

The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of Caesar Creek Soaring Club

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“Oh, the weather outside is...”?

Who knows from one day to the next? It's been a crazy year end to 2007 at CCSC. December showed temperatures that ranged from single digits and lots of snow, to milder temperatures but with winds, thunderstorms, and rain, to sunny days that hit the 70's. To say the least it has been a rocky ride. But with the Christmas holidays, no one seemed to mind the madness of the weather. Everyone had a great time with parties, projects, and yes, even a little bit of flying. Maybe in January, the weatherman will be a little kinder.

Start the New Year Off Right - Get Your SSA 2008 Calendar!

Pat DeNaples wants to let everyone know that there are 2008 SSA Calendars in the club house. There is a sheet to sign if you take one. Cost is \$4.50 per calendar and will be charged to your account.

President's Corner By Andrew Dignan

Happy New Year to everyone! By the time you are reading this at home, we will be ready to have our Annual Banquet (The 19th at Kings Island Inn, 6:30 pm). Most if not all of you should have heard from either John Lubon or I via phone to personally ask you to attend the banquet. We both hope that you took our invitation.

We have a different format at the banquet this year. We hope to involve much more of the attendees. Both John and I will be using the banquet as a place to let everyone know what will be happening at the field this year and of course, what happened in 2007.

Do not forget that the combined board meeting with the CCSC and SSD will be held at the clubhouse on Jan, 19th. If you want to have a say in what is going on...this is the place to be. Elsewhere you will see that Maury is setting up a potluck every month at the club starting in February. These have been successful at the tail end of last year with 20-30 people attending, sharing a good meal and staying in touch. You don't know what your missing if you do not come!

Our great website (thanks again to Randy Wright) is going though some additions in the next few months. We are working on making this the center piece of communication among our members. Among the first additions that you will be able to see, webcams! We all know how hard it can be to find out if the field is operating, so soon you will be able to go to the members' part of the website (being setup) and view almost live video toward each end of the runway. They should be setup before the spring part of the flying season. Please note the new soarccsc.com email address.

There will also be a new crew chiefs' reporting system, being worked on by yours truly and Jim Goebel. This will also be on-line and available to members to see what is going on at the field. We also hope that members will take advantage of the "squawk" section so information about happenings at the field (broken items, things that need to get done) don't just float off into the ether with the resulting "Why was this not taken care of?" statement being heard ore more importantly the people that have volunteered to do things have not heard about the issues.

Much more will be going on with the options available on the website in the not to distant future, so stay tuned and we will let you know. I know you all are looking forward to a great 2008! Let's make it so.

See you at the field,
Andrew
CCSC President

Gas Alert

We received a new gas bill in December charging us \$3.049 per gallon. Therefore, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees and Dues, tow fees will increase to 85 cents per 100 feet of altitude effective 1 January.

Winter/Spring Operations – Part I **By Jim Gobel**

Welcome to 2008. Thank you for supporting the club last year...keep it up. For those of you not “ground-hogging” it, the summer’s drought conditions have given way to a short autumn and on to Southern Ohio’s colder, wetter, windier, soggy Winter/Spring. If you’ve backed off on your flying while you await more soarable conditions, please don’t!, by doing some if not all the following six things:

- 1) Try to at least remain current in gliders.
- 2) Re-read the books (Soaring texts, FARs, CCSC UOPs/By-Laws, and magazines [Stick and Rudder]).
- 3) Come out to the gliderport for intellectual “cross-pollination”(i.e. share your wisdom and gain some insight from instructors/others, and even “air” your complaints/suggestions so that we might improve.)
- 4) Help groom the equipment and property for the good flying conditions to come later in 2008.
- 5) Work on your New Year’s soaring resolutions/dreams (cross-country training, badges, flying other equipment, Commercial/IP/Tow pilot upgrades/checkouts, checking out in other equipment/seats, finish that checkride, etc.).
- 6) Mentor someone, or pair off and move forward together. Depending on your day’s visit/perspective, CCSC’s Winter/Spring conditions can be unexpectedly beautiful, challenging/demanding, or just plain impossible.

On those impossible days, still come out to the gliderport and do a chore or two. The {gliders and ground} equipment needs to remain cleaned and maintained for best use and longevity. Write up the “nits” on the gliders/equipment {in the crew chief reports} so that they are fixed either on the spot or during their Annual Inspections. Clean, service, and write-up the ground equipment, too. Get checked out in another piece of grounds maintenance equipment and use it once and a while during the coming year. Gerry Proffitt (CCSC Facilities Guy) has assembled a comprehensive and evolving “to-do” list of work needed to enhance the club; pick a project from the list and whittle it to its’ conclusion. Perhaps clean up another area of the facilities (shops, floors, closets, grounds, etc.). Also, please look around the club for opportunities for improvements AND SUGGEST THEM. After you’ve done a little work with your crew, consider a little training, a social and/or meal session before departing.

I hope you have a great time at your gliderport, and I hope to see you there.

Jim

CCSC Crew Chief

And Speaking of To-Do Lists, Projects, and Chores...

Since they couldn't fly, the 4th Saturday Crew (with several helpers from other crews) used their two December crew days to help re-route water from the clubhouse to the farmhouse due to some water issues at the farmhouse. Even with the pre-planning, the project turned out to be quite chocked full of minor events and issues that proved the old adage that nothing is ever as easy as it seems.

It all started out so smoothly...



The trencher we rented was really kicking. None of us thought to "Call Before You Dig", but the power lines to the campground reminded us with a cracking sound and a small arc of blue fury. Oops.



Not phased by this (no pun intended), we pressed on while DP&L was given an SOS call.



We had brought out the shovels. As usual we could only find one decent one in the barn so we had to go buy a few. Henry brought out the big gun as it was obvious we were never going to make it on manual labor alone.



The DP&L guy wasn't mad at us at all... he was laughing all the way to the "Saturday/Holiday/Overtime" bank.

Things were rocking again until we hit an old metal drain pipe that was no longer in use. The trencher chain bit the dust and we had to detour for a new link. This was another reminder that insurance on rented equipment is always essential for CCSC projects.



The next week, the project came together. Wiring was run, pipe and wires were buried and final connections were made. No, Lassie, that's not Timmy in the well...



No one was sure who was really in charge and No one wanted to admit responsibility for anything. It rang of a day at ODOT.

Trencher repaired, we rounded the turn only to struggle through a big pile of rocks, bricks, and pieces of old concrete that were buried underground.



With the hard labor complete, the crew retired to the keg and with one chug it was forgotten that there had been any problems at all. Note: No

picture available of the keg meeting – which is a good thing.

CCSC Board Meeting Minutes - 5 January 2008

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

Secretary - The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. The Board approved two new members: James Biestine Jr.; and R. Kevin Adams, both experienced pilots transitioning to gliders. Welcome. A draft Emergency Response Plan was provided for the Board's review and comment. Several changes were offered and they will be incorporated for an additional review. The new statutory agent for the CCSC Corporation with the State of Ohio is Sara, our Business Manager. No comments were received on the proposed UOP changes, so they will go into effect effective 15 January 2008.

Treasurer - The report showed savings and cash of almost \$30K after paying the lease and over ½ of the insurance bill. The Treasurer's report was approved. Jim indicated that he would have a new budget at the next meeting and will begin the process of having our books audited. A floor recommendation was to raise the initiation fee, however the whole financial discussion was deferred to the next meeting. It was noted that our contests and camps have generated extraordinary income, however we should look at financial projections without them because they are not necessarily a continuous source of income. The SSD and CCSC will jointly prepare a 5 year business plan that will be reviewed at the next meeting and consider the wish list to be discussed at the joint Board Meetings on 19 January.

Glider Maintenance - 135 has been annualized. The Blanik is awaiting repair and is being scheduled.

Facilities - Gerry has prepared a layout of the campground and is organizing name plaques for the campground and hangers. Priority lists are also being prepared so we can monitor priorities according to the UOPs. He also prepared a very comprehensive TODO list that will be distributed to Crew Chiefs for those bad weather day projects. It was also recommended that we remove the red shed which generated some discussion about the fate of the block shed. Decisions were deferred. It was noted that there is now an exposed ditch on the south side of the field that needs to be filled in before we damage any aircraft running into it. It was also recommended that Gerry look into getting the power line across the pond buried now that it is exposed.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NO TREES ARE TO BE CUT WITHOUT THE SPECIFIC APPROVAL FROM GERRY PROFFITT, FACILITIES!!!

CCSC members also trenched and installed a new line to the house from our potable water cisterns. It was determined that the house fuel oil tank had been leaking and contaminated the

house water. SSD will assume responsibility for a new tank and any cleanup required. Several of our golf carts are in need of significant repairs and Bill Maxwell was authorized to take whatever action is required. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP BILL WITH THE GOLF CART MAINTENANCE.

Social – The annual banquet will be held on 19 January, however not many members have registered and we are far below the guarantee. A phone survey will be undertaken that afternoon. Everyone planning on attending that have not registered should contact Maury Drummey via e-mail at mfd4@aol.com. Our next monthly social has been scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in February, on the 16th.

Operations – Jim is working to get control of the crew schedules and is promoting electronic delivery. He has also scheduled a Crew Chief meeting on 5 April at 1PM.

Tow Plane Maintenance – Paul’s repair estimate for 48L has been accepted by the insurance company. SSD is working on where to send the engine for repair. Paul also added five tow pilots to our insurance. 33Z will run out of it’s annual at the end of January and Paul is working with Cubby to get it scheduled.

Old Business

Our application for the 2008 Region 6 South contest is being processed.

New Business

Dave Menchen announced that he will be holding CPR training on every crew day this month. This will not result in Certification but provides critical training. Any member can participate.

The Board and members present were then asked to develop a CCSC Wish list. The following items were documented and will be presented at the Joint Board Meeting. They are in no order of priority or significance:

- 2 AEDs and a good First Aid Kit
- 1 or 2 Golf Carts (for a total of 6)
- A two place glass ship
- A single place glass ship
- Gas Pressure Washer
- Improved Instruments for X-C flying
- Winch
- 2-33 Backup
- Field Maintenance
- ASK Trailer Tow Package

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

Open Items are as follows:

- Establish a SoarCCSC. com address for data updates on the invoices – Andrew
- Complete the automated crew chief report - Andrew
- Move FoxPro files to Access – Andrew, Kevin Christner
- Review Sport Pilot training and insurance issues – Joe Jackson, Andrew, Rolf, Jim G.
- Prepare a plan for the midfield drainage ditch – Gerry P.
- Prepare draft document regarding trailer removal – Gerry P.
- Review UOPs to raise the height of high speed finishes - Rolf
- Review Emergency Response Plan - the Board
- 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
- Identify social functions for the year and put them in the Newsletter – Maury
- Nameplates for open trailer bay – Gerry P
- Review UOP for minimum height of high speed finishes – Board

Pole Barn Parking Gerry Proffitt

The spaces under the unenclosed hanger (pole barn) are assigned and paid for by fellow club members that own trailered gliders. There is a list ([*see below](#)) of waiting members that desire to rent a space under the shed when a space becomes available. These spaces are numbered and named and no one but the assigned member is to have his glider, trailer, or associated gear parked therein. An audit will be performed next month to determine who is currently in which space ([**see below](#)). CCSC will install number and name plates before the end of February. A reasonable effort will be made to contact the owner so the situation can be corrected, but, after an appropriate amount of time (2 months), any trailer found under the roof of the unenclosed hanger that does not belong there will be removed to an outside area ([***see below](#)), and the owners notified.

Any comments or questions can be directed to me, Gerry Proffitt, CCSC Director of Facilities, grpdrv@yahoo.com, or any of your CCSC board members.

* There is a \$75 fee to put your name on the waiting list for hanger space (both enclosed and unenclosed).

To get your name on the waiting list see either me or the Business Manager. Monthly rental for Unenclosed Hanger space (Pole Barn) is \$20/month/1/2 bay.

** If you desire to move, where would you like to move to? See me!

*** There is a fee of \$7.50/month for outside parking, both for trailers and outside tie down spots.

Caesar Creek Glider Info By Lynn Alexander

I received this from Dave Edwards when I was learning to fly gliders and now use it when instructing. I have asked this to be put in the newsletter so that it may be of use to any of you who are interested. You can cut it out, place it back to back, and have it laminated so you will always have it on hand when you head up in a club ship. If there are any questions or if anyone wants the data via email, please do not hesitate to ask me. My email is lynnalex1@embarqmail.com.

CAESAR CREEK SOARING CLUB GLIDER SPEEDS MPH/KTS						
840GW	1-26E	1-34	2-33	L-23	G103	ASK-2 1
BEST L/D SOLO	45MPH	48KTS	45MP H	43KTS	53KTS	50KTS
BEST L/D DUAL	XXXX	XXXX	50MP H	48KTS	57KTS	50KTS
MIN.SINK SOLO	40MPH	43KTS	38MP H	38KTS	43KTS	37KTS
MIN.SINK DUAL	XXXX	XXXX	42MP H	42KTS	46KTS	38KTS
V _{so} SOLO	28MPH	33KTS*	31MP H	33KTS	36KTS	35KTS
V _{so} DUAL	XXXX	XXXX	33MP H	36KTS	41KTS	40KTS
V _{ne}	104MP H	115KTS *	98MP H	124KT S	135KT S	151KT S
V _t	95MPH	100KTS	98MP H	81KTS	92KTS	97KTS
V _a	69MPH	72KTS	65MP H	81KTS	92KTS	97KTS
PATTERN SPEED = 150%STALL + 50% WIND						

PENETRATING WIND = BEST L/D + 50% WIND						
CAESAR CREEK SOARING CLUB GLIDER WEIGHTS						
**FOR N1148S	1-26E	1-34	2-33	L-23	G103	ASK-2 1
EMPTY WT.	449	603**	608	683	838	792
GROSS WT.	700	840	1040	1124	1279	1320
USEFUL LOAD	251	237	432	441	441	485
MIN WT/BLST	96	153	111	121	121	122
MIN WT/0 BLST	140	153	154	154	154	154
MAX PLT WT	251	237	325	242	242	242
WING SPAN	40'	49.2	51	53.2	57.4	55.7
GLIDE RATIO	23:1	33:1	22:1	28:1	36:1	31:1
ROPE STRENGTH 80% TO 200% GW						

Upcoming Events – Mark Your SSA Calendar

- 19 January Joint CCSC and SSD board Meeting at the Clubhouse, 10 AM. This is usually a raucous affair and all members are invited. It is your one chance to have all the "directors" in one place and get your voice heard or ask us questions.
- 19 January Annual Banquet, Social starts at 6PM at King's Island Inn. Be there!
- 2 February CCSC Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
- 16 February Monthly Social, Pot Luck Dinner. A potluck dinner will be held at the club beginning at 5PM. We ask that folks bring a covered dish. Beer, pop and snacks will be provided by the club.
- 1 March CCSC Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
- 15 March Tow Pilot Meeting at 1PM
- 5 April CCSC Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
- 5 April Crew Chief Meeting, 1PM
- 3 May CCSC Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
- 7 June CCSC Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
- 5 July CCSC Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
- 13 July 008 Youth Camp

Classifieds

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

For Sale: 1965 Schweizer 1-26B, SN 322, approx. 1700 hours TT, two varios, Ranger enclosed trailer, Oxygen bottle and mount, Oxy gauge, parachute, \$9000. Contact Bob Anderson 937-609-8937 or bob@constructionaccessories.com

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 completewith parachute, trailer, great co-owners and a beautiful Thunderbird paint scheme. \$3,750 Call Dave Menchen (513) 313-2315

For Sale: Udo Rumpf one man rigging dolly, \$750. Strong 303 parachute, \$650. Garmin GPS Pilot III with EW-D data logger, \$600. Contact Greg McDowell, 937-382-5065

For Sale: STRONG PARA-CUSHON 303 PARACHUTE, like new \$650. Contact Greg Crook at (614) 932-9979 or greg.crook@sbcglobal.net

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
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Submissions are due by day's end on the Monday before the second Saturday of each month.

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Thank you to all of the people who have donated articles and pictures – keep them coming!