



Caesar Creek Soaring Club

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November 28, 2017

- Dec 2 Board of Directors budget planning meeting- 9:30 AM - John Lubon
May 20-31 1-26 Championship Contest - Steve Statkus

REPORT FROM THE RIDGE- MARK MILLER

[editor: The following paragraph is repeated from the 11/21/17 newsletter to remind everyone where Mark left off with his report. The second paragraph is the rest of the story which he provided subsequent to publication of the prior newsletter.]

Four escapees from the mental ward tried to ridge fly Sunday. John Lubon and Joe Simmers went to New Castle, VA and Dan Reagan and I went to Ridge Soaring on Saturday. John and Joe thought they could avoid snow and rain showers by going south; they got some wave over nearly overcast skies but had no where to go on top. John made it back but Joe landed out. Dan tried to launch at 07:03 but a rain shower delayed him for an hour or more. I finally screwed my self together around 10:45 when Doris said "you just have to try!" I spent the whole four hours either avoiding snow squalls or rain showers on Mt. Tussey. When I dove through the snow squall on Mt. Tussey coming home with full speed brakes I thought the worst was over. After the transitions to Mt. Nittany and the Bald Eagle Ridge I got to the Milesburg Gap. That was when Tom called on the radio to say the field was IFR! Rain showers were covering the way home. I spent 20 minutes trying to stay aloft until it cleared enough to make it home, then shot the pattern at 70+ for a sporting landing. Wanted to kiss the ground! Dinner with Tom and Doris. BTW a guy from PHL who drove over last night rigged with me this morning but decided against flying. The season is officially over!

[The rest of the story.]

I got to rambling a little that night about my travails. Meanwhile Dan had the longest flight in the US on Sunday. He landed before the field went IFR. The second longest flight was by a couple of guys in an Arcus out of Bedford, and then me. The only three nuts enough to fly the Ridge on Sunday had the longest flights in the country. I didn't realize this until last night. I also talked with Joe yesterday and he ended up in some farmer's front yard gear up. He said Lubon dove through a snow squall to make it back to New Castle, but Joe was not familiar with the area. - Mark

[editor: you can check Mark's report by taking a look at [OnLineContest](#). With John Lubon's 8th place, CCSC members took three of the top eight daily scores in the country on 11/19/17. Impressive! While you are looking at OLC notice that on Sunday, 11/26/17, **Dan again had the longest flight in the US with 906 km at an average speed of 156 km/hr, that's two weeks in a row!]**

FOURTH SATURDAY REPORT - CHUCK LOHRE

Saturday the sun was out and it was a beautiful fall day with 13 mph winds from the west. We had a total of 12 flights including two mile high guest rides. They went home with a T-Shirt to remember the soaring experience. Larry Kirkbride gave his 3000th tow. Chuck Lohre's nephew, Charlie C. Lohre joined the club and started his glider training with Zach Siefker. John Lubon was the only private ship to launch but he found enough lift to get a three hour flight.



Charlie Lohre is just about to start his glider pilot training with Zach Siefker. Joe Jackson checks the airspace. Charlie is planning to attend Eastern Kentucky University's Aviation School next year.



And Larry Kirkbride commenced his 3000th tow as pilot of the tow plane as Chuck Lohre ran the wing for the final tow of the day.



Melody Quick and Ed McNeely enjoyed their mile high flights even though they had to thaw out in the clubhouse afterwards.

FIELD CONDITION - ANDREW DIGNAN

The 4th Saturday crew was greeted with examples of Ruttitis on the runway and Mudditis in some gliders.



Truck Ruttitis Example - 2017-11-25(Deep truck tire ruts in the middle of the runway.



Golf Cart Rutting Example - 2017-11-25 (Mud covered grass golf cart tracks)



Towplane Rutting Example - 2017-11-25 (Many many deep towplane runs in middle of runway.)



Mudditis in ASK - 2017-11-25 (Mud not cleaned from ASK CC seats.)



Ruttitis Remediation-2017-11-25 (Henry Meyerrose starting into 1.5 hours of work to roll the ruts out)

It seems that some continue to keep giving our runway, and those that work to make it smoother for all, a bad case of "Ruttitis". Why, when members know that it has been raining, would they drive trucks, tow planes and carts on a field that is clearly TOO WET?.

There is this great thing called "walking around" (or "Walkabout" where I came from). Simply, at a minimum, by WALKING out from the tow plane fueling area to the South side of the runway and back (that is where I took the pictures), one can get a great idea of how wet the field is. If water is proceeding up the side of your shoe and around your foot it is TOO WET to use the field. If you see that water is filling the ruts you are making with carts/gliders/towplanes, the field is WAY TOO WET to be using.

We won't even get into the dirt on and in the planes (Mudditis). The last I heard we are a soaring club, not an ATV club. If nothing else when conditions are so obviously WET, please be considerate of the work and procedures that others do to keep our place in top shape and in a clean condition.

SEEKING TEAM MEMBERS FOR 1-26 CONTEST - STEVE STATKUS

Ladies and gents, I'm entering my 1-26 in the 2018 1-26 championship, but as a team glider. Not a traditional 2 person team but as a multiple pilot team. I'm looking for a minimum of 5 pilots to join TEAM CCSC. We already have a Team Manager and Spiritual Guru; OutLand Bob Root has agreed to provide coaching, leadership, and spiritual guidance to the team. He's also charged with keeping the beer cooler filled. I'll cover the entry fee you'll just pay tow fees to 2 K AGL at the normal club rate. We've planned for ten contest days and two practice days so I'd expect each pilot to be ready to fly for two days and retrieve crew for two days. Really we won't fly 10 days due to weather and pilot fatigue but we'll accommodate your schedule.

I'll have my glider ready in March and I'd like each pilot to take a couple of flights to get familiar with the bird and the instrumentation. I'd like each pilot to demonstrate a short field landing also. You don't have to have 1-26 time in your log book. This Team CCSC is about having FUN and if we come in last lets just get some distance points for bragging rights. ZERO PRESSURE, FUN METER PEGGED AT MAX. - Steve Statkus call sign Buckeye

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH SOARING PILOTS - BRIAN STOOPS

There are a number of new scholarships being awarded this year by the SSA to youth members (ages 14-22) of all skill levels (Purduski, Costello, Bultman, etc). Youth members of Caesar Creek Soaring Club are encouraged to send in a completed application to the SSA no later than December 31. For more information and application forms see: <http://www.ssa.org/Youth>

FOURTH SUNDAY REPORT - KEITH KILPATRICK



"This is how the 4th Sunday Crew operates!"

Photo & caption Keith Kilpatrick for Steve Statkus

Tim Morris drying his socks in front of the fire was not the whole story though. The Mighty Fourth Sunday Crew took advantage of the break in the weather and launched a total of 19 flights.

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. Mark Miller is now the person who oversees crew assignments, so Mark 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 11/28/2017 there are three requests for a member to swap or substitute a crew day.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Skills:</u>	<u>Click Here:</u>
2nd Saturday in February 02-10-2018	Crew	Sub/Swap
3rd Sunday in December 12-17-2017	CFI-G	Sub/Swap
1st Saturday in December 12-02-2017	Crew	Sub/Swap

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

CCSC WEBSITE

MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

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

(The password is printed on your monthly statement.)

SOARING CALENDARS- FINAL CALL - BRIAN STOOPS

This is the final week for ordering the 2018 SSA Soaring Calendars. The ordering list that has been on the display cabinet near the phone in the clubhouse will be pulled on Saturday so the order can be placed with SSA. If you want a calendar put your Last Name, Acct # and No. of Calendars you desire on that list before it disappears on Saturday. You can pick up your calendar when they come in. The Calendars will be \$11 each.- Brian

WANTED TO BUY

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

FOR SALE

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

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, Michael Zengel, Waseem Jamali.

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:** Don Burns, Bill Clawson, Christian Maurer, Ethan Maxwell, Eran Moscona, Dave Rawson, Joe Zeis..

2ND SATURDAY

CC: Dick Holzwarth (cell: 937-542-9612) **ACC:** Jim Marks, Bob Root. **Tow Pilots:** Haskell Simpkins. **Instructors:** Bob Anderson, Bill Gabbard, Jim Price. **Crew:** Bill Hall, Ron Kellerman, 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, Dan Katuzienski, 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:** Soren Adams, Jake Burd, Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Micah Ferguson, Norm Leet,, 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:** Edgar Byars, Ross Bales, Andrew Dignan, Helen Lohre, Henry Meyerrose, John Murray.

4TH SUNDAY

CC: Steve Statkus (cell: 513-720-8955) **ACC:** TBD **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, Laviniu Tirca 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.

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