

**Caesar Creek Soaring Club**

May 1, 2018

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 5 Board of Directors - 9:30 AM - John Lubon
- May 5 Tow Pilots Meeting - 1:00 PM - Tim Christman
- May 19 WPAFB Airmen Recreation Program event at CCSC - Kevin Price
- May 20-31 1-26 Championship Contest - Steve Statkus
- Jun 2 Special Meeting of Share Owners combined with BOD- 9:30 AM- John Lubon
- Jun 9 WPAFB Airmen Recreation Program event at CCSC - Kevin Price
- Jun 16 Pot Luck Dinner
- Jul 15-20 YEW 2018 - Steve McManus
- Aug 3 WPAFB Airmen Recreation Program event at CCSC - Kevin Price
- August Adult Camp
- August Sailplane Weight & Balance Party - Chuck Lohre
- Oct 20 WPAFB Airmen Recreation Program event at CCSC - Kevin Price

**BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR BOB ROOT**

Wednesday was a celebration of Bob Root's birthday. He has a tradition of celebrating at Ridge Soaring but this year the Wednesday Crew were joined by Pat and Mary DeNaples to enjoy the event at the clubhouse.



## WEDNESDAY REPORT - DAN REAGAN



There was no flying on the wet runway Wednesday but Keith Kilpatrick finished putting gutter guards on the tow plane hangar.



## 1-26 CONTEST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - STEVE STATKUS

The 1-26 contest is less than a month away and we still need help to make this event happen.

We need a **couple of people** to share the effort to host the catered dinners.

We also need about **5 people to help with the launch crews**. We hope to have two crews of 3 people each to be available every other day so we don't depend on the same crew for each contest day.

We need an **assistant contest manager** to help me throughout the meet to deal with the day to day issues. We also need a **couple of detail-minded folks** to help at registration.

And finally, but maybe not, a **couple of folks** who will be available throughout the week to help on a day to day basis on tasks not thought of at this time.

Please look at your schedules and see if you have some time to help with this contest

Thanks. Steve Statkus hm: 513-576-9080 email: stevestatkus@gmail.com

These contests do not happen and run on their own energy; it takes work by a few individuals to pull off a successful contest. And so it is with the 1-26 Championships next month. These 1-26 guys have all flown with each other many times in the annual Championships and the event is more like a family reunion than a glider contest so the pressure is very low and the contestants are very easy to get along with. Please think about joining this fun event, make some new friends in the process and learn that there is a subculture to soaring that is challenging, inexpensive and rewarding in it's own right. Thanks. - Steve Statkus, Contest Manger

## ANNUAL FIELD FLIGHT REVIEW REQUIRED NOW

Remember that CCSC has a requirement that each member complete a CCSC Field Flight Review with a CCSC instructor and get the instructor's endorsement in his/her logbook each calendar year prior to acting as PIC of any CCSC glider (UOP 4.2-Pilot Qualifications). Your first CCSC glider flight of the year must be with an instructor. Check your logbook. Do you need to complete the FAR 61.56 Flight Review this year? If so, why not combine the two flight reviews and get both completed so you will not miss the great weather later this year.

## BRONZE BADGE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Minimum sink speed would be the best speed to use for

- a) flying through thermals with no intention of stopping to circle
- b) attaining the most ground coverage for altitude
- c) flying between thermals

See the SSF [Study Guide](#) for a practice test with all the questions.



## SATURDAY REPORT - CHUCK LOHRE

The day started out great when Bernie Fullenkamp joined us for breakfast. He shared some video of his glider flights near Salt Lake City, Utah, as well as stories about skiing, RV flying and his new shop. We all agreed he had gone to heaven and came back to show us what it would be like if we're good little boys.



Henry Meyerrose gave us an update on Joe Jackson's progress: Joe is recuperating well after heart surgery. He's at his home in Florida. Things were very dismal at the field with 1,000' ceilings and predictions for increasing wind speeds. We didn't have any customers so we adjourned to the Stone House at 1 pm. One thing we did accomplish was replacing the flag. A new one was found on top of the crew chief's shelf and proudly raised into position. The old tattered flag will be properly retired. This crew is getting pretty tired of not flying on our crew day; the last flights on our crew day were in November 2017.

## SUNDAY REPORT - STEVE STATKUS

Sing with me this Willie Nelson classic just one day after his birthday: "Blue skies, smiling at me, Nothing but blue skies do I see; Bluebirds singing a song; Nothing but blue skies from now on..." That sums up our Sunday, except that lift was everywhere and strong. Dick Scheper kept the Baby Grob up for two hours with no operable radio or vario. Upon Dick's landing, Laviniu Tirca hooked up the battery and he had instrumentation during his flight.

Cat was last seen eating a foot long Italian sub before climbing into the back seat of the G103. 15 minutes into the flight while Ron Kellerman had cored a boomer, a shaky voice was heard from the back seat pleading for some straight and level flight, "My tummy is hurting?" So Ron rolled wings level and started porpoising in lift that was too much for the Italian sub. A quick landing was made before serious cockpit maintenance was needed.

We logged 29 flights which should put the Mighty 4th in first place for the year at 45 flights. Might have won a new member who enjoyed a 3K guest ride. Wouldn't have happened if we did not have great help from Bernie Fullenkamp who towed all day, Larry Kirkbride who towed in the am and did some instruction before he disappeared in his motor glider. We also need to thank Tom McDonald for subbing for John Lubon in the instruction role. Jim Goebel was available to instruct until his "Farmer Jim" gene kicked in around 2 pm and he just had to get his hands dirty. And thanks to

Rolf Hegele for stepping up to tow when needed. Bill Gabbard wandered onto the field and was directed into the back seat of a 2-33 where stayed the rest of the day. Henry Meyerose helped out shuttling folks hither and yon. Dieter worked the line throughout the afternoon. Thank you to Brian Stoops who came out to be our official commercial pilot, although the four guests did not show. And the wonderful Mighty 4th stepped up as usual. It's a rewarding thing to see how the CCSC members seem to come out of the woodwork when help is needed. We're a very lucky bunch.

**THE FLYING SEASON HAS OFFICIALLY STARTED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** - Steve Statkus

### **RIDGE REPORT- BOB MILLER, MARK MILLER**

Last week the report from Ridge Soaring indicated that our team was finding some ridge lift along the the Bald Eagle Ridge. On 4/20/18 Dan Reagan logged a 1,204km flight at an average speed of 169.8 km/hr over an 8.07 hour flight and John Lubon logged 1,010km at an average speed of 132.2 km/hr over a period of 8.16 hours. That earned #2 ranking for Dan in the [Champion OLC 2018 \(USA\)](#) contest. You don't get to the top of the contest ladder by holding back so Dan declared a 1500km plan for his flight on 4/29/18. If you take a close look at the trace for that flight [available on OLC](#) you will notice that near Cumberland, when Dan was attempting to cross the gap in the ridge between Cumberland and Keyser, the blue line tracing glider altitude sinks to meet the green area on the chart and the AGL indication drops to 0. When Bob Miller responded to Dan's call for assistance, pulling Dan's trailer 100 miles to get there, he arrived with his camera ready to capture the great wave clouds to the north which Dan tried to get under, but missed.



That risked Dan's #2 ranking in [North America in the OLC Champion-Speed 2018 contest](#), but Dan commented: "Can't make it if you don't try!" Meanwhile, back and forth along the same ridge John Lubon covered 1,108.9 km at an average speed of 129.6 km/hr, Mark Miller completed 766.5 km at an average speed of 115.6 km/hr and Joe Simmers flew 607.9 km at an average speed of 139.5 km/hr.

## OLC GOLD LEAGUE COMPETITION AFTER TWO ROUNDS

Thanks to the good conditions along the Bald Eagle Ridge the CCSC team achieved 2nd place in [round 2 of the OLC Gold League Contest](#). That moved our team up to 8th place at the end of two rounds out of the 15 teams competing in the U.S. 2018 Gold League. The three flights that did it for our team in round 2 were all flown from Ridge Soaring on April 29:

Pilot	OLC Points for Flight	Scoring Distance, km	Speed, km/hr
Joe Simmers	135.93	375.51	150.20
John Lubon	123.21	356.53	142.61
Mark Miller	122.37	342.64	137.06

Despite his land out, Dan's flight on April 29 was still a good flight:

Dan Reagan	40.84	118.19	47.28
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Meanwhile, back in Waynsville, Don and Rolf had very good flights without the benefit of ridge lift.

Don Burns	58.92	156.13	62.45
Rolf Hegele	23.22	62.40	24.96



Joe Simmers launches from Ridge Soaring, 4/30/18, photographed by Mark Miller as he waited his turn.





Mark Miller's view of Williamsport on the way by on 4/30/2018.

### **SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREOWNERS: JUNE 2, 2018, AT 9:30 AM**

Several years ago the date of the annual meeting was changed to the second Wednesday in April in hopes that more participation in the meeting could be achieved because of the strong participation in Wednesday flying. That change may have worked initially, but in recent years participation has declined so low that it is not healthy for a well-run corporation. Consequently, at the recent Annual Meeting of Share Owners a motion was passed to "Hold a Special Meeting of Share Owners on June 2 at 9:30AM at the Clubhouse to consider a change to the Code of Regulations relative to the Annual Meeting date." One thought is to hold the Shareowners Annual Meeting on a day when the Board of Directors is scheduled to meet and combine those two meetings. For instance, move the date of the Annual Meeting from the second Wednesday in April to the first Saturday in April. Expect to read more about this in the forthcoming weeks.





Mark Miller's view when crossing the Altoona gap north bound late in the afternoon of 4/30/2018.

## 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 11:00 am on 5/1/2018 there is one request for a member to swap or substitute a crew day.

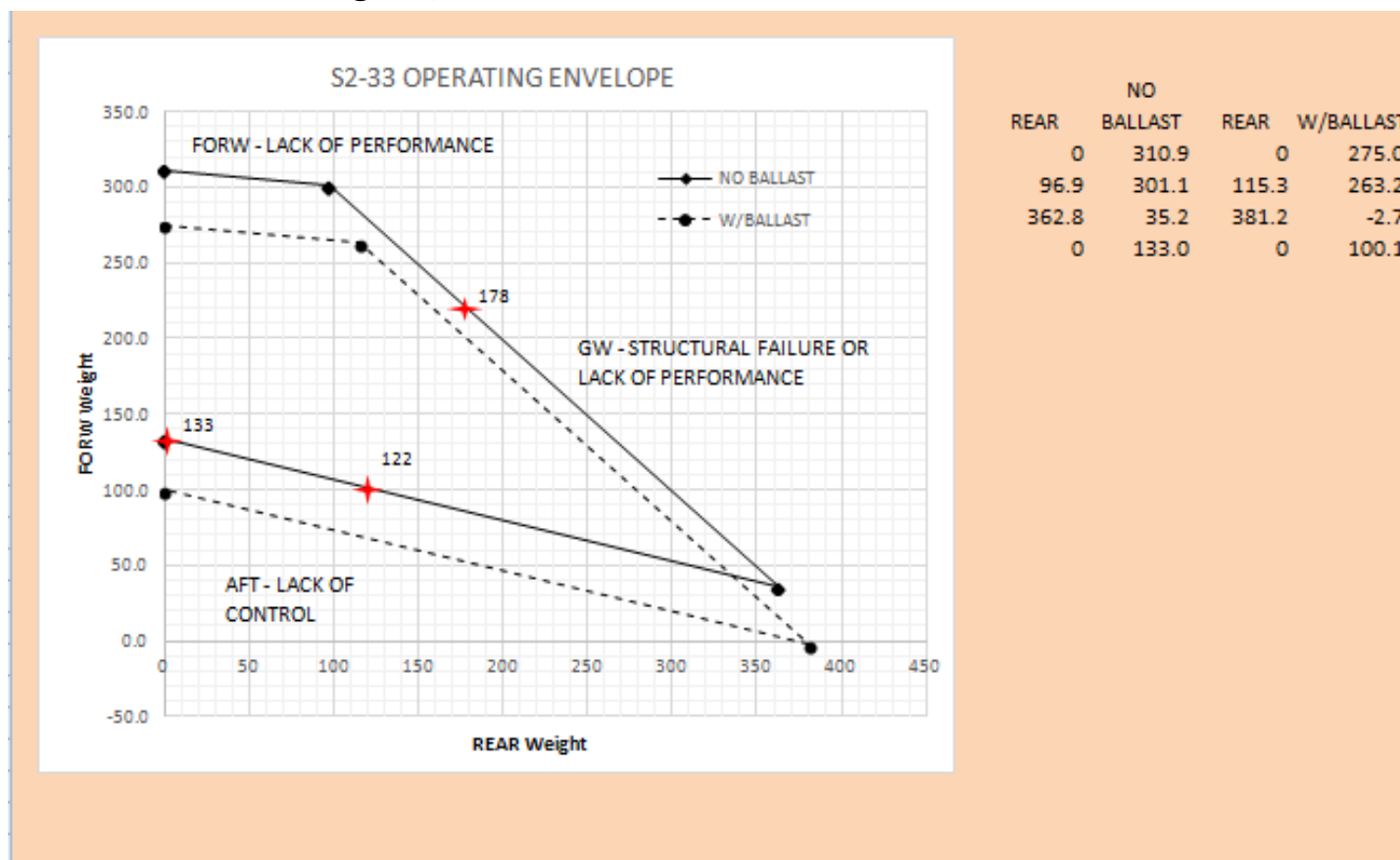
Date:  
1st Saturday in June  
06-02-2018

Skills:  
N/A

Click Here:  
[Sub/Swap](#)

## WEIGHT AND BALANCE - BRIAN MORK

Editor: Did you notice in the November 2017 issue of **Soaring** magazine on pages 36-39 there is a helpful article about Weight and Balance written by CCSC member, Brian Mork? In the article Brian provided a link to a spreadsheet that he developed for weight and balance calculations for (our) Schweizer 2-33 gliders that you may find useful. The diagrams and explanations in Brian's article may be a good review if you have not thought about weight and balance recently or if it has never fully made sense to you. One of the charts produced by Brian's spreadsheet is displayed below. You will want to enter the numbers for your specific glider and passenger weights, but this chart should give you an idea how you may be able to take advantage of this tool. Take a look in your November 2017 **Soaring** magazine.



If you would like to contact Brian you will find his email address in the [Membership Roster](#) on soarccsc.com and also under his photo at the end of the article in **Soaring** magazine.



Jonny Stewart is now Skydive Sports! He is providing a drop off service right here at CCSC. If you need your parachute repacked, just leave it in the CCSC office and fill out one of the service cards and attach it to your rig.

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

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**ASW 20L \$29,000** (Factory L model sold with both 16.59 M wing extensions and M&H winglets) TT 1108 hrs. Komet trailer, Modified Cobra wing tip wheel, tow out bar. Excellent canopy, newer gas spring, older gelcoat. Cambridge L nav, Colibri flight recorder, Dittle ATR720B (old but works good) with new boom mic, Avier with LK-8000. Logs since new. Contact Tony Bonser [tbonser@cinci.rr.com](mailto:tbonser@cinci.rr.com)

**Craftsman Snow Blower 22"**, Self-propelled, 2-stage, Electric start. \$195. Contact Tim Christman (937)475-1445

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

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**CCSC WEBSITE**

**MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

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

(The password is printed on your monthly statement.)



## **CCSC GROUND CREWS:**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY**

**CC:** Steve Fenstermaker (cell: 937-581-7713) **ACC:** TBD. **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.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> 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..

### **2<sup>ND</sup> 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, Brian Mork, Chloe Williams, Michael Williams.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> 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:** Fred Hawk, Dan Katuziowski, Mike McKosky.

### **3<sup>RD</sup> 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,

### **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY**

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

### **4<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**

**CC:** Steve Statkus (cell: 513-720-8955) **ACC:** Keith Kilpatrick. **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, Dan Reagan, Pete Schradin, Stefano Sinigaglia, Laviniu Tirca John Williams.

## **2018 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:**

Mar 31– 4<sup>th</sup> Sat Crew  
Apr 29 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sun Crew  
Jun 30 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sat Crew  
Jul 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sun Crew  
Sep 29 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Crew  
Sep 30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun Crew  
Dec 29 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat  
Dec 30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun

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