

**Caesar Creek Soaring Club**

December 13, 2017

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 6 Board of Directors meeting- 9:30 AM - John Lubon
May 20-31 1-26 Championship Contest - Steve Statkus

SATURDAY REPORT - DICK HOLZWARTH

No flying due to lack of interest early, with low ceilings and snow by early afternoon.

Crew assisted John Lubon with waxing and preparation of CC for annual inspection. Also purchased and installed new fluorescent bulbs for the club workshop. Even with new bulbs two lights in the shop remain out, presumably because of a defective ballast, loose wiring or some other problem which was not identified. - Dick Holzwarth, Second Sat Crew.

SUNDAY REPORT - DAVE MENCHEN

Sunday was a beautiful day, if you were in southern Florida instead of Southwest Ohio. The 29 F air temperature and 13 MPH wind made for wind chill of about 19F. The field was snow covered and very firm, because it was frozen solid!

Nonetheless, the intrepid (insane?) 2nd Sunday gang hauled 16Q and 33Z out and got 3 flights.

(Note: if the vent in the instrument panel is open when the tow plane throttles up you will get a face full of snow.) All in all we had a great, if short, crew day to finish off the year.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good Flight! - Dave and the 2nd Sunday crazies!

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

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS DIETER SOARING NOW?

Have you ever heard of Bitterwasser Lodge & Flying Center? It is in Namibia, southeast of the capital, Windhoek. To find Namibia look on the Atlantic (western) coast of Africa, just north of South Africa. The Namib Desert along the Atlantic coast is beginning to warm up now that the region is approaching the hot part of their summer. Rumor has it that Dieter is the one carrying the SPOT tracker identified as "CCSC" which you can monitor by logging into mySpot with the ID: CCSCSpot if you have the password or by clicking on this link:

<https://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glld=0DyLpCe7YSzTzk6La82SUykYjdicXCKPi>

ROPE BREAK ON TAKEOFF . . . MY EXPERIENCE - GUY BYERS

[Editor: In the December 5 Frequent Flyer Kevin Price provided a helpful article about the landing options around CCSC if you should ever encounter a rope break or premature release from the tow line. That article brought back vivid memories for Guy Byers and his story makes Kevin's article even more compelling. Click [here to see Kevin's full article in the Safety Corner on SoarCCSC.com](#) and take a close look at "Field B".]

In response to the Rope Break field selection article . . . I found that field B worked quite well July 9, 1988. The towplane had an engine issue and released me 100' off the end of runway 27. I did a straight in to field B, over the power line, and landed.

This photo is of me standing in front of the club 1-26 in the middle of field B.



And this photo shows the retrieval team next to Elbon road. In the photo, left to right, are Norb Maurer, Rick Glass, Manfred Maurer, and Phil Corn.



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 7:35 pm on 12/13/2017 there is one request for a member to swap or substitute a crew day.

Date: Skills: Click Here:

2nd Saturday in February
02-10-2018

Crew

[Sub/Swap](#)

IS THE SWAP CREW DAY APPLICATION HELPING ANYONE?

Those who have not yet tried the Swap Crew Day application available on the Members Only page of our website may be wondering whether anyone is using it and whether it is helping. We now have data from 9 months that show that the application is being used. There have been 33 requests submitted during the past nine months. Of those, over 50% received offers to sub/swap and 40%

accepted an offer. In six cases an offer to substitute was made and accepted; In seven cases an offer to substitute was made and accepted. In an additional six cases an offer was made but was not accepted. When we look at crew member attendance data it is clear that the Swap Crew Day application has not solved all the problems of finding someone to take your place when you are unable to serve on your assigned crew, but it has been a big help in 40% of the cases in which it was tried.

If you have any suggestions for improving the system or for getting more members to consider responding to the requests posted on this application please send them to FrequentFlyer@soarccsc.com.

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.)

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>

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
SAFETY OFFICER: Kevin Price
DIR OF OPS: Mark Miller
DIR OF FACILITIES: Keith Kilpatrick
BUSINESS MANAGER: Jon Stewart,
BusinessManager@soarccsc.com
FREQUENT FLYER EDITOR: Jim Dudley,
FrequentFlyer@soarccsc.com

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

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