

**Caesar Creek Soaring Club**

May 2, 2017

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 6 Board of Directors meeting - 9:30 am - John Lubon
- May 6 Party to Celebrate Jim Hurst's 90th Birthday- 6:00 pm - Jim & Patty Marks
- May 7 Instructors Meeting - Tom McDonald
- May 26-29 Annual Banquet & Fun Fly Event -Maury Drummey/Steve Statkus
- Jun 3 Board of Directors meeting - 9:30 am - John Lubon
- Jul 9-14 YEW 2017 - Steve McManus
- Aug 7-11 Adult Camp & Fun Fly Event - Steve Statkus
- Aug 19 WPAFB Airmen Recreation Program event at CCSC - Kevin Price

MEETING JIM HURST by Jim Price

A few months after I retired I woke up on a beautiful Monday morning remembering that I had seen gliders flying years earlier on a bike ride along Corwin Road. I decided to find out where and after a couple of phone calls I had Mary DeNaples on the phone. She invited me to drive out to see a glider and talk about it. Mary and Pat let me sit in a 2-33 and when I left Pat said, "We just started a Wednesday Group so if you want to join the club bring a Check for \$100 and come up Wednesday", so I did.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1992 I arrived at the field with check in hand and asked where I could find Bob Root. "Bob's the Crew Chief and he's down at the east end of the field where all those gliders are. Walk down there and stay on the right side. Watch out for the tow planes landing." I found Bob directing operations from the shade of a big tent.

Later I learned that Bob's other title was G.O.D. which stands for Ground Operations Director. When I got to know Bob a little better he told me that I would never get in trouble as long as I observed two rules:

Rule Number 1 - The Crew Chief is always right.

Rule Number 2 – If you are ever in doubt about anything, revert to Rule Number 1.

Bob warmly welcomed me and introduced me to several others including Jim Hurst who would be my first instructor. The day was turning out lovely; a bright blue sky with a nice breeze and puffy white clouds. Later I learned these cotton balls are called cus for cumulus and are much loved by soaring pilots.

Before long I found myself strapped in the front seat with Jim behind me. He started describing what was about to happen, "Once we're hooked up to the tow rope the wing runner will look at me for a signal. When I'm sure we're ready to go I'll give him a thumbs up signal. He'll then lift the wing and

move his arm around in circles signaling to the tow pilot to start the tow. At the same time, I'll waggle the rudder so the tow pilot will know we're ready.

Suddenly, the glider was rolling (kind of rolling but a lot of bouncing too). We were accelerating rapidly and in a few seconds the glider was off the ground but just barely off and holding there waiting for the tow plane to lift off. Magically, we followed right behind with the towplane directly ahead right on the horizon. When the tow plane turned, a couple seconds later we turned right behind him. It all looked pretty easy. What I wasn't prepared for was all the bumpy air we flew through. I had this mistaken vision that glider flight would be almost silent and as smooth as velvet.. It was not smooth and the tow plane made a lot of noise.

Before long Jim gave the controls to me and told me "just watch the horizon and fly straight ahead". What seemed like an easy exercise proved to be very difficult. After some futile minutes of trying Jim said, "I don't know what you did but you just lost a thousand feet of altitude." Obviously I had messed up badly but I had no idea how. That first flight lasted 18 minutes. My second flight that day with Jim lasted 49 minutes. Jim's entry in my brand new log book said "Lots of speed control practice. Some Turns. Soaring demo. Some of the tow."

That was the beginning of my life as a glider pilot. Jim Hurst was to become my mentor. He was a great teacher. Along with Tom Bales, Jim O'Quinn, Otto Maurer and others he prepared me to fly solo and eventually get my glider ratings. I have such great memories of those Wednesday breakfasts at the big round table in the Village Family Restaurant, then on to the club where Jim always made the fire on cold days, then often time spent at the blackboard explaining and illustrating. Always receiving constant encouragement from Bob Root, John Antrim. Pat DeNaples and many others.



On the day I went solo for the first time I flew with Otto and he said I think you are ready to go solo. Jim didn't get there until after lunch so I thought I would have to wait until the week end but when he arrived he just said, "I think you're ready but do you think you are?" I was readythose guys had me well prepared.....I made my first solo flight on Wednesday September 16, 1992. it was a great day and I was hooked for good.

Jim worked with me all winter helping me get ready to take the exam for Private Glider. It was a very blustery and cold spring day on April 30, 1993 and there were a lot of great guys there for moral support.



Jim Hurst's 90th birthday should be a very special occasionRonnie and I can't be there because one of our daughters is getting married that same day. I hope all of you who can will go and celebrate with Jim at the lasagna dinner being hosted by Jim and Patty Marks to honor Jim for all he has done for the club. I have known Jim for 25 years . He has been a big part of my soaring life. I have enjoyed every minute of it.

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF JIM HURST'S 90TH BIRTHDAY!!!

Please join us for a celebration of Jim Hurst's 90th birthday to be held at the Glider Club on Saturday May 6th. The bar opens at 6:00pm followed by a lasagna dinner on the clubhouse patio. This is an opportunity to get together, tell stories (or Tall Tales), share a toast, and celebrate Jim's many contributions to the club over the last 55 years.

No need to bring anything but yourself! We would appreciate an RSVP to jpmarksoaring@gmail.com in order to get a rough head count. If there are any questions, feel free to call. Jim & Patty Marks, 502-553-4044.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 - STEVE STATKUS, LYNN ALEXANDER

The cross winds were too strong for flying/soaring so there were no glider flights. We did recover 33Z from Cubbys, but did not take 135 to Cubbys as there was no place to protect it from the strong storms in the forecast. 135 goes out of annual at the end of April so the 4th Sunday crew (serving on the 5th Sunday) needs to take 135 to Cubbys in the afternoon. Lots of folks came out . . . but Mother Nature had other thoughts . . .

*"March went out like a lion,
a whipping up the waters in the bay;
Then April sighed, and stepped aside,
and along came pretty little May!
May was full of promises,
but couldn't keep 'em soon enough for some
And the crowd of doubtin' Thomases
was predictin' that the summer'd never come.*

The rest I forgot but look to June for good soaring! - Steve Statkus

[Editor to Steve: Thanks for the inspiration. The rest of the lyrics for **June is Bustin' Out All Over** from *Carousel* are available at <https://www.stlyrics.com/lyrics/carousel/juneisbustinoutallover.htm>. Several renditions of the music are available on YouTube.com]

RIDGE SOARING 2017 - MARK MILLER

With several last minute cancellations, only three members went to Ridge Soaring last week to try to get in some cross country flying. John and Laura Lubon, Bob Miller and Mark Miller left Sunday morning, 23 Apr. The weather at the ridge that afternoon was clear skies but there were only a few gliders that flew that day. We dropped off the trailers and headed to town to check into the motel and then caught some dinner.

Monday was forecast to be sunny and good thermal weather but a high cirrus cloud hung directly over the entire Bald Eagle Ridge and Happy Valley and did not move all day. We assembled our ships and got them set up, but the sun never came out and the birds of prey were flapping their wings. Since rain was predicted for Tuesday, John and Bob put their gliders back in the trailers and Mark put his in the hanger in anticipation for Wednesday and Thursday.

Tuesday John and Laura went to Pittsburgh to see his dad and Bob and Mark went to Lock Haven to visit the Piper museum and have lunch. Later that night they all met up with Doris and Tom at the American Ale House for dinner and to listen to Doris' granddaughter perform. Olivia Jones is an excellent singer who is trying to make it professionally.

We woke up Wednesday to fog and the forecast was that it would not burn off until mid to late afternoon. More rain was moving in on Thurs and Fri. Discretion being the better part of valor we all decided to pack up and leave. By the time we took Mark's glider apart and put it away it had started to drizzle.

Weather-5 and CCSC-0. No one flew on this trip for the first time in 40+ years. That doesn't mean we aren't watching the winds for a real Ridge Day in the next few weeks, but last week was a total bust. - Mark Miller

SATURDAY

The heavy rain and severe thunderstorms that started Friday night continued through Saturday morning and left the field soggy and soft so all flying at CCSC was cancelled for Saturday even though the sun did come out Saturday afternoon.

2017 WRIGHT MEMORIAL CLASSIC AND CCSC ANNUAL BANQUET - MAY 26-29

Club members, this is a call for help! The SSD Board decided to host an invitational fun fly event over Memorial Day weekend and asked me to chair the event. Without giving it enough thought I agreed to do so. And now I'm on the hook. I'm not looking at my first rodeo as I've hosted several fun fly events at CCSC and also a couple of EAA fly ins at Hamilton County Airport. They've been low key and something one guy could pull off by himself. What the SSD Board is looking for (I believe) is the revival of the CCSC Wright Memorial Classic.

The Wright Memorial Classic was an open invitational regional glider contest open to all folks. It was a 2-3 day event open to all gliders, glass and low performance gliders. The main emphasis is FUN! So what we're planning is an open handicapped event using OLC handicapped scoring. The 1-26 guys may elect to use their contest scoring system but for everyone else it will be OLC. Glider flying will be the main theme but companionship will be the major underlying theme. We're talking about bonfires and barbeques, \$1.00 beers and renewal of friendships, music on the patio and just hanging out in a great atmosphere.

So, what help do I need? Tow pilots and ground crews Friday, coordination with the Saturday and Sunday crews and some folks there on Monday to help close out the event. I'd like to be able to serve breakfast, that would be eggs, pancakes, sausage and coffee/orange juice on Sat, Sun and Monday as well as providing some type of bag lunches. I'd like to provide barbeque dinners, burgers, dogs and some prepared sides on Fri and Sun as necessary. These meals would be on a cash basis.

Saturday, May 27, will be the CCSC **Annual Banquet** and awards event. It will held at the club starting at 6:00 pm with drinks and appetizers with a catered dinner served at 7:00 pm. All club members, family members and participants in the Wright Memorial activities are welcome. Plan to get some flying in first and then join in the banquet. Sign up by email to Maury Drummey mfd4@aol.com .

As you can see, there are a lot of days and needs to be filled. If you think you might be interested in being part of this event please drop me an email, stevestatkus@gmail.com, and let me know where you think you fit in this picture. Thanks. - Steve Statkus

ANNUAL BANQUET - SATURDAY, MAY 27 - MAURY DRUMMEY

Saturday, May 27, has been designated as the date for the CCSC **Annual Banquet** and awards event. It will held at the club starting at 6:00 pm with drinks and appetizers with a catered dinner served at 7:00 pm. The menu has not been finalized but will be similar to last year. Cost will be \$25 per person. All club members, family members and participants in the Wright Memorial activities are welcome. Plan to get some flying in first and then join in the banquet. Sign up by email to Maury Drummey mfd4@aol.com .

NEW HELP FINDING SOMEONE TO SWAP CREW DAY ASSIGNMENTS

A new web-based process for facilitating swapping crew day assignments was announced in the 2/21/2017 Frequent Flyer along with instructions for using the system. This process is intended to help members find another member who will agree to swap crew duties for one specific set of dates. It is **not** for getting reassigned to a different crew for an indefinite period. Brian Stoops is the person who oversees crew assignments, so Brian is the one to whom you need to speak about a long term change.

Remember that **UOP 2.2 CREW MEMBER DUTIES** states: "All crew members are to report for duty at 9:30 AM and work until released by the Crew Chief. Each crew member is personally responsible for arranging for a qualified substitute in case of his or her absence. Scheduled crew members are expected to be present for each of their scheduled crew days regardless of flying conditions." This new process does not relieve any crew member of the responsibility for arranging for a qualified substitute and informing the crew chief; rather it is intended to help accomplish that task.

As of 12:00 pm on 5/2/2017 there is one request for a member to swap or substitute for a crew day.

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| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Skills:</u> | <u>Click Here</u> |
| 3rd Sunday in May 05-21-2017 | N/A | <u>Sub/Swap</u> |

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/>

MISSING: ONE-MAN-RIG

Chuck Lohre is still looking for his one-man-rig which was in the hangar next to Tim's ASW15 trailer and behind Henry's trailer. It is black and gray and had new tires. Please let Chuck know if you know where he can find it. chuck@lohre.com

FOR SALE

RV Trailer - FREE. 1995 Sandpiper 30 ft RV trailer free to someone willing to make repairs. It is located by the clubhouse in the lot nearest to the runway. Repairs are needed to front and rear inside walls and the flooring in several locations. Please contact Tom Holloran at tom.holloran@gmail.com.

PARACHUTE PACKING - Jonny Stewart is offering CCSC members a discount on parachute packing this year. Just \$65. Generally requires no more than one week and special orders can be discussed directly with Jonny. Just leave the chute in the CCSC office with a name and phone number and it will be taken care of.

LIBELLE 201b -1/3 Share for Sale- The Libelle201b is underutilized and is available almost any time. There are two other partners who don't fly very much so this is an opportunity to fly a lot this year in a nimble, well-instrumented, great thermalling glass ship. To review all the details, give Rolf Hegele a call at 937-271-5003.

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.

ILEC SN10B nav computer and vario. Came with glider but never installed. No wiring bundle. \$300, Contact Mark Miller (513)697-6477

CCSC GROUND CREWS:

1ST SATURDAY

CC: Steve Fenstermaker (cell: 937-581-7713) **Tow Pilots:** John Armor, CR Gillespie. **Instructors:** Paul McClaskey, Tom McDonald. **Crew:** Gerry Daugherty, Mark Hanlon, Kevin Price, Dan Beans, Jul Alvarez, D. Mattmuller

1ST SUNDAY – Training Crew

CC: Mike Karraker (cell: 937-830-0627) **ACC:** Mark Miller. **Tow Pilots:** Manfred Maurer, Norb Maurer, Dieter Schmidt, Andy Swanson. **Instructors:** Bob Miller. **Crew:** Carter Aleson, Bob Bohl, Don Burns, Bill Clawson, Jonathan Criss, Otis Lewis, Joe Jaap, Daniel Miller, Christian Maurer, Bruce Porter, Dave Rawson, Ramon Rodriguez, Alex Teffenhardt, Laviniu Tirca, Joe Zeis.

2ND SATURDAY

CC: Dick Holzwarth (cell: 937-542-9612) **ACC:** Jim Marks, Bob Root. **Tow Pilots:** Bob Anderson, Haskell Simpkins. **Instructors:** Jim Price, Bill Gabbard. **Crew:** Bill Hall, Jim Hurst, Ron Kellerman, Aaron Marshall, Brian Mork.

2ND SUNDAY

CC: Dave Menchen (cell: 513-313-2315) **ACC:** Lucy Anne McKosky. **Tow Pilots:** Jim Goebel, Lorrie Penner, Gordon Penner, **Instructors:** Jim Goebel, Tom McDonald, Tom Rudolf. **Crew:** Dave Conrad, Alyssa Engeseth, 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, Jake Burd, Jake Click, Eric Cochran, Chandler Demler, Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Micah Ferguson, Norm Leet, Ethan Maxwell, 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, **Crew:** Blake Bailey, Darin Caviness, Tony Rein, Zach Siefker, Joey Tomei, David Whapham, Cy Young

4TH SATURDAY:

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

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, M. Hosta, Keith Kilpatrick, Dan Reagan, Pete Schradin, Stefano Sinigaglia, John Williams.

2017 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:

Jan 29 – 3rd Sun Crew
Apr 29 – 3rd Sat Crew
Apr 30 – 4th Sun Crew
Jul 29 – 1st Sat Crew
Jul 30 – 1st Sun Crew
Sep 30 – 2nd Sat Crew
Oct 29 – 2nd Sun Crew
Dec 30 – 4th Sat
Dec 31 – Informal (Unknown)

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