

The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of the Caesar Creek Soaring Club

April 2010



Seminole Lake Glider Port – 2010 Seniors Championships

Photos and Story by Jim Price

Frank Paynter, Rolf Hegele and I were 3 of the 56 regular contestants (read “over 55”). Rob Cluxton flew as one of 6 guests. Ronnie flew in the back seat with me as co-pilot and chief “other glider watcher”. This was the 20th annual Seniors. It was a very tough winter (in Florida, too) and the weather came around just in time to get in a couple of practice days and 3 valid contest days.

Rolf and Frank towed their gliders down a week early so this gave me a chance to offer Rolf a ride in the DG1000. He had never flown at Seminole-Lake Gliderport before and my experience there was limited. We had a nice day on March 1st in which to leisurely fly around and look at the closer in landing strips which we might need coming back on a contest day. The flying area at Seminole is pinched by Class B airspace on

the east (Orlando) and the west (Tampa) thus tasks start out to the north or south.

As it happened we went south every day, expecting conditions to be somewhat better there. John Good was the CD and called Turn Area Tasks starting at Winter Haven or beyond, then usually 3 or 4 other turnpoints with generous circles, allowing top pilots to rack up extra miles while the slower ones could still make it back home. It seemed to work out pretty well.

On DAY 1 we had Sebring as the first turn, 72 miles south, but with a 20 mile radius so the timid like me only had to go about 50 miles south. For those at the front of the grid like Ronnie and me, this was a long tough day. Before the start we had to gaggle fly for nearly two hours, usually below 4000 MSL. My high point of the day was 4800MSL but we were in the 3000 to 4000 band most of the day with broken thermals of moderate strength. The fast guys went 125 to 150 miles compared to my 108 miles. Frank Paynter was at the top of his game, finishing 6th on the day. He was the only pilot of the top 7 who has not (yet) won a National soaring contest. Frank, outstanding!

DAY 2 was the easiest of the contest. Thermals were stronger and went higher. Although it was blue again, this day was a lot more fun. My high point was 6045 MSL but that one was a "fire aided" climb. Two large fires on course made a significant difference to most. I was hesitant at first to go over the fire but then saw gliders streaming toward the first one like moths toward candles so decided to join in. I was fairly high so for us it was not crowded but it was very murky and turbulent. The second fire was very deep into the turn area and Ronnie and I did not go that far. Those who did reported amazing climbs. Chip Garner said he flew into it at about 95 kts and saw up to 17 kts on the averager as he climbed to 7000MSL. Rob and Frank had great days, finishing 8th and 12th, with Frank moving into 5th place overall. The top guys went 150 to 185 miles. There were a lot of smiles on pilots' faces back at the field in the late afternoon.

After a day of rain we flew DAY 3, again south, to Avon Park. Winds were strong from the south forcing us to grid on the north end of the runway. Aloft, the winds were 12 to 14 from the southeast but for the first time we had some cu's that could be worked once past Winter Haven which is about 25 miles south. As I worked my way south, upwind, I kept thinking how much fun it was going to be when I turned for home downwind with all those great cu's. Oh, what a surprise! None of the cu's seemed to work on the way back over all the lakes. This is a tricky area to navigate going past Winter Haven. I had two low saves at about 1400 feet and thought I had no chance of completing the task. Then out in the blue about 8 or 10 miles from Seminole I stumbled into a thermal and had a nice climb for enough altitude to get me into the edge of the steering turn a few miles north then back home. The day ended a joy for us but for many it was bad news. There were 13 landouts and 6 other pilots did not start. Some just could not get away from the field due to a shelf of cirrus that spread across the first leg a few miles south. Rolf and I both managed to complete the task and move to the front page of the two-page score sheet. The best pilots, including Frank, seemed to do very well and Rob also had another good day. For Ronnie and me, we just breathed a sigh of relief when we crossed the finish line.

Sixty plus pilots and crews then hung out in the rain for 2 days hoping for a 4th contest day on Saturday but it was not to be. Four inches of rain over two days left a very soggy field and the winds on Saturday were 20 plus straight across the field.

Frank Paynter is to be congratulated for finishing 8th overall. Five of those ahead of him have won National soaring competitions. Rob, as a regular contestant would have finished 18th. He was 2nd of the 6 guests and beat some big name pilots. Rolf, flying at Seminole for the first time and in a contest of national caliber, did a fine job. As for Ronnie and I, surviving the grinding gaggles of the first day and finishing on the last day made it worthwhile.



Jim and Ronnie in DG1000



Toward Winter Haven - South



Rob heading toward the grid



Rolf and Frank



Picture right is Rolf hooking up N1RD-→



Ronnie by the fin of 1K



Frank towing out to grid

18 Meter Nationals Update

Linda Murray

CREW FOR HIRE - WEATHERMAN WANTED - TRAILERS FOR RENT

This sort of headline should let you as a club member know that a contest is coming to the club. CCSC is hosting the 18 Meter Nationals this June (June 13-24). Plan to be a part of an exciting event at your club. If you like to work with the weather models and predict what the day will bring, we can use your help for the daily weather briefing. If you would like to be paid to crew for a pilot who is "crewless", let me know I'll put you on the list. If you have a trailer you would like to rent out for two weeks this June, there are some pilots who would like to stay on the field in a trailer.

If you would like to help on the launch line, be a tow pilot, fill the water tanks in the afternoon, or weigh ships, we have many areas that you can help. We do need you to sign up and be committed to SHOW up. This is a national contest and the results do determine who will make the next world team in 2012.

The 2012 World Gliding Championships is in the USA !! It will be in the town of Uvalde Texas, June 28- Aug 14, 2012. I can make your summer start with some excitement and you will meet some interesting people.

COME TO THE RACE !! Linda Murray 513 897 7566 or 513 897 5667 Linda@easternsailplane.com

Billings Announcement

Rolf Hegele

Unfortunately we have continuing problems coordinating our electronic billings with the paper products. Therefore, effective immediately, we have decided to suspend e-billing until we get our new accounting system up and running. Everyone will receive paper copies of their bills beginning this month. If you acknowledged receipt of the e-billing already, we apologize for the double billing. We encourage everyone to review their bill for late charges that appeared due not having received a bill. If this is the case, please call Pam at 513-932-7627 to resolve the issue. Our new system will likely be based on Quickbooks which will offer integrated e-billing as well as the opportunity for you to pay bills via credit card. Thanks for your patience.

Cross-Country at CCSC gets boost with SPOT tracking map

Cross country flying will become a spectator sport at CCSC this summer, as club members (and anyone else with a web connection) will be able to watch SPOT equipped pilots do their thing on cross-country flights. CCSC recently signed up for a 30-SPOT mapping subscription from Hawke Tracking, so you can now see the action at <http://hawketracking.org/ccsc/files/trackinglarge.htm> (this is a Google Maps page, so you can zoom in/out, pan around, and change the background to show a satellite view, a map view, or a combination of both). If you fly cross-country, a SPOT tracker is a great idea from a safety and crew peace of mind standpoint, and the tracking map makes it even more attractive. The tracking map can be viewed from the club computer, but can also be viewed from anywhere there is a web connection, so your favorite crewperson can watch from home, too!

To make it even more interesting, Rolf Hegele (RD1) has designed a set of 2:00 hour Assigned Area Tasks (same thing as Turn Area Task) appropriate for a wide range of gliders, from Rolf's Libelle to JL's ASG-29. Rolf has even volunteered to score results using WinScore! Contact Rolf for more information about the tasks. If you fly Cross-country, or have questions about SPOT devices or the SPOT tracking maps, I will be happy to help any way I can. Contact me at 614-594-2078 (home office) or at paynterf@gmail.com.



Welcome to CCSC - Eran and Stacy Moscona

CCSC Board Meeting Minutes

Tami Scott

April 3, 2010
each Month)

(Held the First Saturday of

In attendance were Rolf Hegele - President; Andrew Dignan - Vice President; Jim Lowe - Treasurer; Paul McClaskey - Tow Plane Maintenance; Steve McManus - Social; Dave Coucke - Facilities; Tom McDonald – Operations; Steve Statkus – Glider Maintenance.

Secretary – Minutes from March were reviewed and accepted. Two new members were approved – Christopher Uhl and Eran Moscona. No terminations. No update on the name plates for the open trailer bay or campground.

Treasurer – No new gas bills – no change in gas index. Revenue down last month – behind for year mostly due to inclement weather. Lease payment made to SSD and spent more on airplanes than budgeted. Treasurer's report approved.

Facilities – Field has been rolled twice – probably need to spray for weeds at some point. Well pump for house – electrical switch installed and water pressure adjusted. Tree in campground that has fallen has been cut up. Dave will get an estimate for cost to bury the wire in the campground due to the possible interference with camp sites. Well house is back in service. Garry Print installed two new windsocks. Clean up day April 17th.

Tow Plane Maintenance – 33Z annual complete. Tost hook installed and snare cables. Need to get tost hook and cables installed on 909. 48L needs annual. Note to all that Tost hooks need to be cleaned daily at the end of day. Due to the increased number of mechanical parts, debris can cause problems.

Glider Maintenance – Blanick has been inspected due to the AID issued. Steve has volunteered to review the pros/cons /resale value to help determine if we want to sell/replace the Blanick. 15H is in repair – awaiting parts – replacing tow hook.

Operations – Master list of pilot cards is updated. Crew chiefs will be provided with master list. Aircraft flight time log has been developed to record flight times & in/out. Regular flight review ground schools starting again – first one today 4/3. Discussion to be held at Instructor's meeting about holding a private pilot written test ground school over a weekend possibly after youth or adult camp – an effort to help move pilots forward to getting their private license after solo.

Social – New calendar to be printed in the newsletter and on website. Reminder of April 17th monthly potluck (same day as cleanup day).

Vice President – Got a refund from Costello on fleet insurance due to some rate adjustments. The schedule of gliders coming off insurance coverage is posted throughout facility.

President – No update.

Old Business – FCC ground base license application – Pam will follow up on status. Accounting system – Rolf and Pam reviewed Quick Books system being used by Waynesville airport and feel it will meet our needs. Rolf will buy a copy and contact a local consultant to review the application. Spot update – Software has been loaded on clubhouse computer – anyone with a device can be set up and thus tracked by CCSC. Rolf will pick up a spot device for the club.

1-26 Championships 2011 update – no answer yet for 1-26ers. Rolf will follow up with Linda Murray to see if we will or will not get the bid we made for 2011 Sports Class Nationals. Steve Statkus will follow up with the 1-26ers to see when they need an answer.

New Business – Beverage fund is down to \$79 due to people taking beverages from the fridge and not paying for them. If we cannot get members to pay, the fund and purchases will be eliminated, and those members wishing to participate will have to bring their own. Voted to purchase a log splitter that is for sale by a local resident – Pam to coordinate. Steve McManus requested to reserve the clubhouse for August 13th for a party. Reminder that clean-up day is April 17th. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Classifieds

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

Wanted: Donation of vario or total energy probe for use in wind tunnel testing related to attempt to break the glider altitude record. Contact Glenn McDonald, gmcd05@gmail.net or 859 628-0971

For Sale: Variometer, Winter, scale ± 10 knots, 57 mm diameter. Flawless function and appearance. The variometer includes a .45L capacity bottle and an installed McCready ring that is suitable for a high performance glider. \$310.00. Contact Poul Pedersen on (513) 769-1263 or by e-mail dyhr_pedersen@fuse.net

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.

For Sale: 1990 Dutchman \$3200. Please call for details, Todd or Michelle 859.371.6606 or toddshell@yahoo.com

For Sale: RV/ Motorhome. 31ft Winnebago. \$5000. Already in campground. Contact Terry Buker. 786-512-3313 or email tbuk@juno.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. 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.

Submissions for *The Frequent Flyer* should be sent to
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Submissions are due by day's end on the last day of the month for the next month's publication.
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May 2010 CREW SCHEDULE

Day	Crewchief Assistant Aircraft	Towpilots	Instructors	Ground crew
1 st Sat & 1/30	D. Edwards J. English	J. Armor T. Hudson	R. Eslinger P. McClaskey-x	G. Daugherty, W. Detert, S. Fenstermaker, J. Lowe, A. McClaskey, E. McClaskey-^ {Students/Crew additions requested} cc contact: dedwardsky@aol.com 859-322-4452 asst: jim.english@morrison-chs.com 513 235-3696
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SGS 1-34 – N11485 – W. Detert				
1 st Sun & 1/31	M. Karraker M. Miller	M. Maurer N. Maurer D. Schmidt	R. Carraway-x E. Hinz	G.Adams, M.Anthony, D. Burns, B. Fullenkamp, J.Gordon-^, S. Kleine, B. Lewis, C. Lindsey, R. Martinez, R. Miller, R. Mullins, D. Rawson, A. Rytel-^, M. Rytel, K. K. Silber, W. Smith, G. Southers, A. Swanson, A. Webb, G. Yee, J. Zeis cc contact: karrakmc@aol.com asst cc contact: millersoasis@msn.com 513-235-6128
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Blanik L23 - N253BA – M. Karraker				
2 nd Sat & 5/29	R. Root D. Staarmann	R. Anderson B. Towne M. Schababerle	P. Osborne – x	J. Antrim, J. Benner, T. Benner, J. Biernacki, R Holzwarth, J. Hurst, J. Marks, P. Marks, H. Simpkins, J. Price-i, M. Swiderski, B. Towne Jr.-i, cc contact: olaandbob@aol.com 513-235-6128 asst cc contact:
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2 nd Sun & 5/30	D. Menchen G. McDowell-x	B. Cooper J. Goebel-x F. Hawk G. Penner-x	D. Conrad-x T. Rudolf	P. Compton, A. Engeseth, H. Goebel, J. Goebel-^, J. McDowell+, L. McKosky, M. McKosky, K. Menchen, J. Morris+, P. Pedersen, L. Penner, cc contact: dmenchen@cinci.rr.com 513 313-2315 asst cc contact: quivvinn@verizon.net
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SGS 2-33 - N2615H – D. Menchen				
3 rd Sat & 7/31	M. Drummey R. Hegele	D. Green R. Scheper A. Widner	C. DeBerry D. Coucke B. Gaerttner	Boesel, E.Cochran, Inman, G. McDonald, R. Perry, C. Richardson-^, M. Wilkins-+ { Student/Crew openings } cc contact: mfd4@aol.com 513 871-1998 asst cc contact: N1lrdbird@starband.net 937-271-5003
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SGS 2-33 - N36135 – M. Drummey				
3 rd Sun & 8/29	T. McDonald B. Paar	T. Bonser T. Christman M. Hutchison T. Morris	R. Eckles-x* B. Gabbard	M.Aranha, T. Bonser Sr., B. Elliott, C. Higgins, J. Koons, J. Morari-^, L. Old-^, { Student/Crew openings } cc contact: tjmcdonald@fuse.net 859 992 6801 asst cc contact: mariner@mac.com
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SGS 2-33 - N3616Q – J. Morari				
4 th Sat & 10/30	A. Dignan-t H. Meyerrose	G. Byars R. Cluxton-x G. Print- x	T. Bales T. Lynch-x J. Jackson	K. Adams, B. Fel, C. Hildenbrand^, H. Jones, C. Lohre, B. Milligan, J. Murray, E. Saladin, T. Scott-+ cc contact: dignan@fusemail.com 513.405.7839 asst cc contact:
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Grob103 - N44259 – J. Jackson				
4 th Sun & 10/31	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-^, Clark, T. Dockum, R Ghai, C. Haines, K. & S. McManus, An. Rieder-^, A. Salem, B. Stoops cc contact: sstatkus@cinci.rr.com 513-720-8955 asst cc contact: todd@thetechpark.com 513-461-3535
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ASK21 - N221SD – J. Lubon				

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

PLEASE CHECK YOUR 2010 5th CREW DAY SCHEDULE

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