

**Caesar Creek Soaring Club**

August 30, 2016

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 10 Board of Directors Meeting - John Lubon
- Sept 17 Potluck Hors D'oeuvres & Wine Tasting - 6:15 pm - Maury Drummey
- Sept 23-25 Boy Scout Troop 598 Aviation Camp Out at CCSC - Maury Drummey
- Oct 15 Oktoberfest Event - Maury Drummey
- Oct 15 Potluck Dinner - 6:15 pm - Maury Drummey

ADULT CAMP & VINTAGE GLIDER RALLY - STEVE STATKUS

You should have been at CCSC on Monday. By Thursday we had sweated out gallons of water and by Friday the results were in: Rolf Hegele won the trophy for the Bunny Class with an OLC score of 369.76 points, flying 322.76 km at blazing speed of 77.69 km/hr. Dieter Schmidt came in a close second with an OLC score of 350.10, 231.2 km at 67.64 km/hr. Third was Poul Peterson at 233.57, 244.23 km and 62.31 km/hr.

For the Turtle Class Bob Herren kicked all our turtle shells with a total OLC score of 262.46 and a total distance of 139.05 km. Second place Bill Vickland with an OLC score of 207.36 and a distance of 111.97 km. Chris Uhl was third while bagging his Bronze Duration Badge in 16Q with an OLC score of 114.60 and a distance of 52.02 km and a time of 2 hrs and 27 minutes. Way to go Chris!

Initially Monday was to be a practice day and Tuesday thru Thursday were to be contest days. The stated rules were that scores accumulated over the contest days. Fly more often and get a higher accumulated score. A couple Turtles (Bob Herren and another who scored so poorly that he will remain anonymous) did this. But the weather had different ideas so we had two and a half days of good soaring and five days of good companionship. The CD decided at the end of the week to include Monday in the scoring.

The adult camp generated about 80 flights, one new club member, lots of good instruction flights and several guest flights. Volunteer efforts made it all possible. Thanks to all those who pitched in and helped: Bernie Fullenkamp, Bob Miller, Bill Gabbard, Dieter Schmidt, Tom Bonser, Rich Carraway, Don Burns, Bob Anderson, Dick Scheper, Jim Dudley, Dick Eckels, Joe Jackson, Lynn Alexander, Larry Kirkbride, Keith Kilpatrick, Brian Stoops and probably a few more I've forgotten. -Steve Statkus

Editor's Note: None of the above would have taken place without the leadership and hard work of Steve Statkus. Thank you Steve on behalf of all who participated. It was great.

OOPS! SORRY STEVE! - JIM HURST

While towing a 2-33 between other gliders in the staging area during Adult Camp I was informed that the glider was where they wanted it. I thought I heard the tow rope being released so I started to move the golf cart and immediately heard some serious yelling to stop. I turned and found Steve Statkus pinned under the wing of the 2-33. Steve crawled from under the wing as I went back to apologize. Steve said he was OK. My fault. I didn't confirm that I was released before moving the cart.

We don't always have someone directing traffic for the retrievers who usually can't know what's going on and where you want the glider. When maneuvering around and among other gliders, we need a lot of help because it's not possible to see what's going on behind us and we don't hear too well in a noisy cart. Ground crew needs to yell "keep going" - "a little further" - "STOP" - followed by confirmation that the rope is released. This is not an excuse. This one was my fault. I should have turned and looked to see that the rope was released, but my neck doesn't turn as well as it used to.

SATURDAY - CHUCK LOHRE

We had 12 flights including 2 guest rides. One new member submitted his application. Because of rain we shut down at 2pm and hurried to put all the aircraft safely away in the hangar.

SUNDAY - STEVE STATKUS

It was a good day with 27 flights including 6 flights taken by WPAFB airmen participating in the Outdoor Recreation Office event.

Due to the on-going starting problems with 909 we used it in the morning for the WPAFB flights, hot refueled and continued towing. If we had shut it down we most likely could not have restarted it, thus the hot refueling and I'll tell you I had flash backs of Viet Nam, Da Nang and Chu Lai; hot refueling F-4s. I was looking for the ordinance guys with the napalm and 500 lb snakeyes. Returned the bird to Cubbys for mag overhaul. Finished the day with 33Z and two refuelings.



16Q on final. Photo: Pete Schradin

It was a good training day, but it was hot! We sucked much water and made do with a single tow plane most of the day. - Steve Statkus

RED BULL AIR RACES - BRIAN STOOPS

Fellow Pilots, I have learned that the Red Bull Air Races are coming to Indy on Oct. 1-2, 2016. I am wondering if anyone is interested in going over on Sunday 10/2 for the Finals at the raceway. Tickets are about \$60 for a day pass. Please get back to me by 9/10/16 if you would like to join a CCSC group for the trip. Thanks, Brian Stoops.

909 AT CUBBYS FOR MAGNETO OVERHAUL - TIM CHRISTMAN

Larry Kirkbride reported a hard starting problem with 909. It has been determined that the left magneto (the one that starts the engine) probably has a weak coil that breaks down under heat. Cubby has the airplane at this time and says he will try to have the airplane back in service by next weekend.

This is the engine that was previously in 48L where it exhibited the same problem and this magneto was overhauled during the recent tear down inspection after the Blanik/48L accident. Cub says this coil was not replaced during that overhaul.

Thanks to Larry Kirkbride for helping initiate the troubleshooting process, to Paul McClasky for troubleshooting and isolating the problem and to Bernie Fullenkamp for getting the airplane to Cubby's.

Editor's note: Thanks to Tim Christman for taking the responsibility for keeping this and all of our tow planes in good condition to fly and tow safely.

CCSC Team Achieves 3rd Place in On Line Contest

In the Silver League 2016 competition CCSC is now in 3rd place with 180 points, close behind Las Vegas Valley Soaring Assn in 2nd place with 182 points and well ahead of Northern California Soaring Assn. in 4th place with 171 points. The 2016 season is essentially completed so this should be sufficient to advance the CCSC Team to the Gold League for the 2017 contest which will be starting soon. Below is the list from OLC of the CCSC team and their contributions. Be sure to congratulate them on their achievements.

<u>name</u>	<u>U25 Flights</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Overall Points</u>	<u>OLC-Plus</u>	<u>Speed-OLC average Speed</u>
Dan Reagan ☺	29	139:44	12,234.06		91.15 km/hr
John Lubon ☺	22	98:34	8,172.13		81.44
Joe Simmers ☺	21	95:55	7,964.65		74.97
Tom Holloran	16	65:14	5,992.46		90.11
Don M. Burns	31	81:09	5,254.77		48.41
Rolf Hegele	30	77:31	4,017.08		36.27
Jim Price	19	58:32	3,822.03		64.10
Dieter Schmidt ☺	14	51:20	2,891.37		58.44
Bob Miller	9	26:53	2,065.48		54.04
Poul Pedersen	9	30:38	1,861.00		61.15
Mark Miller	11	32:34	1,850.97		45.62
Thomas Bonser	5	24:00	1,636.48		66.76
Bernie Fullenkamp	8	27:24	1,370.42		45.84
William Clawson ☺	11	28:38	1,238.10		28.16
Chuck Lohre	11	20:34	968.83		20.73
James Marks ☺	4	12:26	558.55		31.01
Paul Heimann	6	14:14	507.23		22.83
Christopher Giacomo	2	6:11	195.01		26.34
Keith Kilpatrick	5	5:26	182.04		6.97
Christopher Uhl	2	3:56	174.94		16.12
Steve Statkus	3	2:02	0.00		0.00

PREFLIGHTS ... THEY REALLY DO MATTER - KEVIN PRICE

Tom McDonald recently wrote an article in the Frequent Flyer about the importance of doing your OWN preflight. I am going to spare you and not add many words to his sage advice. I am though going to provide you with some pictures of what I found just before my flight in the Grob 102 on a recent Sunday.

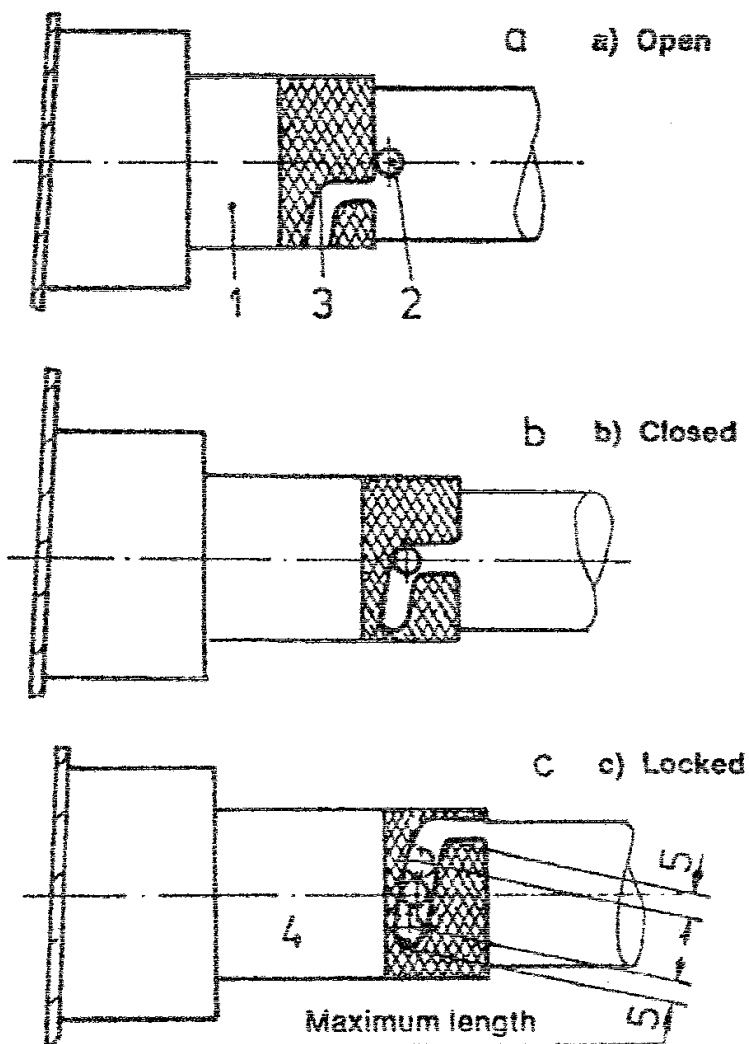
Looking aft into the Grob 102 cockpit:



What I saw:



Per the Flight Manual:



The left wing coupling was unlocked. That was pretty scary, nothing was holding the wing in place!

Hopefully Tom's article and my recent experience will provide motivation to everyone to preflight their aircraft before each flight. Review the flight manual for the aircraft you fly and make sure you are checking the required items. Don't limit yourself though to just those. Always take a big-picture look at the aircraft. Is anything missing...or bent? Perhaps run your hand along and below the fuselage on the glass ships aft of the canopy and to the tail to make sure there are no cracks. A previous hard or PIO landing could have seriously stressed that long and fragile portion of these aircraft. Check the big and little stuff. Airborne is not the time to discover something that could have easily been caught during the preflight. While the PIC is ultimately responsible, an observant ground crew can also visually catch things like the landing gear not being down and locked in the Grob 102, a wing being unlocked (observable on some aircraft), a tire low on air, canopy not locked before takeoff, etc.

HANGAR FOR ASSEMBLED GLIDERS - DAN REAGAN

The Caesar Creek Soaring Club Board of Directors is entertaining the idea of a member-financed hangar or hangars which would house completely assembled member gliders. The board would like to know how many members would be interested in a hangar (community or single) in which members can keep their glider assembled.

Since this is just a preliminary study, a definite cost has not been obtained but it is thought that the cost would be between \$12,000 and \$20,000 per glider depending on the design, the number of gliders housed, amenities, etc.

If you have interest in an investment of this kind please contact Dan Reagan at dreagan<at>fuse.net.

MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

<http://www.soarccsc.com/resources/members/meetingminutes/>

(The password is printed on your monthly statement.)

CCSC IS ON FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/CaesarCreekSoaringClub>

CCSC WEBSITE <http://soarccsc.com/>

FOR SALE

Schweizer SGS 1-23, S/N 14, MFG Date May1950, includes open trailer. Has won vintage sailplane awards. Contact Thomas G. Bonser at bonsertom@aol.com or 513-673-7746.

CCSC GROUND CREWS:

1ST SATURDAY

CC: Steve Fenstermaker (cell: 937-581-7713) **Tow Pilots:** John Armor. **Instructors:** Paul McClaskey, Bill Gabbard, Tom McDonald. **Crew:** Gerry Daugherty, Mark Hanlon, Waseem Jamali, Courtney Ohl, Kevin Price.

1ST SUNDAY

CC: Mike Karraker (cell: 937-830-0627) **ACC:** Mark Miller. **Tow Pilots:** Manfred Maurer, Norb Maurer, Dieter Schmidt, Andy Swanson. **Instructors:** Bob Miller, Rich Carraway. **Crew:** Carter Aleson, Bob Bohl, Don Burns, Bill Clawson, Joan Clippinger, Jonathan Criss, Aaron Marshall, Daniel Miller, Christian Maurer, Bruce Porter, Dave Rawson, Laviniu Tirca, Cy Young, Joe Zeis.

2ND SATURDAY

CC: Dick Holzwarth (cell: 937-542-9612) **ACC:** Jim Marks, Bob Root. **Tow Pilots:** Bob Anderson, Haskell Simpkins. **Instructors:** Bob Anderson, Jim Price. **Crew:** John Antrim, CR Gillespie, Jim Hurst, Ron Kellerman, Aaron Marshall.

2ND SUNDAY

CC: Dave Menchen (cell: 513-313-2315) **ACC:** Lucy Anne McKosky. **Tow Pilots:** Jim Goebel, Lorrie Penner, Gordon Penner, Tom Rudolf. **Instructors:** Jim Goebel, Tom McDonald, Gordon Penner, Tom Rudolf. **Crew:** Dave Conrad, Alyssa Engeseth, Tom Geygan, Fred Hawk, Kate Kreiner, Mike McKosky.

3RD SATURDAY

CC: Maury Drummey (cell: 513-871-1998) **ACC:** Rolf Hegele. **Tow Pilots:** Don Green, Steve McManus, Dick Scheper. **Instructors:** Charlie DeBerry. **Crew:** Gary Adams, Soren Adams, Chad Beckwith, Jake Burd, Jake Click, Eric Cochran, Chandler Demler, Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Micah Ferguson, Norm Leet, Poul Pedersen, Joshua Rising, Jack Runyon, Chris Uhl.

3RD SUNDAY

CC: Brian Stoops (cell: 937-750-3788) **ACC:** Mike Brewer. **Tow Pilots:** Tony Bonser, Tim Christman. **Instructors:** Dick Eckels, Bill Gabbard, Chad Ryther. **Crew:** Blake Bailey, Daniel Beans, Darin Caviness, Jack Morari, Tony Rein, Zach Siefker, Joey Tomei, David Whapham, Chloe Williams, Michael Williams.

4TH SATURDAY:

CC: Chuck Lohre (cell: 513-260-9025) **ACC:** Ethan Saladin. **Tow Pilots:** John Atkins, Guy Byars, Bernie Fullenkamp, Larry Kirkbride. **Instructors:** John Atkins, Joe Jackson, Larry Kirkbride. **Crew:** Ross Bales, Michael Hayden, Casey Hildenbrand, Ethan Maxwell, Henry Meyerrose, John Murray.

4TH SUNDAY

CC: Steve Statkus (cell: 513-720-8955) **ACC:** Rik Ghai. **Tow Pilots:** Ron Blume, Matt Davis, Tim Morris. **Instructors:** Lynn Alexander, John Lubon, Kat McManus. **Crew:** Bill Barone, Mauricio Berrizbeitia, Richard Cedar, Shelby Estell, Bill Grawe, Jeff Grawe, Keith Kilpatrick, Dan Reagan, Pete Schradin, Stefano Sinigaglia, John Williams.

2016 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:

Jan 30 - 4th Sat Crew
Jan 31 - 4th Sun Crew
Apr 30 - 1st Sat Crew
May 29 - 1st Sun Crew
Jul 30 - 2nd Sat Crew
Jul 31 - 2nd Sun Crew
Oct 29 - 3rd Sat Crew
Oct 30 - 3rd Sun Crew
Dec 31 - ?? Sat Crew

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