

The Frequent Flyer

The Monthly Newsletter of the Caesar Creek Soaring Club

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Fun at the Ridge

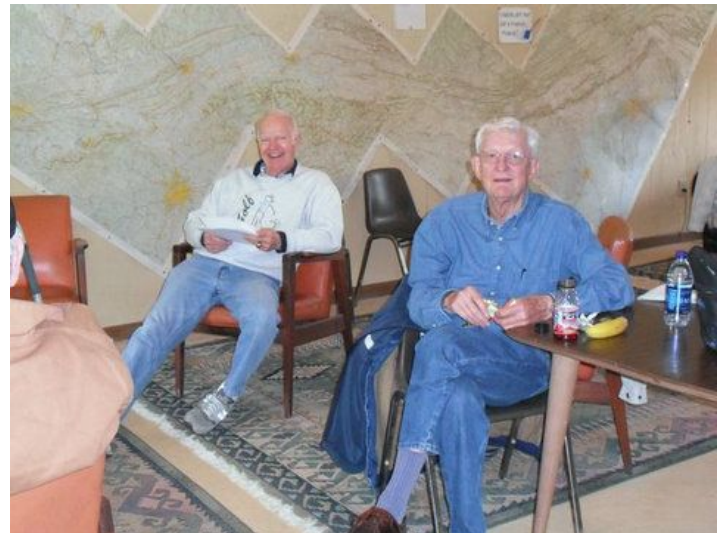
Bob Root

Looking at the long range weather reports for the last week of April five straight days of rain were forecast. Being glider pilots we are naturally optimistic so most of the gang left on Sunday the 25th. The weather was great until we reached Bedford Pa. and the predicted rain. The rain continued Monday but by Tuesday things were looking up and the Ridge was cooking. We assembled the K-21 and Charley DeBarry and Don green went up to try the waters. Steve Stakus got a check ride on the ridge with Charley, followed by Pat DeNaples and Jim Hurst. Later Pat and I went up and had a fantastic flight. Lift was everywhere with 8 to 10 knot thermals. We flew about 12 miles upwind over the Allegheny Plateau at 8500 feet without losing much and with very few turns. After 36 years of going to the Ridge I would say this was pretty typical which I guess is why we keep coming back. By Wednesday the wind had picked up and Jim Price, Devin Bargainnier and Joe Simmers decided to do some serious ridge running and did they ever. Devin flew 1481 km in 11 hours and Joe did 840

km.

Unfortunately Jim got shot down near Kaiser West Virginia and. Charley, Don and Steve got to experience a retrieve. They did a great job of finding Jim and getting back in time for Jim Hurst's and Max Marshall's chili cook out which has become a tradition at Ridge Soaring Gliderport .After watching a few tows and landings we decided to park the K-21 and the 1-26 on Wednesday and tell stories instead. Thursday and Friday were good days with the K-21 getting lots of use and Steve doing some ridge running with his 1-26. My daughter April who had come over with us had a great flight with Pat on Thursday and actually got to soar with a Bald Eagle.

Thanks to the CCSC Board for letting us take the K-21 to the Ridge, a lot of club members get to experience some unique flying. If you are tired of hearing our Ridge stories (some of which have a resemblance of truth to them) and want your own stories, plan on joining us next year.





18 Meter National Contest

Linda Murray

June 14- 24, 2010

Calling all folks who have ever wanted to be PAID for crewing for a pilot! Several of the competitors coming to CCSC for the 18 meter contest have asked if there are any club members who would be available for crew.

These are pilots who will pay the crew for the work. Please reply to Linda Murray 513 897 5667, or Linda@easternsailplane.com if you are interested.

The second request is for trailers for rent. Several pilots would like to stay on the airfield during the 2 week contest. If you have a trailer that you are not using and would like to rent it out to a pilot, please contact me. Linda Murray 513 897 5667 or Linda@easternsailplane.com .

The third item is that I am planning a crew day tour of Jungle Jim's food center on Monday June 14. The tour begins at 9 A. M. The group will be leaving the club at about 8 A.M. The cost is \$5 per person. This will be a fun outing and any club member is welcome to join the group.

If you live in Cincinnati you can just meet us at the Jungle Jim's store at a little before 9 A.M. The \$5 is paid to Jungle Jim's. Please RSVP to me, Linda Murray 513 897 5667, or Linda@easternsailplane.com .

The fourth item is that on Saturday June 12 is the welcome dinner for the pilots. Please come out to the club as a member and welcome the contestants to the club. The contest will provide the meat and beer. Please bring a side dish or dessert to make the meal complete. Many of these pilots are old friends, and several are current USA team members.

The more the merrier! Contest Manager, Linda Murray



CCSC Board Meeting Minutes

Steve Statkus

**May 1, 2010
Month)**

(Held the First Saturday of each

Minutes from CCSC board meeting, May 1, 2010

In attendance: Rolf Hegele – President; Andrew Dignan - Vice President; Jim Lowe – Treasurer; Paul McClaskey – Tow Plane Maintenance; Steve McManus – Social; Steve Statkus – Glider Maintenance.

Secretary – Minutes from the last meeting were distributed, reviewed and accepted without change. One member moved [Gavin Bond (?)] and was terminated. Six new members joined and were approved: Scott Thomas Mayer, Courtney Bullard, and Eric Spurlino all youth members. Randy Bullard, John Atkins and David DuBois, as members some of whom have glider experience.

Treasurer – No new gas bills – no change to gas index. CCSC is on track for meeting budget for year end. Pam has done a good job reducing delinquencies by about 75%.

Facilities – New tile in bathroom in work. An urgent report was received from Henry that we are down to 6 inches of water in the cistern so further use of the restrooms is curtailed forthwith and any calls of nature should be resolved in the woods.

A large motor home was parked in the electrical line easement in the camp ground. This vehicle must be moved out of the easement and relocated.

Clean up day 4/17 - Steve McManus reported that both hangars were cleaned and swept, shelves in the mower shed installed, back porch cleaned and the deck painted. 24 flights took place. Also reported but not scheduled was the work day by C.A.P. run by Todd Dockum.

Tow Plane Maintenance - 48L is ready for annual and will begin within a week or so. A brief discussion about cleanliness of Tost Hooks took place and a decision to issue a memo to all tow pilots that following operations the hook should be inspected for cleanliness and hosed if necessary. Following hosing it should be sprayed with WD-40.

Glider Maintenance – The 1-34 was involved in an accident. Further details can be found in the discussion about glider insurance. The Blanik will have both canopies replaced by Cubby. Garry Print has arranged with Wings and Wheels to obtain and ship both to Stewart's. A motion passed to request SSD to provide the funds for the activity, approximately 4.0 K USD.

Operations – No report.

Social - The 4/17 event was well attended with about 30 folks present. Also reported is, the youth camp is full, with 20 campers signed up. Any additional campers will go on a waiting list.

Vice President – Insurance: Costello contacted Rolf and informed him that the 1-34 was covered for \$13K with an \$800 deductible. If this claim were made the club would take a \$5.5K increase in rates over the next three years due to the loss of our discount. Once Wally did the math a motion was made, seconded and passed by the CCSC to file the claim.

Tow Pilot Insurance and Rating Requirements: A discussion took place concerning the requirements of tow pilots at CCSC run contests and SSA sanctioned contests. Andrew agreed to query Costello for clarification concerning this issue before the contest.

Old Business – Accounting Process: Pam is now flying solo on FoxPro, Pat is consulting. The QuickBooks software is in the process of being loaded. Both systems will run in parallel for sometime to come. A discussion concerning funding a consultant to debug QuickBooks for 1.2K for 12 hour block or \$125 per hour straight time billing resulted in Rolf (program mgr) being authorized (by motion and approval) to spend up to \$1250 on an hourly contract for consulting services.

SPOT Update: We have received the SPOT device and now need to register same. It was decided to release the device to club members at no charge. (Note to potential thieves, the tracking feature is working.)

18 M Contest Update: 30 pilots have signed up, 21 have paid. It's a two week contest that includes four dinners, \$300 up front fee, \$35 per tow, \$125 per hour aero retrieve, \$25 per week camping. It was recommended that a budget discussion occur with the Board before the next contest rates are established and published.

2011 Sport Class Nationals: No date set. The 1-26 championship will not be scheduled in this area in 2011, but could be held in this district in 2012.

New Business – The QuickBooks billing software may not be able to handle our current methodology of accounting for SSD Stock Shares as they are bought on a monthly basis. Some brainstorming resulted in a couple of approaches to dealing with the problem in addition to making clearer the separation between CCSC and SSD from a legal standpoint. Dieter Schmidt provided a simple model that regenerated the lost cash stream to CCSC with the removal of the subscription fee while requiring members with less than 12 shares to buy a share at the end of the year. After further discussion and a white board presentation of the current process by Professor McClaskey it was decided to form a committee to study the problem and bring it to the board for further discussion. Committee members are Rolf, Steve McManus, John Lubon, Jim Lowe, and Dieter Schmidt.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. (Rolf was in the woods during the voting to adjourn.)

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: 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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