

# The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of the Caesar Creek Soaring Club

October 2009



Garry Print and Steve Fenstermaker

## Congratulations, Steve!

**Garry Print**

Steve Fenstermaker soloed 15H on September 30<sup>th</sup> and immediately followed up with 2 more to make it 3 textbook solos in a row. Proud onlookers included Garry Print and Lynn Alexander CFGs, and the Wednesday Crew. Way to Go, Steve!

## Note from the Office

**Pam Brooks**

Just to let you know, I now have an email address on our website. The address is [businessmanager@soarccsc.com](mailto:businessmanager@soarccsc.com). Please feel free to email me anytime for any CCSC business items you need addressed. Thanks!

## **A Visit to the Wasserkuppe**

**Lucy Anne McKosky**

German soaring was born at the Wasserkuppe, the highest point in the Rhon region of north central Germany. Here aviation pioneers launched their gliders from the mountaintop and discovered that they could use rising air currents to climb higher into the sky. Now, it is the home of the Vintage Sailplane Museum and the Oldtimer Segelflugclub, as well as a modern glider operation. By special arrangement, the Oldtimer Segelflugclub still does bungee launches with their "Schulgleiter" primary trainer

Following the WSPA seminar in Slovenia, several of the participants made a pilgrimage to the Wasserkuppe. The day after the seminar, a caravan of Slovenians and Americans left Lesce and made its way north to the Wasserkuppe. We arrived late in the evening to a warm welcome by members of the Oldtimer Segelflugclub and settled into our bunks in the youth hostel. We awoke Friday morning to wind and rain - poor weather for bungee launches, but fine for our visit to the Alexander Schleicher factory. Here we learned about all phases of high-tech sailplane construction and saw the intimate details of some of our favorite sailplanes, like the ASK-21 and the ASW-27. We saw the giant molds used to form the fuselage and wings, and the carbon fiber and honeycomb construction materials. We watched craftsmen painstakingly sanding the finished parts and polishing and fitting canopies. We even got to see a self-launch motor being test-run on a stand.

The weather did not improve in the afternoon, so we spent our time at the Vintage Sailplane Museum. Their excellent collection of gliders and models shows the entire history of European soaring, from replicas of Otto Lilienthal's hang gliders to the development of modern composite sailplanes, including many early models never seen in the U.S. When the rain stopped, we explored the mountain paths, and in the evening, we feasted on an outdoor barbecue at the youth hostel.

Saturday morning was still very windy, so we waited anxiously as our host, Wiel Zillen, repeatedly checked the weather briefings to see if conditions would permit any flights. By afternoon, he judged the situation safe enough to pull out the glider, so it was loaded onto its trailer, hitched to the tractor, and pulled to the hillside launch area. The bungee cords were laid out, and Wiel instructed the "rubber dogs" on the proper launch procedure. The club instructor took his seat as the first pilot, and we took our positions and ran with the ropes, following Wiel's commands. When the people on the tail cord let go, the glider lifted off, flew for about fifteen seconds, and settled back down in the grass. The flight was successful, but the instructor felt that the wind conditions (about 20 kt!) were too severe for novice pilots, so we loaded the glider back on its trailer, coiled up the bungee cords, and hauled everything back to the hangar. At least we had witnessed a primary glider bungee launch.

We learned that the Oldtimer Segelflugclub schedules two weeks of bungee launches each summer, which are open to any interested pilots. If you would like to try bungee launches, you can find next year's dates on their website, [www.osc-wasserkuppe.de](http://www.osc-wasserkuppe.de), listed on the calendar as "Schulgleiterfliegen 2010".



Schleicher craftsmen at work



The windsock at the launch site- 20 kt winds at least!



Classic gliders at the Vintage Sailplane Museum



Nora Geusen holds down the SG 38 Schulgleiter. Her sister Anna-Laura and mother Sylvia are holding the wing.

## **Altimeter Review Reminder**

**Rolf Hegele**

There will be a review of the altimeter setting policy after the Board Meeting on Saturday November 7 starting at 11:30 AM. Anyone wanting to comment for the Board's consideration is encouraged to attend.

## **Your Vote is Needed!**

**Tami Scott**

You should be receiving your ballot for the upcoming CCSC board elections. Please complete your voting and return the ballot to me at the pre-printed address. Ballots will be counted at the CCSC Annual meeting on Tuesday, 10 Nov, at 6:30 PM at the clubhouse.

## **Oktoberfest / Neighbor Appreciation Day** **Steve McManus**

Just a reminder, our annual CCSC Oktoberfest and Neighbor Appreciation Day will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the field. All members are encouraged to come out and meet the people that live around our field. The club will be providing the food, beer, and softdrinks. Members are asked to bring a dessert (and you may win a raffle prize)!

## **SSD Board Meeting Minutes** **Lucy Anne McKosky**

**September 19, 2009**

**(Held the Third Saturday of each Month)**

Present: Pat DeNaples, Wally Detert, Dave Edwards, Lucy Anne McKosky, Frank Paynter, Bob Root, Dieter Schmidt  
Absent: John Lubon, Bill Maxwell  
Guest: Rolf Hegele

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Bob Root. The minutes of the August 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction. The treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted. The major expenditure for the month was the redemption of 45 shares of stock.

### Old Business:

Dave Edwards reported that although the wiring for the fuel pumps is grounded, the silo itself is not grounded. A lightning strike on the silo could damage the electrical connections. He recommended attaching grounding wires to the ladder on the silo. Rolf Hegele offered to refer the matter to Dave Coucke for action. In response to the SSD board's recent inquiry, Rolf Hegele reported that the CCSC board would like to have the 1-26 returned to the glider fleet. He also indicated that the CCSC board supports ongoing repair of the Blanik but would not object to replacing it with a Grob.

### New Business:

Wally Detert suggested putting a new interior in 15H. This would probably require replacing the fabric back to the struts. Cubby will work up an estimate, and the board will discuss the matter further when the estimate is received.

Bob Root brought up replacing the doors of the glider hangar with an electric bi-fold door. This would

require structural modification to support the door. Wally suggested extending the hangar and including a new door in the modifications. This will be considered with next year's "wish list".

Wally expressed concern that people are moving the 1-34 by pushing on the vertical tail. A "No Push" decal for the tail was suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next meeting will be the Saturday, October 17, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. at the CCSC clubhouse.

## **CCSC Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tami Scott**

**October 3, 2009**

**(Held the First Saturday of each Month)**

In attendance were Rolf Hegele - President; Andrew Dignan - Vice President; Jim Lowe - Treasurer; Charlie Richardson - Glider Maintenance; Paul McClaskey - Tow Plane Maintenance; Steve McManus - Social; Dave Coucke - Facilities; Tom McDonald - Operations; Tami Scott - Secretary

**Secretary** – Minutes from September were reviewed – One change noted – the altimeter review is scheduled for Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. With this change noted, the minutes were approved. No new members - No terminations. Several delinquent accounts are being addressed by Pat DeNaples. Need to publish updated schedule of fees and dues regarding youth fees.

**Treasurer** – No new gas bills so tow fees remain the same. Revenue off this month a bit. Overall still on budget for the year. Treasurer's report approved. Still looking into sweep account.

**Facilities** – Core aeration done on field. Field area in front of clubhouse bumpy and needs compacted. Henry Meyerrose guided 4<sup>th</sup> Sat Crew through pole barn repair in golf cart area. Tami to work on signage for trailers.

**Tow Plane Maintenance** – Gear collapse on 909 reviewed. Same failure as on 48L prior. All tow planes inspected: 48L some cracking found, 33Z no issues. Noted that the parts were all marked from the same vendor lot. Univair (sp?), the vendor, is to review the issue and possibly assist with repair costs. 909 damage – wing tip rib broken, hinge bent - will be repaired. 33Z mag drop issue – cleaned spark plugs. All three planes are running rich – need to consider use of Avgas more often. Tom to review options.

**Operations** – Altimeter review Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. Pilot checkout database coming along nicely – already providing useful information. Need everyone who doesn't have a card on file to get one in. Discussion held on whether CCSC instructors should be required to have had 3 flights in past 90 days as sole manipulator of controls in order to instruct in CCSC gliders. Motion made, seconded, and passed. UOP

to be changed to add requirement – “In order to instruct in a CCSC glider, the instructor must have made three (3) flights in a glider as sole manipulator of controls in the past 90 days prior to instructing.”

**Glider Maintenance** – 135 trim mechanism to be repaired. Need to double check where new charger for Grob is – someone noted it missing. 15H has a minute crack in the leading edge – will be checked thoroughly at end of season.

**Social** – The next social event will be Oktoberfest and Neighbor Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 17. Invitation flyers have been distributed to neighbors. Members to bring a dessert. Need to check with Maury Drummey to see if we confirmed for annual banquet at Kings Island. May want to change venue – Steve will review and advise.

**Vice President** – Insurance reviewed to determine cost savings regarding taking gliders off-line for various winter periods. Plan is for SD to be out Jan, Feb, & Mar, CC to be out Dec, Jan, Feb, and BA to be out Nov, Dec, and Jan. The Grob will not be taken off-line so to have one glass ship available at all times. Reviewed income stream numbers – 63% is from flights and dues. Finalizing e-billing process.

**President** – Nothing new to report.

**Old Business** – FCC ground base radio license request submitted – awaiting reply. Need to prepare waiver of liability for Sparrowhawk.

**New Business** – Need to come up with a way to log glider flight hours – looking for ideas from members. Board elections in November – Annual meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Rolf, Dave, Andrew, and Jim are re-running. Steve will not be running this time. Need a couple more people to run. Waynesville Library looking for donations to help them campaign for a levy. Board decided not to contribute at this time. Waynesville Volunteer Fire Department looking to raise money to outfit a newly purchased ambulance. Board approved donation of \$500. Personal donations can be given also – members to notify Pat DeNaples if interested. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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

17<sup>th</sup> October – SSD Board Meeting – 9:30 am at the Clubhouse

17<sup>th</sup> October – Oktoberfest & Neighbor Appreciation Day –at the Clubhouse

7<sup>th</sup> November – CCSC Board Meeting – 9:30 am at the Clubhouse

10<sup>th</sup> November – CCSC Annual Meeting – 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse

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

For Sale: Dittel 71-M Base Station Radio with battery charger, auto-lighter charger and car-top antenna. \$2350. This radio can be easily removed from the base station and used in your glider if you prefer, all at a price considerably less than new. Contact Greg Crook at [greg9632@gmail.com](mailto:greg9632@gmail.com).

For Sale: 1990 Dutchman \$3200. Please call for details, Todd or Michelle 859.371.6606 or [toddnshell@yahoo.com](mailto:toddnshell@yahoo.com)

Wanted: Winch Students/Pilots – If you wish winch training/currency BEFORE the winch leaves the local area, please get your name on the training list by contacting Jim at [GOEBELJW@AOL.COM](mailto:GOEBELJW@AOL.COM). The following winch training venues are available: Winch Endorsement, Winch Currency/Proficiency, and Winch-to-Pattern-Placement (1. Student pattern & spot/on-speed proficiency, 2. Licensed Pilot landing currency), Biennial Flight Review - Winch Training, Winch Training – Opportunistic/Other, Winch-to-Thermal Training Winch Training of Private Ships.

Wanted: Winch Operator(s) (for weekday winch operations) – Free Training. Reduced Flight Rates. Lots of Satisfaction. Medical not required. Contact Jim at: [GOEBELJW@AOL.COM](mailto:GOEBELJW@AOL.COM).

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Tammy Scott at: [tscott@sterlingpcu.com](mailto:tscott@sterlingpcu.com) or [tspot1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tspot1@sbcglobal.net)  
Submissions are due by day's end on the last day of the month for the next month's publication.  
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## November 2009 CREW SCHEDULE

Day	Crewchief Assistant Aircraft	Towpilots	Instructors	Ground crew  Crewchief e-mail
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat & 5/30	D. Edwards J. English	J. Armor T. Hudson W. Ogley	R. Eslinger P. McClaskey-x {Open}	G. Daugherty, W. Detert, S. Fenstermaker, J. Lowe, A. McClaskey, E. McClaskey-^ {Students/Crew additions requested} cc email: <a href="mailto:dedwardsky@aol.com">dedwardsky@aol.com</a>
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SGS 1-34 – N11485 – W. Detert				
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun & 5/31	M. Karraker M. Miller	M. Maurer N. Maurer D. Schmidt	R. Carraway-x E. Hinz	G.Adams,M.Anthony,C. Blackwood,D. Burns, B. Fullenkamp, D. Gebhart, J.Gordon-^ ,C. Haines, S. Klein, B. Lewis, C. Lindsey, R. Martinez, ,R. Miller, R. Mullins, D. Rawson, A. Rytel-^,M. Rytel, W.Smith, G. Southers, A. Swanson, A. Webb, G. Yee, J. Zeis cc email: <a href="mailto:karrakmc@aol.com">karrakmc@aol.com</a>
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Blanik L23 - N253BA – M. Karraker				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat & 8/29	R. Root D. Staarmann	R. Anderson B. Towne	P. Osborne - x	J. Antrim, J. Benner, T. Benner, J. Biernacki, B. Connolly, J. Hurst, J. Marks, P. Marks, H. Simpkins, J. Price-i, M. Swiderski, B. Towne Jr- i, S. Trefzger cc email: <a href="mailto:olaandbob@aol.com">olaandbob@aol.com</a>
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun & 8/30	D. Menchen J. McDowell+	B. Cooper J. Goebel-x F. Hawk G. Penner-x	D. Conrad-x G. McDowell-x T. Rudolf	P. Compton, B. Elliott, A. Engeseth, H. Goebel, J. Goebel-^, C. Hildenbrand^, , 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>
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SGS 2-33 - N2615H – D. Menchen				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat & 10/31	M. Drummey R. Hegele	D. Green R. Scheper A. Widner	C. DeBerry D.Coucke B. Gaerttner	E.Cochran, G. McDonald, C. Richardson-^, M. Wilkins-+ { <b>Student/Crew openings</b> } cc email: <a href="mailto:mfd4@aol.com">mfd4@aol.com</a>
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SGS 2-33 - N36135 – M. Drummey				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun & 11/29	T. McDonald B. Paar	T. Bonser T. Christman M. Hutchison T. Morris	R. Eckles-x* B. Gabbard	M.Aranha,T. Bonser Sr., C. Higgins, J. Koons, J. Morari-^, L. Old-^, J. Paar-+, P. Schradin { <b>Student/Crew openings</b> } cc email: <a href="mailto:tjmcdonald@fuse.net">tjmcdonald@fuse.net</a>
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SGS 2-33 - N3616Q – J. Morari				
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat & 1/31	A. Dignan-t H. Meyerrose	G. Byars R. Cluxton-x G. Print- x	T. Bales T. Lynch-x J. Jackson	K. Adams, B. Fel, H. Jones, C. Lohre, B. Milligan, J. Murray, E. Saladin, T. Scott-+ cc email: <a href="mailto:dignan@fusemail.com">dignan@fusemail.com</a>
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Grob103 - N44259 – J. Jackson ASK21 - N521CC – A. Dignan				
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun & 3/29	S. Statkus T. Dockum	J. Bierstine R. Blume F. Paynter-x	L. Alexander B. Clark J. Lubon	T.Bresser, P.Callihan, R. Cedar, J. Coomes-^, T. Dockum, R Ghai, K. & S. McManus, An. Rieder-^, B. Stoops cc email: <a href="mailto:sstatkus@cinci.rr.com">sstatkus@cinci.rr.com</a>
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ASK21 - N221SD – J. Lubon				
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i-CFIG, t-Tow Pilot, x-Tow Pilot & CFIG, c-Commercial Pilot, +-Pre-Solo Student, ^-Post-Solo Student, *- FAA Flight Examiner				
<b>PLEASE CHECK YOUR 2009 5<sup>th</sup> CREW DAY SCHEDULE</b>				
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Crew Operations. Tom McDonald 859-992-6801 (c)			Glider Chief: Charley Richardson 513-474-1504 (h)	
Grounds Maintenance: David Couke 937-287-0910 (c)			Ground Equipment: Open	

Summary of changes, last month and this month: