

The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of Caesar Creek Soaring Club

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February Skies

While Ohio's February bought its share of wintry weather, there were many soarable days with lots of CUs!

Flight Instructor's Meeting – March 22

There will be a Flight Instructor's meeting in the CCSC clubhouse on Saturday, March 22, 2008. All CCSC Flight Instructor's are requested to attend. The meeting will start at 9:30 AM and is expected to end no later than noon. Any Flight Instructor wanting to add items for presentation and/or discussion at this meeting should contact me prior to the meeting.

Joe Jackson, CCSC Chief Instructor

Spring Operations – Part I By Jim Gobel

Welcome to Springtime Operations at CCSC! I hope you've safely endured the not-so-nice winter (soaring) season. Many of you have been coming to the gliderport and trying to remain current on the days when weather, field conditions and equipment status permitted. Others continue training, and are motivated to progress in preparation for the coming improved soaring season. Still others have been coming out to the club and socializing, and working on small projects (and bigger ones) to groom the club's (and personal) equipment, the facilities and the grounds for this year's soaring season. Congratulations and thanks to all of you for your efforts. If you haven't nested at the club during the winter season, come on out! The really good soaring season is about to begin. Here's how to prepare for (and excel during) this year's soaring season...

1. Set some goals and dreams - Everyone, aim high and dream big! Dream to be better than you were last year...read the soaring books, FAR/AIMs, and CCSC rules again. Students - study, take those knowledge tests, train, solo, get those A/B/C/Bronze badges, get that license and finally share your soaring addiction with friends and family. Pilots - re-read those books too, be prepared for your currency/proficiency/BFR/fun flights, fly with accuracy and precision, get that next glider rating or instructor ticket (or powered license, or tow plane checkout), participate in the cross country program both locally and to attain Silver/Gold badges, fly often and share your soaring with others. Instructors - Do everything the other pilots do ...and more, and better. Quote from, and perform to current texts. Improve your precision and accuracy, and teach the same to your students. Seek those SSA badges you haven't attained yet and add cross country to your training curriculum and flying. Crew Chiefs and Crews - look around you for ways to improve the club...the operations, the grounds, and the facilities. Act on your observations and communicate your ideas. Help out and make things better.

2. Prepare - Study, listen and learn. Read current soaring texts, the glider's operating manual, magazines and web pages. Test your knowledge by bite-sized subject area(s) or in total. Read the FAA's Practical Test Standards again. Fly/train with a proficient instructor or mentor to the higher goals and standards noted above. Prepare for each flight and each phase of flight. Be a "switched on" pilot, not just an occupant/passenger. Help others and share your wisdom and ideas. {And, don't forget to help improve the equipment, facilities, and grounds in preparation for better flights and days.}

3. Become current and proficient - Take a currency flight/flight review with a proficient instructor

or mentor. Fly on imperfect days and conditions; but fly with an instructor if you're close to maximizing your level of skill. Train and fly to higher standards, with greater frequency, to greater distances and to loftier goals.

4. Excel - It's "Practice, Practice, Practice", not "fly, fly, fly". Think, before, during and after soaring. Fly precisely; center those thermals, and spot land on-speed. Set and attain loftier standards. Take a soaring vacation this year, and demonstrate your skills in a different environment (wave, ridge, southwest, winch, different glider) and to new people. And, share your observations and successes with others, both in the cockpit, and on the ground.

5. Repeat your successes and move forward, seek loftier goals, get better - Do not muddle through with mediocrity in the saddle of complacency.

Free Info:

- Soaring text: www.faa.gov/library/manuals/aircraft/glider_handbook/

- FAA Knowledge tests: www.exams4pilots.org or www.webexams.com or www.sportys.com/faatest/ or the clubhouse computer exams.

- FAA Advisory Circulars on weather: www.faa.gov/pilots/training/ac/

- PTS: www.faa.gov/education_research/testing/airmen/test_standards/pilot/media/FAA-S-8081-23A.pdf

- SSA Bronze Badge Study Questions: www.soaringsafety.org/dl/bbstudyguide.html

See you on the flight line...

Jim, CCSC Chief of Operations

CCSC Board Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2008

In attendance were Andrew Dignan, President; Jim Goebel, Operations; Dave Menchen, Vice President; Gerry Proffitt, Facilities; Steve McManus, Glider Maintenance; Maury Drummey, Social; Rolf Hegele, Secretary; and Paul McClaskey, Tow Plane Maintenance. Other members in attendance included Bill Maxwell, Joe Jackson, Garry Print, Pat DeNaples, Rich Carraway, Jim English, Henry Meyerrose, Dave Edwards, and John Lubon, SSD President.

Secretary – The minutes for January, the January Joint Board Meeting and the February minutes were reviewed. All minutes were approved with one change to the February minutes. The corrected version will be published shortly.

Treasurer – John Lubon provided some input provided to him by Jim Lowe. He indicated that in February we had income of \$11K and expenses of \$12K. Jim had put together a budget for 2008

which had about \$10K more expenses than income. That discrepancy will be addressed when the Board has the complete budget to review. It was also noted that we have incurred a \$6000 insurance increase. These costs will have to be included in the budget in order to evaluate potential income increases.

Facilities - Gerry Proffitt indicated that the SSD had decided to put the regarding on hold since it was a lower priority on the wish list. The drainage contractor will probably not be able to get to that work before August. It was recommended that Gerry put together a map of where we need additional drainage work. Flags will remain on the field to identify the problem areas until Gerry determines that they can safely be removed.

We will continue working to get rid of stumps throughout the field. There was also extensive discussion about the exposed power line and pole by the pond. Gerry indicated that DP&L provided an estimate of \$2000 to \$3000 dollars to bury the cable if we performed the trenching.

A motion was made and seconded and approved that the Board encourage the SSD to change their priorities to have DP&L bury the power wire around the pond as soon as possible. The vote was unanimous. It was also noted that there are three trailers in the DP&L easement in the campground. There was no immediate solution. The entire flush valve in the men's toilet will be replaced.

Tow Plane Maintenance – Paul gave a status report on the tow planes. The engine for 48L should be back shortly. They are still considering whether to purchase or repair the nose cowl. 33Z's annual should be completed shortly and includes new shock struts to avoid the problem encountered with 48L. 909 is good till the end of the month

Glider Maintenance - 135 still needs to have the right side door window repaired. ASK '521's annual has been completed and Plane Captain Joe Jackson requested help to get the wings waxed. He will then put it in the trailer in order to get the trailer weighed so the axle and tongue weight can be adjusted. The audio vario and repeater also need to be installed. They will then move the Grob into the shop for its annual. At the joint Board meeting it was recommended that SSD update one of the 2-33s. It was pointed out that several club members are willing to recover one of the gliders starting in next fall's timeframe.

Social - The banquet comments were positive for the approach taken to the presentations this year. The Board authorized Maury to establish arrangements for next year's banquet. The next potluck will be held on Saturday, March 15 with St. Patty's day as a theme. Chips, beer and pop will be supplied by the club. Bring a covered dish to share with others.

Operations – April 26 was established as the annual Cleanup Day. Jim reported that the to-do list has been well received. There is no defined target date for the automated crew chiefs report.

In the interim, Sara will scan the crew chief reports and e-mail to the appropriate personnel. April 1st will be the day for the annual crew chiefs meeting. All chiefs and assistant chiefs are expected to attend. In discussion of the XC program, it was asked to check if the change to UOP 4.9.4 has been made from a requirement of Gold badge to Silver badge. Andrew will check with Rolf to see if that has been updated.

The topic of Sport Pilot training (Glider) was again addressed. Joe Jackson reported that the current UOPs are consistent with the insurance requirements. Unfortunately neither the UOPs nor the insurance policies recognize the LAS-G privileges outside of our current training program. Joe will write up his position for review.

The XC program was reviewed since the UOPs had not been changed to reflect a recommendation from last January. It was moved and seconded that UOP 4.9.4 be changed to Silver Badge from Gold distance. There were 5 yes votes and two no votes (hoping to defer the decision until a review of the complete XC program is undertaken to avoid minimizing the required qualifications). The goal is to have at least one person on each crew able to review the XC plans.

New Business – A formal presentation was made to Rich Caraway for Instructor of the Year. Congratulations Rich. There are currently ten entries for the Regional contest and a link to the contest page has been established on our website. CPR classes have been completed although several members who were unable to attend have indicated an interest. Dave M will coordinate these additional classes.

Cart #5 repairs are almost complete. A previous discussion about low, high speed passes was continued and it was decided to keep the UOPs as is. The updated Emergency Response Plan was presented for final review. An address change was recommended prior to publishing. It was also recommended that we consider separating our tow plane and glider insurance policies. Dave will check with Costello on this. It was also encouraged that we consider a flight simulator program for training and skill maintenance.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

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
- 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.
- 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
- Nameplates for open trailer bay – Gerry P

Gas Alert

We received no new gas bills in February, therefore, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees and Dues, tow fees will remain at 85 cents per 100 feet of altitude.

SSD Annual Meeting and Board Elections Coming Up

The Soaring Society of Dayton will hold its annual meeting on April 9, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the SSCS clubhouse. All stockholders are invited to attend.

Elections for three positions on the SSD Board of Directors will be conducted by mail later this month. So far, three candidates have declared their intentions to run for election: Bill Maxwell, Dave Menchen, and Bob Root. The information they have provided appears below.

Anyone else interested in running should notify Lucy Anne McKosky, SSD secretary, no later than March 14th and send a brief resume of their flying experience and interests to Lucy Anne McKosky, 47 Lammers Ave., Dayton, OH 45459 or e-mail to Lmckosky@sbcglobal.net.

Ballots will be mailed to all shareholders about March 25th, and should be returned no later than April 5th, so that counting can be completed before the SSD Annual Meeting on April 9th. Stockholders get one vote for each share of stock they own, and a quorum equal to 50% of the total number of outstanding shares is required. Please help the board by returning your ballot promptly.

Candidate Information

Bill Maxwell - Joined the club in 1977 and learned to fly here. Served on the first CCSC board and helped to develop the first policies and procedures for the club. Currently responsible for keeping the ground equipment running, and has been a crew chief. A 1-26 enthusiast, Bill is a member of the Redwings and earned his silver badge and gold altitude in a 1-26. He and Bob Root restored a 1-26, and Bill has competed in three 1-26 championships.

David Menchen – Joined the club in 1997 and became an assistant Crew Chief in 1998 and Crew Chief in 1999. Appointed to the CCSC Board of Directors in 2001 and have been re elected 3 times. Served as Operations Director, in which role I worked with the FAA and the safety director at ABX in Wilmington to identify and reduce collision risk factors for Gliders and ABX aircraft. Served as Tow Plane Maintenance Director in which role I worked with John Antrim and

Cub Stewart to retrofit the club Pawnees with wing root modifications to reduce future expenses and strengthen the airframes. As Chief Tow Pilot I oversaw the addition of 10 new tow pilots to the roster to improve overall flight operations. As Vice President I have personally conducted First Aid / CPR classes for every crew and am working to acquire Automated External Defibrillators and updated first aid kits for the club to improve safety for the crews and guests. In keeping with club tradition of serving on only 1 board at a time it would be my intention, if elected to the SSD board, to resign from my post as CCSC Vice President so that I can give my full attention to the affairs of the SSD.

Bob Root - A club member since 1964, Bob has served on both the SSD and CCSC boards. He has been a member of the second Saturday crew for 44 years, and has been crew chief for 40 years. Bob has been a glider owner since 1965, and he especially loves to fly 1-26s. He used to do a lot of cross-country flying, and he earned his gold badge and two diamonds in a 1-26. He was a charter member of the Redwings, and has flown in several 1-26 championships.

SSD Board Meeting Minutes **February 16, 2008**

Present: Pat DeNaples, Wally Detert, Bill Maxwell, Lucy Anne McKosky, Dieter Schmidt

Absent: Dave Edwards, John Lubon, Norb Maurer

CCSC representatives: Andrew Dignan, Gerry Proffitt, Paul McClaskey, Henry Meyerrose

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 p.m. by Bob Root. The treasurer's report and the minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. Dieter reported that he had submitted a request for property reclassification, resulting in 20 acres being reclassified as agricultural. The request will have to be resubmitted each year. Property taxes have been paid and income tax returns are under preparation.

Pat DeNaples presented two requests for redemption of stock, and one request was approved.

Old Business: Gerry Proffitt reported on runway drainage issues. He met with the contractor who did the original work. Clogged drain lines are causing water to accumulate on the field, and sinkholes are due to crayfish. The contractor did not give a firm estimate, but Gerry anticipated that the cost would be about \$1.00 per foot. He had priced piping and equipment rental, and he recommended doing the work ourselves, as the contractor might not be able to do the work for several months. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Gerry to initiate work on the project. After discussion, the motion was defeated. A motion was made and carried to have the

contractor do the work. Gerry was directed to contact the contractor and get the work scheduled. Drainage problems at the west end of the field were also discussed. A motion was made and carried to include drainage improvements on the west end of the field as an option to be determined at the time the drainage work is done.

Paul McClaskey gave a status report on the repairs to the Pawnee 48L. The engine has been inspected and reassembled, with no significant damage found. The cams and lifters were replaced. Insurance will cover most of the cost. Propeller4 repairs have also been completed. Parts for the landing gear are on order. All of the shock absorbers will be replaced. It may be easier to replace the nose cowling than to repair it. After the propeller and engine have been reinstalled and the landing gear is repaired, the plane will be flown to Cubby's for inspection of the wing spars.

Andrew Dignan raised the issue of the two sheds between the farmhouse and the clubhouse. Chris and Sarah would like to have one for storage. The concrete block shed could be re-roofed for about \$1500, but the red wood shed should be removed. The board agreed to that course of action. Andrew will spearhead re-roofing the block shed.

Wally reported that he is in the process of laying conduit through the shop to run the wires for electrical service to the new towplane hangar. The project should cost about \$500.

New Business: Henry Meyerrose made recommendations on the repair of the doors for the sailplane hangar. The door panels are too wide for the radius of the track. He recommended taking down the doors, cutting each panel in half vertically, and re-hanging them. The board voted to authorize John Lubon to contact the contractor about repairing the doors.

Pat DeNaples asked about the trees tagged for removal. The board agreed that the largest trees should be removed by professionals. Bob Root will inspect the trees to determine if they all need to be removed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next board meeting will be held Saturday, March 15, 2008, at 10 a.m. at the CCSC clubhouse.

Lucy Anne McKosky, Secretary

Upcoming Events – Mark Your SSA Calendar !

- 15 March - Tow Pilot Meeting, 1:00 PM at the clubhouse
- 15 March - Potluck Dinner, 5:00 PM at the clubhouse

- 22 March - Flight Instructor's Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
- 5 April - CCSC Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
- 5 April - Crew Chief Meeting, 1:00PM at the clubhouse
- 26 April - Annual Clean-Up Day, all day at the field
- 26 April - Potluck Dinner, 5:00 PM at the clubhouse
- 3 May - CCSC Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
- 10 May - Potluck Dinner, 5:00 PM 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 - 2008 Youth Camp starts at the field

Classifieds

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

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

For Sale: 2001 Roadtrek Camper van, trailer hitch, everything needed to stay at site for soaring meets, ridge trips, etc. 48K miles, asking \$21,500.00.

For Rent: Hanger for rent, \$35 / month. Contact Dana Colvin @ 513 272 0360.

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 day's end on the Monday before the second Saturday of each month.

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February Pics – Good Gliding, Good Friends, and Winter's Beauty

