

Caesar Creek Soaring Club

July 17, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jul 15-20 YEW 2018 - Steve McManus
- Jul 21 Pot Luck Dinner
- Aug 3 WPAFB Airmen Recreation Program event at CCSC - Kevin Price
- Aug 6-10 Adult Camp - Steve Statkus
- Aug 11 EAA Chapter 48 Fly In - Tim Christman
- Aug 18 Pot Luck Dinner
- August Sailplane Weight & Balance Party - Chuck Lohre
- Sep 15 WPAFB Airmen Recreation Program event at CCSC - Kevin Price
- Oct 20 WPAFB Airmen Recreation Program event at CCSC - Kevin Price

CONGRATULATIONS ROLF HEGELE - FAI DIAMOND BADGE

For several years Rolf Hegele has been striving to get his Diamond badge to go with his Silver Badge awarded in 2003 and his Gold badge and 25,000 Lennie Pin awarded in 2016. The FAI Diamond Badge involves 3 required elements. Diamond Altitude is a 5,000 meter (16,404 foot) altitude gain above an in-flight low point; Diamond Goal is a 300 km (186.42 mile) cross country flight using a pre-declared Out and Return or Triangle course; Diamond Distance is a 500 km (310.7-mile) cross country flight.



Dan Reagan (l) and Rolf Hegele (r) congratulate each other after earning 25,000 Lennie Pins in February 2016 as Rolf completed the altitude gain requirement for his Diamond Badge at the Carolina Wave Project wave camp. (Frequent Flyer, 3/1/2016)

PERSISTANCE PAYS OFF- ROLF'S 500K DIAMOND DISTANCE -DAN REAGAN

Rolf considered going to the Pennsylvania Ridge for a try but in the spring of 2017, at my urging, Rolf went on a western pilgrimage to Parowan, Utah to dig for his diamond. After a few flights at Parowan, Utah, a 500k declared diamond flight was attempted on June 20, 2017. This attempt ended in an outlanding at the Richfield airport for a flight of 478 km. This was the last attempt for Rolf in 2017. His 2017 Western Odyssey was challenged by

trailer hitch problems and other factors that Rolf related in the Frequent Flyer 7/25/2017, but he caught the bug.

So this spring four of us again went out west for some flying and again Rolf's goal was a 500K diamond flight. This time no familiarization flights were required and on June 26 a flight from Parowan was declared to Mount Baldy (112 miles) with a leg to Panquich (100 miles), a leg to Monroe Peak (52 miles) with a return to Parowan (62 miles) with me serving as the Official Observer. The day was not a typical "Parowan" day and made the flight difficult but by the end of the day Rolf declared the 6½ hour flight had completed the task after years of wishing and trying. The celebrating came to a halt when it was thought that the start waypoint for the task had been missed. It was thought all the effort once again had been for nothing. After a couple of days, the rules were reviewed and it was decided that indeed the task had been completed and the paperwork was submitted.

So on July 10th Rolf received official notice from Rollin Hasness, the FAI and SSA badge administrator, that diamond badge #1068 had been awarded. Next time you see Rolf, congratulate him on his accomplishment!!

PERSONAL NOTE FROM ROLF TO DAN REAGAN

[Editor: Several club members have heard Rolf mention why the Diamond Badge was so important to him, but had forgotten details. Rolf was kind enough to send Dan Reagan this explanation.]

I learned to fly gliders when I was a teenager. At that time, my grandparents had a summer place on the Hornberg, across from a well-known glider school. My aunt (Ursi) and uncle (Hans Herkommer) lived there year round since he was a glider instructor at the school and they were both active in the Waldstetten (his home town) Soaring Club. I was able to spend two summers there and learned to fly gliders, all via winch launch. I earned my Class I and II German Private License, my Silver badge altitude gain, and Aerotow endorsement.

As my family passed away, I ended up with a box frame with my aunt's Silver badge (#2715) from 1957, my Uncle's Gold Badge (#2090) from 1953, and his Diamond Badge (#70) from 1957. It has always been my goal to match his achievement and place my own badges in the case with theirs.

Now I have finally accomplished that goal. {Silver #6384 in 2003; Gold #2720 in 2016; Diamond #1068 in 2018 and Lennie #1924 in 2016.}

THE GREAT WESTERN TRIP - PHASE 2 - MARK MILLER

Weekend at Bernie's

After the OLC camp ended at Parowan, Rolf Hegele and Mark Miller headed north to visit Bernie Fullenkamp. Bernie and Durelle bought a magnificent palace on a hilltop overlooking the Morgan Cty airport in Mt. Green, Utah. This little community is just east of Ogden a few miles up I-84.



Meanwhile John Lubon was flying some long flights out of Moriarty, NM. John and Laura arrived at Bernie's on 30 Jun for the weekend and started flying out of Morgan Cty. Rolf also arrived from Parowan on 30 Jun. Mark did not leave Parowan until Sunday morning, 1 Jul, but immediately began rigging when he arrived in order to fly with John. Bernie did the towing on that Sunday and Mark followed John up to Logan.



Only one of them made it back that night, so dinner was delayed until after flying on Monday, 2 Jul. Bernie, Mark and John all had good flights that day and Bernie and Durelle hosted all for a barbecue at their new home.



Karen Miller flew in that day to help enjoy the great hospitality and the magnificent views from the Fullenkamp's deck.

Once we drank all of their wine we decided that we should pack up. On Tuesday, 3 Jul, John and Laura headed back to Moriarty, NM for one more flight. Rolf headed home and Mark and Karen stayed to visit some old Air Force friends in the area before going to Vail, CO to visit a classmate on the way home.

Meanwhile back in Parowan on that Monday, Dan Reagan cranked out a flight almost to Salt Lake before he headed home.

Below, the first photo is the view from Bernie's deck at sunset and the second is a view on the way back to Morgan Cty of Snow Basin, Mt. Ogden, Ogden and the Great Salt Lake in the background.





ONLINE CONTEST STANDINGS

The past weekend was Round 13 of the OLC USA Gold League contest. John Lubon (179km,71.8km/hr), Dieter Schmidt (172km, 68.9km/hr) and Don Burns (125km,50km/hr) each submitted flights from our home field to earn 10th place for our team in Round 13. We are now in 12th place out of the 16 teams in the OLC Gold League. All the higher-ranked teams are from regions 8,9,10,11 & 12 where ready access to the western mountains provides abundant ridge lift, etc.

WEDNESDAY (7/11) REPORT - KEITH KILPATRICK

Had a fun day out at the club today. 16 flights including one Mile High Introductory Flight and many student flights. One prospective member submitted his application. A couple of pilots managed to have extended flights with very marginal lift.

SATURDAY (7/14) REPORT - DICK HOLZWARTH

It was very hot and humid with scattered cumulus at 4800 AGL. We launched 30 flights including four Introductory Flights, two of which were "Mile High". Thanks to Bob Miller and John Murray for helping with the guest rides. Timber (left) and Tully (center) supported flight line operations. They brought along Jim Marks to drive the golf cart.



Photo: Norm Leet

[This is the end of part 1 of Frequent Flyer for July 17, 2018. Part 2 contains photos of YEW 2018.]