



Caesar Creek Soaring Club

October 10, 2017

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 14 All Members: Buildings, Grounds & Firewood Preps for Winter - Keith Kilpatrick
- Oct 21 All Members: Buildings, Grounds & Firewood Preps for Winter - Keith Kilpatrick
- Oct 21 Octoberfest/Neighbor Appreciation Day - 12:00 - Maury Drummey
- Oct 21 Potluck Dinner - 6:00 PM
- Nov 18 Potluck Dinner - 6:00 PM
- May 20-31 1-26 Championship Contest - Steve Statkus

ALL MEMBERS: YOU ARE NEEDED THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 9:00AM

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & FIREWOOD PREPS FOR WINTER- KEITH KILPATRICK

There is much that needs to be done to protect our great facility and keep it secure, attractive and safe for use as a gliderport. At this past Saturday's meeting the board approved \$10,136 for vinyl siding and associated repairs for the farmhouse. That project is the most essential and was judged to require too much specialized equipment, experience and skill to ask members to do that work. But there is much more that needs to be done that members can do and avoid substantial increases in fees while keeping our gliderport safe, attractive and operational. For instance, this is the right time to fill in the low spots in our runway with dirt and seed, so that is probably the second priority project. For the next two Saturdays the full membership is asked to come out and join in the effort to smooth the north lane of the runway by spreading dirt and seed in the low spots. There will also be an effort to remove dead trees and turn them into firewood for the clubhouse this winter. The project list has been described in the past several newsletters and continues to grow. The gutters need cleaning before winter sets in. The crows nest needs the finish coat of paint, etc.. So you see there is a need for all club members to volunteer to come out and help two Saturdays, October 14th and 21st.

Bring your chain saw, shovel, etc. and wear your work boots and gloves. If the weather cooperates painting clothes may also be appropriate.

The Second and Third Saturday Crews who are on duty the two Saturdays will probably be expected to keep flight operations going. In particular, October 21 will also be neighbor appreciation day and based on past experience there will be many guest rides for neighbors. So, come to work and also to fly.

By the way, every \$2,350 that the club needs to spend to pay others to do this work or rent equipment will add \$1 per month to the cost of dues for every member each month for a year! Our club has a tradition of keeping costs low by doing things our selves. Let's maintain that frugal tradition!

Also, there will be food provided at lunch time to keep everyone energized. So, come join in the work and the fun and get your share of the food.

BRIAN STOOPS APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A vacancy on the board of directors was created when Bernie Fullenkamp resigned earlier this year. At the October meeting the remaining members of the board voted unanimously to appoint Brian Stoops to the board with responsibility for Flight Operations. Congratulations Brian.

CLUB STATISTICS

ACTIVE MEMBERS	10/1/2016	10/7/2017	FLIGHT ACTIVITY	2016	2017	BUDGET*
Full Members	177	173	Last month	188	198	250
Family & Youth	31	24	Year to Date	1452	1422	1610

*The 2017 budget is based on 200 members and 1800 flights for the year.

FLIGHT INCOME FOR 2017 IS FALLING BEHIND PLAN

Income and Expenses through September 30, 2017 vs. Plan

	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Annual Budget for 2017</u>
Total Income:	\$159,130.	\$149,970.	\$193,363.
Total Expenses:	\$140,663.	\$138,972.	\$193,363.
Net Income:	\$ 18,467.	\$ 10,998.	\$0

Flight income is down in all subcategories: Gift Certificates (-\$555), Introductory Flights (-\$2,858), Glider Use Fees (-\$5,895) and Tow Plane Fees (-\$4,602) with the overall result that Flight Income is down relative to plan by \$13,910 year-to-date. By itself this one part of the operating plan accounts for more than the difference between planned and actual income. Although total flights YTD are only 88% of the plan this does not account for the full shortfall. Flight income is only 79% of plan. One possible explanation that will be given more thought in preparing next year's budget is the substantially reduced fee being charged for pattern-altitude or rope-break flights. The reduced fees certainly encourage flights when the ceiling is low or other weather conditions are not likely to result in extended flight. This is good because it helps each of us to maintain currency and flying skills and it encourages training flights. However, the board will be considering whether the current pricing policy should be continued.

HIGH TOWS

Occasionally a member asks for an unusually high tow. The question has arisen whether the current pricing policy with a flat rate per 100 feet of altitude gain during the tow adequately covers the club's costs at higher altitudes. The concern includes engine wear and tear because of the difference in cooling at altitude, the extreme cooling during an extended low power descent, etc. Also, when the towplane is occupied for an extended time taking one member to a very high altitude there is concern about fairness to other members waiting on the ground for their opportunity for a tow. The board considered this issue again at the October meeting and came to the conclusion to formalize the current policy, limiting all tows to 5,280 feet AGL (Mile High Ride). The board was unanimous in its approval of this limit and will formalize the limit with a few words in the UOP which is currently undergoing revision for other reasons (safety issues, cross country training issues, etc.). Tow pilots have been informed about the limit.

ARE YOU PAYING MORE THAN YOU NEED TO FOR GLIDER USE FEE?

When a member neglects to indicate on his flight card which glider he is flying then the glider use fee for the most expensive glider (\$20 for an ASK 21) is applied in calculating his charge. In September there were 19 flight cards with no glider selected and YTD there have been 83 cards with no glider selected. Help yourself if you are the pilot and help your friends if you are on the launch crew; check the card to verify the correct glider is identified.

HELP FINDING SOMEONE TO SWAP CREW DAY ASSIGNMENTS

A 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 from the responsibility for arranging for a qualified substitute and informing the crew chief; rather it is intended to help accomplish that task.

As of 6:00 pm on 10/10/2017 there are no requests for a member to swap or substitute a crew day.

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

THANKS TO NORM LEET

For the past two weeks the Frequent Flyer was prepared by Norm Leet. Thank you to Norm for his assistance while the editor was preoccupied by a move.

WANTED TO BUY

Open trailer - Schweizer, Gehrlein or equivalent. Any condition. Contact: Guy Byars

FOR SALE

PARACHUTE FOR SALE - Two Security 26 foot canopy parachutes(@\$350) plus bag (\$25). Contact Tim Christman.

ICOM IC-A14 Transceiver and Desktop Charger - Like New! I bought it new about 2 or 3 years ago when I was flying contests. Paid about \$240 and they are still about the same price. Sell for \$175. Call me at 513-543-4008 or email jimfripp@embarqmail.com I am here for 2 weeks camped in the club campground. Jim Price

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.

Schweizer SGS 1-23, S/N 14, MFG Date May1950, includes open trailer. Has won vintage sailplane awards. Contact Thomas G. Bonser.

Note: See Membership Roster on website for contact information for all members.

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, Joe Jaap, Kevin Price, Dan Beans, Jul Alvarez, D. Mattmuller, B. Sanbongi, A. Quinn

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, Christian Maurer, Dave Rawson, Ramon Rodriguez, Alex Teffenhardt, Laviniu Tirca, Joe Zeis. Dan Miner, Al, Dunn, Wesley Dunn, Michael Zengel, Taylor Bodin.

2ND SATURDAY

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

2ND SUNDAY

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

3RD SATURDAY

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

3RD SUNDAY

CC: Brian Stoops (cell: 937-750-3788) **ACC:** **Tow Pilots:** Tony Bonser, Tim Christman. **Instructors:** Dick Eckels, **Crew:** Darin Caviness, Otis Lewis, Dan Miner, Tony Rein, Zach Siefker, David Whapham

4TH SATURDAY:

CC: Chuck Lohre (cell: 513-260-9025) **ACC:** Ethan Saladin. **Tow Pilots:** Guy Byars, Larry Kirkbride. **Instructors:** John Atkins, Joe Jackson. **Crew:** Ross Bales, Andrew Dignan, Michael Hayden, Casey Hildenbrand, Helen Lohre, 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:** John Lubon, Kat McManus. **Crew:** Lynn Alexander, Bill Barone, Mauricio Berrizbeitia, Richard Cedar, Shelby Estell, 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)

POINTS OF CONTACT:

PRESIDENT: John Lubon
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Note: See [Membership Roster](#) on soarccsc.com for phone numbers and email addresses for all members.