee game.

FRIDAY - The youths (and the volunteers) weren't ready to give in to the exhaustive week easily; and the weather cooperated.

Before flying operations stopped at 1800hrs, 85 flights had been flown! ...Tyler soloed the SGS 2-33; Josh soloed the Grob; several pilots flew local and distant cross countries; Alyssa, Josh, and James G. had flights greater than one hour. Tyler tied with Joey, with 7 flights each, and were the sortie kings for the day. Most flights were capped at 30 minutes and most youths flew as soon as an instructor/glider pair became available. A Bonanza flew in from Texas with a couple of youth candidates for 2008. Families and volunteers attended the evening youth debriefing/pizza stuffing/graduation. The youths voted the camp a resounding success..."Phunn meter maxed out" and thanked parents, volunteers, and the CCSC for making it happen...and paying for it. The seniors graduated to "mentor" status and the baton of leadership was passed to the graduating juniors.

EPILOGUE - The 330 flights for the five days do NOT include the enthusiastic youth flying that continued over the weekend and to the end of the month. It does NOT include Paul Marks' initial solo on Jul 25; or Elisabeth McClaskey's initial solo on 4 Aug; or Diana's attempt to get her license before starting at Rice University later in August. Well done to them! Thanks to the volunteers and parents...and to this year's well behaved youth "students of soaring". Have a great year everyone!

The Youths - Megan Arrasmith, Tim Brown, Joey Coomes, Jon Deak, Amanda Evans, James Goebel, Josh Gordon, Dan Johnson, Paul Marks, Elisabeth McClaskey, Kat McManus, Braden Miller, James Owens, James Paar, Alyssa Eageseth-Penner, Alex Rytel, Oliver Schultz, Cody Smith, Shiloh Smith, Benner Tyler, Zach Vickland, Kevin Wolf

The Mentors - Diana Cahill, Brian Cooper, Heather Goebel, Andy McClaskey, Glenn McDonald, Liz McManus, Sean Norhona, Brad Town

CCSC Youth Camp - Volunteers -THANK YOU ! From Steve McManus

If it is better to give than to receive, then the membership of Caesar Creek Soaring Club should feel wonderful because of their generous support of the 2007 Youth Camp. It's difficult to capture in words the enthusiasm and support of our CCSC membership in support of our youth camp. But I'll try anyway! This year's experience was the most rewarding on many levels. The 23 youth were great and the CCSC volunteer sprit was at an all time high. Below I have listed some of the volunteer effort to produce the 2007 camp.

1. Two scholarships awarded to brother and sister participants, Cody and Shiloh Smith.

The scholarship included:

- \$400 from the Youth Scholarship fund
- ~\$250 Discounts on fees and memberships
- \$200 donations (individual contribution)
- 2 Airline tickets (individual contributions)
- 14 Flights (individual contributions)

2. Over 700 delicious meals served

- Planning
- Clean-up
- Serving
- Replenishment

3. Twelve gallons of ice cream (this is in addition to the meals!)

- All ice cream was donated

4. A record 331 flights
 - Tow pilots
 - Mentors
 - Instructors
 - Crew
5. Equipment (borrowed and donated) (individual contributions)
 - Barographs
 - T-shirt graphics and printing T-Shirt Gifts
 - Hand held radios
 - Flight recorders
 - Printing of information Booklets
 - Automobiles
 - AC / Glider Maintenance

It takes a lot support to organize the camp, 54 volunteers, 6 were returning Youth Mentors, special thanks to individual and families: Anderson, Bales, Berks, Buker, Bonser, Cahill, Christner, Carraway, Cooper, DeNaples, DeBerry, Dignan, Drummy, Eckels, Gabbard, Gaertner, Goebel, Gordon, Fisher, Hegele, Holzwarth, Hurst, Lohre, Lowe, Lubon, Noronha, McClaskey, McManus, McDonald, McDowell, Paar, Paynter, Pedersen, Penner, Print, Scheper, Schmidt, Thibodaux, Towne, and Vickland.

We'll never know how many of the youth will stick with this sport, the impact that soaring or a mentor will have on their lives, or the life-long friendships they have gained. We can't reduce to writing the pride that these accomplishments instill in our youth, but we can hear it in their voices and read it on their MySpace pages and in school papers. The 23 youth campers who attended the 2007 CCSC Youth Soaring Camp will have a lot to write about when they return to school!

While the students left camp with a great sense of accomplishment, just imagine how good they will feel when they can return the same to future youth. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and provided support for the camp, on behalf of all the CCSC youth -- Thank You!

Welcome New Members – We're Glad You're Here !

Junior Members

Tyler Benner is 15 years old and has 18 glider flights.

Zachary Vickland is 14 years old and has 2 glider flights.

Elisabeth McClaskey (Daughter of Paul McClaskey) is 14 years old has 15 glider flights and just had her first solo on August 4th.

Paul Marks is 19 years old and is just starting his flying career.

Branden Miller is 13 years old and is looking forward to flying gliders.

James D Owens is 14 years old and is finding the time to start his flying with the CCSC.

Oliver Schultz is just starting he progress to obtain his glider rating.

Cody Wayne Smith is 15 and is coming to us all the way from the great state of Georgia.

Shilo Misty Smith is 13 and is Cody's sister. They were both very helpful in the National contest and where able to come back to the club for the Youth Camp and start their flying instruction.

Full Members

John Thomas Zanon - 48 glider flights - has A and B badges and 3000+ hours in Hang gliders.
Fredrick Thomas Leighbold - student pilot - 83 glider flights and also has quite a few hours of Hang glider time.
Thomas Bonser (father of Tony Bonser) - Has SEL & ME ratings and is an owner of SGS 1-23. He has 145 glider flights and his A, B and C badges.

Attn: XC pilots and Crew Chiefs - Cell phone number request from Joe Simmers

Recently we had an XC pilot land at an airport late in the day, he made contact with myself and another pilot who relayed the message back to CCSC ground that he wanted an aero retrieve. The problem was that after he landed he lost all contact via radio and was unable to confirm that his request had gotten through. He made it home just fine but was making arrangements to leave his glider there overnight when the towplane showed up. I would like to make a list of all XC pilots and Crew Chiefs cell phone numbers to distribute to all the XC pilots. So if all of the XC pilots and Crew Chiefs could please either email or call me I will make up this list and have it printed in the newsletter, and also make up copies to distribute. Crew Chiefs if you could also specify your crew day I will mark this on the list. Thanks to all who respond, it is very much appreciated.

Joe Simmers "JS" phone: 419-589-4174 email: jsimmers13@sprintpcs.com

Aug 27 – 31 Adult Training/Soaring Camp

- Students and pilots please sign up for the dates you plan to attend (as soon as you know)
- Youths are ABSOLUTELY welcome to attend and will be accommodated as a slightly lower priority.
- Additional volunteer Instructors & Tow Pilots - Please sign up with your availability. (We currently have at least two instructors and two tow pilots for each day.)
- Training/Flying will start when the initial IP/Student/Tow Pilot/Aircraft assemble at the runway (0900-1200'ish) and continue until all training goals are met for the day (or sunset...or beer-thirty)
- Cross Country Training will occur (X/CFlights if/when suitable weather prevails) for those seeking the skill.
- A J4 aircraft will be available for Flying the local Cross Country course and pattern work at the turnpoints, X/C navigation, Simulated off-field landing selection/approaches, taildragger training & experience requirements towards becoming a club tow pilot, and "just-for-fun" flights.
- There is currently no formal food and drink plan, so please come prepared with chow and beverages.
- Please forward your attendance information to Pat DeNaples (info Jim Goebel) at the followinge-ddresses: pldccsc@sbcglobal.net and goebeljw@aol.com

Labor Day Weekend – 1-26 Fun Meet – Ox Roast

We may have as many as 10-15 visiting pilots with family and crews. Our usual weekend club flying will be run concurrently with the meet by the 1st Sat and 1st Sun crews. There will be an Ox Roast Saturday evening that is open to all members, family and guests as well as the to the 1-26ers. There will also be club flying on Monday, Labor Day. So come join us for an 'end of the summer, hello fall' soaring weekend.

September 9th Fly-In

The club will be having a fly in on Sunday, September 9 with a rain date of Sunday September 16. All are invited to visit the facility and learn more about soaring and the CCSC.

September 12th, 15th, & 16th - CPR/AED/ First Aid Training

All Crew Chiefs, Assistant Crew Chiefs and any other interested crew members are encouraged to become CPR/AED/First aid certified. Dave Menchen will hold 3 separate classes to accommodate everyone's schedule starting on Wednesday 9/12/07 6:30 PM - 10:30, Saturday 9/15 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM and Sunday 9/16 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Class is free to Crew Chiefs and Assistant Crew Chiefs, all others \$25.

Call Dave Menchen at 513 313-2315 to schedule.

SSD Board Meeting Minutes - June 23, 2007

Present: John Lubon, Bob Root, Pat DeNaples, Dieter Schmidt, Bill Maxwell

Absent: Dave Edwards, Lucy McKosky, Wally Detert, Norb Maurer

Submitted by John Lubon

April Minutes were reviewed and approved. There was no meeting in May.

Treasurers Report was reviewed and approved. SSD Balance is \$23,000. \$7900 for 2nd half of property taxes is due next month.

Bob Root agreed to seek out company to replace 2 farmhouse windows. Authorization was given not to exceed \$1500.

John Lubon will consult with Wayne Builders for contact on Roof Painting.

Wally Detert was authorized to spend up to \$1000 for replacement of the roof on the Block Building. Plan is to site clear red storage shed.

Pat DeNaples was authorized to spend up to \$750.00 for GPS Data Logger to be used at the Youth Camp to document Badge Flights.

Pat DeNaples has offered a working Cambridge Electric Vario for use in the ASK21.

CCSC Board Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2007

In attendance were Andrew Dignan, President; Jim Goebel, Vice-President; Jim Lowe, Treasurer; Dave Menchen, Operations; Paul McClaskey, Tow Plane Maintenance; Steve McMannus, Glider Maintenance. Others in attendance were: John Lubon; SSD President, Bill Maxwell, Pat DeNaples and Rich Carraway.

Meeting opened at 9:48 am with 6 board members in attendance. President acting on behalf of Secretary - The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer – The Sports Class Nationals made about about \$10K. We are looking OK at this point due in great part to the addition of the contest income. This has put us back on budget for this year. The SSD lease was paid for in June (~\$9K). There was no invoice for gas this month. Motion made and passed to accept Treasurer's report. Pat DeNaples has sent termination letters to 2 members discussed and approved from last month board meeting. Note that the CCSC policy on gift certificates is that there are no refunds, but they can be traded for CCSC merchandise. Pat reported that we have 8 members thirty days, 2 members 60 days and 7 members 90 days in arrears.

Facilities – We are just about finished with hanging the electrical charging cables in the main hangers. It will be completed by the end of the month. We will be putting names over bays of open hangers (poll barn). Progress is being made on filling in the drain holes in middle of field. A work group will be looking at removal of fence on south end of runway to the west of the pond area.

Tow Plane Maintenance – We are still having breaker tripping issues with the alternator in 33Z. The plane will be staying at Stewart's until it is repaired. Our other two planes are healthy. It was noted that we are staying

in compliance with a recent FFA issued AD on Pawnee horizontal tail attachment points. This AD requires an inspection every 100 hours of operations. It was noted that our planes do not carry chemicals that cause this issue in other working Pawnee's. It was noted that Tim Christianson is helping out Paul with tow plane issues (thanks Tim).

Operations – Very soon the crew chiefs reports will be scanned and emailed out on Mondays to better keep all informed. CPR class instruction has tentative days scheduled for a Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday sessions. Additional information will be sent out to the crew chiefs and ads will be placed in this month's newsletter. Friday operations are continuing at this time. Two people got out this last Friday due to early bad looking weather, but were treated with some great conditions that lasted well past 5 pm. Sunday we soloed 4 people (get names here). Twelve new membership applications were accepted. Nine are Youth Camp participants. Under recommendation, all applications were approved.

Old Business - Talked about having advertisement with business cards printed in newsletter in exchange for offsetting the price of production and distribution. It was felt by most people at the meeting that this would not be conducive to the look and feel of the newsletter at this time so the idea was withdrawn by the originating party.

Maury Drummey and Buck Towne will be working on the final plans for the Open House Fly-In at the CCSC field to be held in September. There will be more information at the next CCSC Board meeting.

Steve McMannus reported that the 2007 Youth Camp has been quite successful and very well attended with 23 participants and a few "graduates" to help out. There were 331 recorded flights over 5 days with one day posting 85 launches. It was noted that 54 club volunteers helped out (Thanks to all of them!). Had two solos and lots of transitions into the 1-26 (5 total) for solo privileges. James Paul Marks, Tyler Benner and Joey Combs all got their solo at the camp. Diana Cahill's goal is to get her license by the end of the year. Various members and groups sponsored two youths, Cody and Shiloh Smith. They had helped line crew and provide support at the National contest. They both got their first formal training flights and Cody was proving to be a natural at the controls.

The Summer Soaring Camp is to be held at the last week of August (8/27-8/31) and is being organized by Pat DeNaples and Jim Goebel. All can contact them regarding participation. There will be normal operations for five week days. Participants are urged to sign up so as to get flight priority on the launch line and also get the head count. Everyone who attends is expected to provide assistance with the crewing and helping to put things away.

The establishment of a mentoring program was discussed by John Lubon. It involves getting a list of mentors together allowing student/solo to be assigned a permanent mentor from the club. A mentor just needs to have a glider rating. The drive would be to get student and lower time pilots hooked up with a "top" pilot to help "Make it happen". There will be a call put out in the newsletter and elsewhere for those that would like to be a mentor and those that want to be mentored. It is foreseen that this program will help to get the badge program going and pick up the pace with which people will advance their soaring skills.

The 1-26 Fly in that will be happening over the Labor Day weekend (9/1-9/3) is coming together. Pat reported that there are 15 pilots on the list. There will be normal operations at the club with a break taken to launch the 1-26 contestants. Pat is looking for someone to do the weather. Rolf Hegele will score.

In conjunction with the 1-26 fly-in, Andrew Dignan will be organizing a "Funtest" along with input from John Lubon. It will be a contest for those not in the 1-26 Fly-In and will be done in an OLC style with a possible twist. As such, there will be no "organized launch" of the Wright Funtest contestants.

There is to be an Ox Roast on Saturday September 1st. Chef Gil has once again agreed to create the spread. All club members are welcome.

There was a request and discussion of obtaining a new stove, microwave and hood top for the kitchen. A motion was made and passed. There will also be a purchase of a new beer-meister for which funding was approved previously. It will be placed in a location that will make it more difficult to 'get legs'.

There was a request and discussion for possible obtainment of an ice maker to provide a constant source of fresh ice. Jim Lowe deals with a distributor of such equipment and will report back to the board next month. A refurbished unit would run about \$500-800.

The SSD reported has had the main hanger roof cleaned and painted at a cost of \$3K. Two windows in the farm house are scheduled for replacement. The SSD Board will discuss complete removal of the block house in front which now has its roof gone thanks to Wally Detert and the 4th Saturday crew.

Open Items are as follows:

- Newsletter article on "Chain of Command" – Andrew Dignan
- Place power drop cords in sailplane hanger (almost complete) – Dave Rawson
- Emergency and Accident Response Plan - Rolf Hegele/Andrew Dignan
- CPR for crews class- Dave Menchen
- Fence removal and drain sinkage in middle of field - Dave Rawson
- Monthly detailed income and use reports from the database -Andrew, Rolf, Sara
- Document Tow Pilot Qualifications - Paul McClaskey (done)
- Provide a notice on maintenance shop breaker box about heat usage – Dave R
- Prepare the safety policy signs for display on the trailer and on the web page – Paul
- Establish soarccsc.info address for data updates on the invoices (in progress) – Andrew
- Review, update and publish Board position responsibilities - Rolf/Andrew
- Identify social functions for the year and put them in the Newsletter (done) – Maury
- Review Quick Books as a possible replacement for our club software (done) - Andrew
- Review Sport Pilot training and insurance issues (done) – Joe Jackson, Jim Goebel
- Prepare Flight Card for Data Logger tracking – Rolf (done)
- Update the Schedule of Fees and Dues to reflect the Data Logger - Rolf (done)

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: Can't be a Thunderbird? The next best thing is to buy my 1/4 share of the best looking best flying 1-34 for sale anywhere. A9 come complete with parachute, trailer, great co-owners and a beautiful Thunderbird paint scheme. \$3,750 Call Dave Menchen (513) 313-2315

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

Wanted: 3-5 partners in new DG-1000T. 30k-40k per share, 1 to 3 years until delivery. Contact Rob Cluxton at rjcluxton@cinci.rr.com or phone 513-702-3925

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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