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Frequent Flyer

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Caesar Creek Soaring Club

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2, 2018

Jan 6 Board of Directors meeting- 9:30 AM - John Lubon

May 20-31 1-26 Championship Contest - Steve Statkus

REPORT FROM NAMIBIA - DIETER SCHMIDT

[Editor: In the 12/13/2017 Frequent Flyer it was reported that Dieter was soaring in Namibia on the Atlantic (western) coast of Africa and a link was provided so you could monitor his flights. He has returned and provided these photos of his adventure.]



The airport of Bitterwasser is a flat pan about 2 miles in diameter. There is plenty of room for landing, but the method for landing is different. On coming close to the ground one loses the horizon and it becomes difficult to judge the height above ground. Therefore, the recommendation is

not to flare, but to establish a steady sink rate and to fly the glider onto the ground. After a rain the pan becomes too muddy and one has to use a paved runway. If it rains a lot then the pan becomes a lake and there will be fish in it. Apparently the fish can survive underground during the dry season.



The glider in the picture is the Arcus-M which we flew.

There were about 40 gliders in Bitterwasser which were shipped in containers from Germany and a few other countries to be there from November to mid-January. All gliders were self-launching.



Tie-downs in the palm ally..

Bitterwasser is in a semi-arid sandy region of southwest Africa. It is characterized by dunes that can run for a hundred miles. The area is covered with thorny brush, so that landing is difficult, except in the salt pans. One of them is seen in the picture. Since the country is sparsely populated it is now required that each person on board carries a SPOT. Also a position report is required if one is still flying one hour before sunset.



Through flight level 145 one can fly without a transponder, then a transponder is required to flight level 195. Ground level is about 4000 feet. Thermal heights vary of course from day to day, but a basis of 15,000 to 18,000 feet is common so oxygen is needed.



Unfortunately we had problems with the glider, so we did not fly as much as we had planned. Nevertheless, the trip was an interesting experience, augmented with safaris to game reserves.

WEDNESDAY REPORT - DAN REAGAN

With temperatures in the teens the field was in fine shape for flying. The only problem was that the fireplace was quite warm so nobody wanted to go outside except Don and Charlie. They always want to fly.

Steve Statkus provided the soup of the day which was cajun jambalaya. Even though Steve forgot the rice, Bob Root still declared it, "The best soup we ever had!"

John and Laura Lubon continued assembling ASK 21 CC. The annual is about done.

There are always many topics of discussion held around the fireplace on Wednesday, so if you are not attending, you are missing a good time!

4TH SATURDAY CREW REPORT - CHUCK LOHRE

Rainy and snowy weather didn't stop us from annualing CC. We found a pool of brake fluid in the fuselage so John Murray and Andrew Dignan, Larry Kirkbride and Brian Stoops replaced the fluid line as well as other lubrication. Zero flights.



Joe Jackson stoked a great fire as we waited for John to go back and forth to his shop for parts. To pass the time we took "336" out for some photos to create the 2018 1-26 Nats logo.



SIDING FOR THE FARMHOUSE

That pile of siding which has been waiting beside the farmhouse is finally being installed.



AGENDA FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

At the December meeting of the board of directors Dick Scheper proposed that the agenda for each board meeting be formulated and published in advance in the newsletter. There are two objectives: (1) keep members informed so that they can attend and be able to hear the discussion and decisions about issues of interest to them, and (2) assure that board meetings run in an orderly fashion following an agenda that assigns appropriate priority and time to the issues of most importance to the members of the club. It has been the tradition of Soaring Society of Dayton and Caesar Creek Soaring Club that board meetings are open to all share holders and members (except for issues pertaining to discipline of a member or similar sensitive issues). It is the desire of the current board to reaffirm that policy of open meetings and full disclosure of club management decisions and to encourage members to feel welcome to attend board meetings. To that end here is the preliminary agenda for the forthcoming meeting on January 6, 2018, at the clubhouse.

Tentative Agenda for SSD Board of Directors meeting 1/6/2018

- **Call to Order at 09:30 AM - John Lubon**
- **Reports & Statements of Officers**
 - Review & Approval of Minutes from prior meeting - Jim Dudley
 - Treasurer's Report - Rolf Hegele

- Membership - Dick Scheper
- Flight Operations - Mark Miller
 - Instruction- Tom McDonald
 - Ground Crews- Mark Miller
 - Safety- Kevin Price
- Tow Pilots & Tow Plane Maintenance - Tim Christman
- Glider Maintenance - Steve Statkus
- Airport Facilities Maintenance - Keith Kilpatrick
- Capital Projects - Henry Meyerrose
- Airport Operations - Brian Stoops
- Special Events (Banquet) - John Lubon
- **Old Business**
 - **Budget for 2018 and revision of Schedule of Fees & Dues**(At the end of the 30-day comment period what written objections have been received from members and what action will the board take to respond to those objections?)
 - **Revision of Uniform Operating Procedures** (At the end of the 30-day comment period, what written objections have been received from members and what action will the board take to respond to those objections?)
 - **1-26 National championship May 23-30, 2018** - Steve Statkus
 - **Advance posting of Agenda for Board Meetings** - Dick Scheper
- **New business**
 - **Grob-201 Prepay Deal for 2018** (Will CCSC continue the Grob-201 prepay arrangement as in recent years?)
 - **2019 Sports Class National Competition** - Chuck Lohre (Will CCSC apply to SSA for Sanction of a Sports Class National Competition to be held at CCSC June17-28, 2019 with Chuck Lohre serving as Contest Manager and authorize funding to initiate contest preparations?)
 - **Ferrari Club of America Event at CCSC** (Following an enjoyable Introductory Flight on 10/21/17 the events coordinator for the Cincinnati chapter of Ferrari Club of America, Cindy Irvin, has expressed interest in scheduling an event for the Ferrari Club at CCSC during the spring or summer of 2018 with an estimate of 15-20 persons who will want Introductory Flights on a Saturday or Sunday. The following dates will work for the club: April 21, 22, 28, 29, May 12, 13, June 3, 16, 17, 30, July 1. Will CCSC host this group for a day of Introductory Flights? Who will serve as contact person? Which dates work best for CCSC? Will CCSC offer a discount on the Introductory Flight cost for a group of 15-20 flights?)
 - **Schedule CCSC events for 2018** - (It is time to set some dates for CCSC events during 2018: Banquet, Youth Education Week, Adult Camp, Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge Event at CCSC, etc.)
 - **Glider Insurance Information** - (The changes to the UOP generated several members inquiries about the club insurance. Will the board agree to post the certificate of insurance on the website where it can be reviewed by members for their own insurance planning purposes?)
 - **Website Overhaul** - (Joseph Jaap has recommended some dramatic changes to the CCSC website to make it a more effective marketing tool. Will the board appoint a subcommittee to investigate and recommend website improvements?)
 - **Marketing to Increase Membership** (Does the board support ideas presented by Joseph Jaap for attracting more new members and will actions be taken to implement any of those ideas?)
 - Is there more?
- **Schedule next meeting (Feb.3,2018 at 9:30 am at Clubhouse)**
- **Adjourn**

NEW SCHEDULE OF FEES AND DUES

In order to balance the budget for 2018 at the December meeting the board approved revisions to the Schedule of Fees and Dues. The changes have been made and the proposed [Schedule of Fees and Dues is posted on the website](#). Pending final approval at the January 6, 2018 meeting of the board of directors this new Schedule will be implemented with an impact on January billings.



Larry Kirkbride offered this photo. You will have to ask him where he found the sign and for whom the sign was intended.

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

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 1/02/2018 there is one request 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

CALENDARS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP - BRIAN STOOPS

If you ordered a 2018 Soaring Calendar you may pick it up at the Supply Case in the clubhouse where you found the sign-up sheet. There is one extra calendar if someone wants one but did not sign up. Contact Brian Stoops. First request with cash gets the calendar.

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.)

WANTED TO BUY

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

FOR SALE

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.

2018 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:

Mar 31– ??? Sat Crew

Apr 29 – ??? Sun Crew

Jun 30 – ??? Sat Crew

Jul 29 – ??? Sun Crew

Sep 29 – ??? Sat Crew

Sep 30 – ??? Sun Crew

Dec 29– ??? Sat Crew

Dec 30– ??? Sun Crew

POINTS OF CONTACT:

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

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