

# The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of the Caesar Creek Soaring Club

September 2008



## Adult Soaring Camp

**Jim Price**

Thanks to a great job of organizing and promoting by Eric Cochran, the event got off to fine start on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. The first day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Adult Soaring Camp was attended by 22 members.

Gary Print conducted a ground school on weather for several students in the morning. Bob Root served as Crew Chief and arranged for each student to be lined up with an instructor for the afternoon. Later, a lot of ground instruction took place under the tent after flying commenced. Instructors and tow pilots on hand to kick off Day 1 were Jim Bierstine, Rich Carraway, Charlie DeBerry, Jim Goebel, Gordon Penner, Jim Price and Garry Print. The day was overcast with limited soaring but was pleasant nonetheless and 19 flights were completed.

At the end of the day our organizer Eric Cochran treated us to free beer on the porch. When asked what was the reason for the “beer buying event” he said “because it's Monday”. Sounded like a good reason to us.

Tuesday started with sunshine and we were hopeful that the day would bring some thermals. This was especially true for four pilots hoping to get some cross country On Line Contest miles in after Monday's disappointing weather. Don Burns, Devin Bargainnier, Joe Simmers and John Zanon finally conceded that it would be a weak soaring day at best, and it was. Again however, the temperature was a very pleasant 79 degrees and it was great just to be outside flying on a late summer day. Several club members worked the hookups and glider retrieves notably Lucy Anne McKosky and Charlie Richardson.

The “students”, ranging from early pre-solo to power transition pilots, were Eric Cochran, Dave Coucke, Steve Fenstermaker, Randy Orem, Lorrie Penner, Charlie Richardson, Bill Smith, Marcin Swiderski and Mike Wilkins. We made 18 flights on Tuesday.

Tuesday evening the remnants of tropical storm Fay made their way into the area and stayed with us all day Wednesday. Of course, since it was Wednesday, a large group showed for breakfast at Der Dutchman. Later back in the clubhouse, we used INTERNET to look at some widely used tools for developing a soaring forecast. Some of the guys used the time to study for their knowledge tests. The day stayed overcast with occasional showers.



The forecast Thursday morning was for the overcast to clear and a mix of sun and clouds to develop in the afternoon. People started showing up about 10AM and by noon a couple of shafts of sunlight were getting through. Meanwhile Dick Eckels was putting Alex Rytel through the oral part of the test for a Private Pilot Glider rating. Marcin Swiderski was in the clubhouse taking the pre-solo written test in anticipation of getting to solo in the ASK 21. It turned out to be a reasonably good soaring day but it was hard to connect over the field, the best lift being farther west and north. Dick Scheper was the principal tow pilot with John Antrim helping later. Also, Lynn Alexander joined us to instruct. Don Burns, Dieter Schmidt and Jim Price all did some cross country flying. When the day was done 24 flights were completed. The highlights were Marcin flying his first two solo flights and Alex Rytel earning his Private Pilot rating. These were "beer buying events" and we enjoyed the occasion on the porch.

A cold front approached on Friday morning and so there was the possibility of showers and thunderstorms ahead of the front. Sometimes this makes for great soaring as long as you can dodge the serious stuff. We had sun and cu's until late afternoon when the rumbles of thunder began. We did 16 more flights on Friday. Lucy Anne McKosky went with Jim Price attempting a cross country flight but the lift was a bit hard to work at first. They did finally work their way up in good lift and went out to the flea market. By then Lucy had run out of time. At the end of the day, Charlie Richardson got to 4600 AGL in a 2-33 solo flight.





To cap the week off Pat DeNaples went to Domino's to pick up 4 large pizzas and we had pizza and beer on the porch. In summary we did 77 flights in the four days that we flew. Marcin Swiderski was named "student of the week" by acclamation since he flew the most flights – ten. He also was signed off to solo in the ASK 21 and took 4 solo flights afterward. Marcin took his first flights in 1992 as part of the Ohio State University youth group that Rob Cluxton recruited but got off on other pursuits and just came back to soaring recently. Alex Rytel made us proud by earning his Private Glider rating. Way to go Alex and CCSC Youth Soaring! Several other pilots made at least 7 training flights including Bill Smith and Steve Fenstermaker. It was a good week.



## **Neighborhood Appreciation / Ox Roast**

## **Maury Drummey**

CCSC will host our annual Neighborhood Appreciation Day in conjunction with our annual Oktoberfest with an ox-roast on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Every year we invite our neighbors to come on down and see what we are all about. Glider rides are available as well as food, drink and fun. So come on out, have a little food and fest, and show our neighbors how much we appreciate their support of CCSC. (Rain Date – Oct. 25).



Joey Coomes passed his Private Pilot checkride on August 8. He worked hard during the Youth Camp, preparing for the FAA knowledge test and the practical (flight) test. He received an almost-perfect score on the knowledge test. Joey just started his junior year at Milford High School.

Alex Rytel is also a new Private Pilot. Like Joey, he prepared for both the knowledge exam and the practical test during the Camp, and also scored well on the knowledge exam. Alex is off to Ohio State later this month, beginning his freshman year.

Marcin Swiderski made his initial solo flight on August 28, during the Adult Camp, in one of the Club's ASK-21 sailplanes.

Congratulations to all of them on their success! There is a new manual available for sale to club members, in the clubhouse display case. It's Bob Wander's "Private Pilot Glider Checkride" and it should be very helpful to those preparing for the practical test, both the oral and the flight portions. It takes the applicant step-by-step through the FAA Practical Test Standards with suggested answers to each oral item. It also provides recommended procedures for successfully completing the flight tasks required by the PTS. Like all books for sale to members, we get a quantity discount, so this is being offered at a discount off of the \$13.95 list price.



## **CCSC Board Elections**

**Rolf Hegele**

CCSC Board Elections - There are a number of projected vacancies for the coming two-year board membership. If any club member is interested in volunteering/participating/running for these important positions, they need to forward their names to Rolf Hegele, [Rolf@starband.net](mailto:Rolf@starband.net) and/or Andrew Dignan, [ccsc.president@soarccsc.com](mailto:ccsc.president@soarccsc.com) inclusion in November's elections.

## **Crew Members Wanted**

**Jim Goebel**

CCSC needs your help in filling Crewing vacancies. Please review the attached crew roster and if you are not assigned to a weekend crew, or wish to help out a smaller crew/crew day in need of personnel, please contact Jim Goebel [goebeljw@aol.com](mailto:goebeljw@aol.com) with your preferences. Thanks.



## **CCSC Flight Instructor's Meeting**

**Joe Jackson**

There will be a CCSC Flight Instructor's meeting at the CCSC clubhouse on Saturday, October 25, 2008. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM and is expected to run through noon. All CCSC CFIG's are requested to attend.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting include: 1) A review of recent safety incidents at CCSC, 2) Preparation of CCSC students for the Practical Oral Exam, and 3) Landing Instruction. Anyone wishing to add other items to the agenda are asked to contact Joe Jackson prior to the meeting.

Joe Jackson

CCSC Chief Instructor

## **Upcoming Events – Mark Your SSA Calendar !**

4 October	CCSC Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
18 October	Neighbor Appreciation Day – Oktoberfest Ox-Roast
25 October	Flight Instructor's Meeting, 10 AM at the clubhouse
1 November	CCSC Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
11 November	Annual Meeting 6 PM at the clubhouse
15 November	Potluck – 5 PM at the clubhouse
6 December	CCSC Board Meeting, 9:30 AM at the clubhouse
13 December	Ladies Holiday Luncheon – 11 AM at the Golden Lamb
17 January	Annual Banquet – 6 PM

### **Ladies Holiday Lunch**

**Carol Carraway**

Time is just one more thing that is flying at CCSC. Soon it will be the holidays again and time for another CCSC Ladies Holiday Luncheon. This year it will be held Saturday, December 13, 2008 at the Golden Lamb Restaurant, Lebanon, Ohio, Corner of Main Street and Broadway. The merriment will commence in the Corwin Room from 11:00 AM -1:30PM.

Details will follow in the October and November newsletters. All women in the club (pilots, wives, and the younger generation) are invited. So save the date! We will be asking for folks to call a reservation in to designated persons when we update the info in October/November. As always, we will have our under \$10 gift exchange, so keep your eyes open for something unique!

### **CCSC Board Meeting Minutes**

**Rolf Hegele**

**September 6, 2008**

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

Secretary – The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and accepted with one correction and clarification. A different color flight card for XC flights was presented and comments will be implemented. We also reviewed four new membership applications. All applicants were approved: Brian Patrick Milligan, Austin Webb, Connor Lindsey, and Bernie Fullenkamp. WELCOME ALL!

Treasurer – The August financial statement was summarized but indicated we have about \$44,000 available. However we also have to pay the SSA dues and the quarterly lease payment this coming month. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Facilities - The clubhouse computer has been sent for repair a second time. The electric to the gas pump has been repaired, but it was recommended that the junction box be removed from the side of the silo. Dave Coucke and John Zanon performed the repairs. The Clubhouse siding has been replaced but the eaves end caps still need to be replaced. Special thanks to Henry Meyerrose and John Murray and the entire 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Crew. Charlie Richardson is working on the block house.

Tow Plane Maintenance – All towplanes are operational.

Glider Maintenance – All aircraft are back in service. ASK CC is missing the rear spoiler handle. WHOEVER WALKED OFF WITH THE HANDLE, PLEASE RETURN, NO QUESTIONS ASKED!!! The 1-34 will have new seat belts installed at its annual. Tom McDonald volunteered to develop some safety articles for the newsletter.

Operations –The Board is still awaiting the Safety Board Reviews on three separate incidents. It was recommended that we publicize the incidents in some sort of Safety Corner without attribution. Crew Chief reports still have not been automated (but will be shortly after the invoice process has been updated).

Social – We will hold our Neighbor Appreciation Day / Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 18. Andrew will cook the Ox Roast. The Annual Banquet is scheduled for 17 January at 6PM. It was also approved to provide \$250 for the Ladies Holiday Luncheon.

Old Business – The winch committee met and decided to defer the winch demonstration to mid October to ensure that the neighboring fields have been harvested and provide an additional margin of safety. There was also a request that we release any of the 2-33s and the Blanik to allow member winching flights at Waynesville with corresponding over and return costs being the responsibilities of the member doing the flying. Any flights of Club aircraft would only be with a qualified instructor in the rear seat, Jim Goebel. After significant discussion, a motion was made and seconded to allow the club 2-33s to be used at Waynesville for winch launching with the approval of the corresponding crew chief and with a designated winch CFIG (no solo flights). The motion passed with 5 affirmative votes and 3 against.

New Business – Andrew announced that updates to the website will be implemented shortly including a Google calendar and a member's only portion. This will use your member e-mail and account number as password. Linda Murray volunteered to manage the Regional contest next June. She recommended the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June but it was recommended to the Board that it be deferred to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week since we've had such good luck with that week of weather. The Board approved the expenditure of \$150 for the application with the provision that a budget be presented to the Board within 60 days. There was also discussion about fuel costs and the model we are using for automatic increases of the tow fee. It was felt that there should be a fixed portion of the tow fee with the actual cost of fuel being represented with a smaller increase. The Board will review a revised model for discussion at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 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
- Wrap poles in hanger with foam – Gerry P
- Review insurance options - Dave M / Paul M
- Prepare a To Do list for rain day crews – Gerry

We had no new gas bills. Therefore, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees and Dues, tow fees will remain at \$1.35 per 100 feet of altitude for September.

Corrections to minutes - submitted by Steve McManus:

The winch committee met and decided to defer the decision whether to allow a winch demonstration to mid October or not to ensure that the neighboring fields have been harvested and provide an additional margin of safety. There was also a request that we release any of the 2-33s and the Blanik to allow member winching flights at Waynesville with corresponding over and return costs being the responsibilities of the member doing the flying. Any flights of Club aircraft would only be with a qualified instructor in the rear seat, Jim Goebel. After significant discussion, a motion was made and seconded to allow only the club 2-33s to be used at Waynesville for winch launching with the approval of the corresponding crew chief (Jim Goebel) and with a designated winch CFIG (no solo flights). The motion passed with 5 affirmative votes and 3 against.

## **Editor's Note**

**Tammy Scott**

CCSC has gone into cyberspace! In order to save on mailing costs, CCSC members are being asked to join the growing list of those that are willing to get their newsletter and invoice over the internet rather than in snail mail. If you are willing to relinquish your mailed copies, please contact our billing department at [billing@soarccsc.com](mailto:billing@soarccsc.com)





## 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:** Garmin GPS Pilot III with EW-D data logger, \$600. The two together can run on their own batteries – connection to A/C electrical system not required, but recommended. Valid for badge flights up to 500K. Contact Greg McDowell, 937-382-5065

**Wanted:** Seeking to purchase sailplane or partnership in older glass ship. Please contact David Coucke @ 937-287-0910 if you have something available.

Submissions for *The Frequent Flyer* should be sent to

Tammy Scott at: [tspot1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tspot1@sbcglobal.net)

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

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# September 2008 CREW SCHEDULE

Day	Crew Chief Assistant Aircraft	Tow Pilots	Instructors/CFIGs	Ground Crew
				Crew Chief E-mail
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat &11/29	D. Edwards J. English SGS 2-33 - N36135 – G. Daugherty	J. Armor T. Hudson W.Ogley	R. Eslinger P. McClaskey-x {Open}	G. Daugherty, S.Fenstermaker,J. Lowe, , A. McClaskey E. McClaskey-^, { <b>Students/Crew additions requested</b> } cc email: <a href="mailto:dedwardsky@aol.com">dedwardsky@aol.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun &11/30	M. Karraker D. Rawson Blanik L23 - N253BA – M. Karraker	M. Maurer N. Maurer D. Schmidt	R. Carraway-x E. Hinz {Open/ <b>Must Fill</b> }	G.Adams, M.Anthony, D. Burns, P. Compton, D. Gebhart, J. Gordon-^, C. Haines, M. Miller R.Mullins-+, R. Rowland, A. Rytel-^, M. Rytel, W. Smith, A. Swanson, C. Watson D. Watson, A. Webb G. Yee, J. Zeis cc email: <a href="mailto:karrakmc@aol.com">karrakmc@aol.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat &3/29	R. Root D. Staarmann SGS 1-34 - N11485 – W. Detert	R. Anderson B. Towne (H. Simpkins)	J. Hurst G. Wade-x {Open}	J. Antrim, J. Benner, T. Benner, J. Biernacki, B. Connolly, D. Colvin, W. Detert, J. Marks, P. Marks, J. Price-i, M. Swiderski, B. Towne Jr., S. Trefzger cc email: <a href="mailto:olaandbob@aol.com">olaandbob@aol.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun &3/30	D. Menchen T. McDonald-i SGS 2-33 - N2615H – D. Menchen	B. Cooper J. Goebel-x F. Hawk G. Penner-x	D. Conrad-x G. McDowell-x T. Rudolf	A. Engeseth, H. Goebel, J. Goebel-^, J. McDowell-+, L. McKosky, M. McKosky, K. Menchen, J. Morris-+, P. Pedersen, L. Penner cc email: <a href="mailto:dmenchen@cinci.rr.com">dmenchen@cinci.rr.com</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat &5/31	R. Hegele-t M. Drummey {Equipment- Open}	D. Green R. Scheper A. Widner	<b>(Open/Must Fill)</b> B. Gaerttner {Open}	E. Cochran, D.Coucke, G.Crook, C.DeBerry-x G. McDonald, C.Richardson-^, M. Wilkins-+ { <b>Student/Crew openings</b> } cc email: <a href="mailto:n11rdbird@starband.net">n11rdbird@starband.net</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun &6/29	J. Morari-^ B. Paar SGS 2-33 - N3616Q – J. Morari	T. Bonser T. Christman M. Hutchison T. Morris	R. Eckles-x* B. Gabbard {Open}	T. Bonser Sr., J. Koons, L. Old-^, J. Paar-+, P. Schradin, J. Simmers { <b>Student/Crew openings</b> } cc email: <a href="mailto:djmorari@zoomtown.com">djmorari@zoomtown.com</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat &8/30	A. Dignan-t H. Meyerrose Grob103 - N44259 – J. Jackson ASK21 - N521CC – A. Dignan	G. Byars R. Cluxton-x G. Print-x	T. Bales T. Lynch-x J. Jackson	K. Adams, A. Allen, D. Corni, R. Holzwarth H. Jones, C. Lohre, T. Lowitz, B. Milligan, J. Murray, E. Saladin, T. Scott-+ cc email: <a href="mailto:ccsc.president@soarccsc.com">ccsc.president@soarccsc.com</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun &8/31	S. McManus A. Salem-^ ASK21 - N221SD – J. Lubon	J. Bierstine R. Blume F. Paynter-x	L. Alexander B. Clark J. Lubon	T. Bressler, P. Callihan, R.Cedar, J.Coomes-^, K. McManus, L. McManus, S.Noronha, G. Proffitt, An. Rieder-^,Au. Rieder-+ W. Simpson-+, S. Statkus, B. Stoops cc email: <a href="mailto:steve.mcmanus@ge.com">steve.mcmanus@ge.com</a>

i-CFIG, t-Tow Pilot, x-Tow Pilot & CFIG, c-Commercial Pilot, +-Pre-Solo Student, ^-Post-Solo Student, \*- FAA Flight Examiner

## **PLEASE CHECK YOUR 2008 5<sup>th</sup> CREW DAY SCHEDULE**

Additions/Corrections/Changes contact Jim Goebel at [goebeljw@aol.com](mailto:goebeljw@aol.com) or 513-774-7680 (h)

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Grounds Maintenance: Gerry Proffitt 513-934-1398 (h)	Ground Equipment: Bill Maxwell 513-708-7917 (c)