



## Caesar Creek Soaring Club

## FREQUENT FLYER

January 11, 2022

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 29, 2022 – CCSC Annual Banquet, Engineers Club, **CANCELLED** May be rescheduled later in the year.
- Feb 5, 2022 – CCSC Board Meeting, 10 AM, CCSC Clubhouse
- Feb 22 - 23, 2022 – SSA Convention Flight Instructor Refresher Course
- Feb 24 - 26, 2022 – SSA Convention, Reno NV, **POSTPONED**
- March 5, 2022 – CCSC Board Meeting, 10 AM, CCSC Clubhouse

### NAME THAT PICTURE

Anybody know who took this picture and when? Supposedly four club gliders in the foreground. N17937 on the right.



## AIRCRAFT UPDATE

The Club became aware of a target of opportunity in that Tom Knauff's 2001 Duo Discus XLT is on the market. The Board had requested input from the membership since this affected the fleet mix within the club. The aircraft was promoted as another performance step beyond the ASK-21 and could be a more advanced cross-country (XC) trainer. There were however some potential issues with the glider: i.e. the glider had not been flown for at least two years; the condition of the gelcoat was unknown; unknown level of maintenance performed or status of any ADs; unknown condition of the trailer. It would be expected that these concerns would be resolved with a detailed inspection.

There was extensive discussion from the Board members as well as members in attendance at the meeting. Some of the comment highlights are shown below.

- Need a structured XC program before we introduce a high performance glider
- The sustainer motor on the glider was an area of complexity not needed
- Too few members would be qualified to fly the glider and therefore would not be cost effective
- Does not fit into our fleet with the current membership

At the end of the discussion, a motion was made to pursue this particular Duo with a detailed inspection. This motion was rejected by the Board.

## OPERATIONS

### New Year's Field Check

Don't forget that your first flight this year in a CCSC glider must be with an instructor with logbook endorsement for a Field Check. The flight must be in the highest-level aircraft you expect to fly this year. The ASK-21s and the Grob 103 all qualify at the same level.

### COVID Update

With COVID infections and hospitalizations increasing significantly, the Board voted to continue the existing COVID restrictions. In essence:

- There will be no Guest/Introductory flights
- Only members and their immediate family living with them are permitted on the field
- Masks should be worn in the Clubhouse and are optional as determined by separation protocols and pilot agreement

### Aircraft Annuals

Glider annuals are under way in the workshop so no glider tails should be placed through the doors. CC is complete and has been reassembled. SD underwent it's annual on December 29<sup>th</sup> and John Murray found cracks in the bulkhead under the front seat pan (see photo). He suspected that this was the result of a hard landing on the front wheel. You can see where he has been sanding in preparation for laying in new fiberglass to repair and strengthen the joint.



It is important that ANY hard landing be reported to the crew chief followed by a call to Bob Miller or the associated Plane Captain so that the glider can be inspected and red tagged, if needed.

SD was reassembled on January 8 and the G103 was disassembled and put in the shop. SD is still red-tagged as it needs some final installation and taping when it gets just a little warmer.

## 2022 BUDGET APPROVED

The Board approved a budget for 2022 which is now available on the Members Only portion of our website. The membership is requested to review and comment for final approval at the next Board meeting. The budget does not include any capital or aircraft upgrade projects for this year even though the Board voted to install transponders in all three Schweizer 2-33 aircraft. The budget includes the assessment for a new aircraft and continues the buildup of the reserves account for routine/catastrphic maintenance and repairs.

## CREW CHIEF REPORTS

### 4th Saturday Report

CHRISTMAS DAY. No operations

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Report

Rain, rain go away.

### 1st Saturday Report

NEW YEARS DAY. It was raining and there was standing water on the field, so no flight operations.

The AED in the clubhouse was chirping. Removing and reinserting the battery resulted in an announcement of "Battery Pack Low". The AED in the trailer indicated "Battery Pack OK".

While in the glider hanger, I heard a noise which turned out to be a squirrel. You can see one glowing eye in this picture near the top of the hanger roof. *(We obviously need to get him out and close off access, Ed.)*



### 1st Sunday Report

No flights. The geese and ducks were flying IFR south. With the field wet; motivation factor zero; no students; we went home and watched football.

### 2nd Saturday Report

Routine (but cold) operations from runway 9. There were no safety issues or incidents.

New tow pilot Rusty May made his first tow. 909 had a hard starting issue and was flown to Cubby's for a battery swap with 33Z. That seemed to correct problem. The primer knob on 48L was reported to be loose in the panel mount.

### 2nd Sunday Report

Wet field + low ceilings + 0 customers = 0 flights

## Golf Cart Update

Recently our golf cart fleet has been serviced by Hilt Custom Carts in Middletown. Service means oil changes, new filters, plugs, belt adjustments, and starting batteries as needed. Remember these golf



carts are fair weather machines and winters are extremely hard on them. From the Hilt service department it has been noted that during the cold winter months, starting these carts can be a challenge as most already know. They recommend that you must tickle the gas pedal and apply choke if needed when starting. If the crew finds one that won't start just move to another and wait for warmer weather. We now have six gasoline carts, a Kubota, and one electric cart. Please use the electric cart for **people moving only** and never tow with it. We will also be adding a couple of new rope reels to the carts that are missing this winter.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Board accepted the applications for two new members. Please Welcome Julian Feis and Evan Estes (Family member) to the Club.

## Rusty May

Rusty completed his Private check ride on a cold but clear Monday, 20 December at CCSC. He has a powered instructor rating and will add the commercial rating this summer. Pictured with him is his instructor John Kondratowicz and tow pilot Sami Rintala. Congratulations Rusty.



## ODDS AND ENDS

### Condor Club Competition

#### Happy New Years Eve Sportsfans!

We're celebrating the first year anniversary of the SSA support for the Proving Grounds for US chapters and commercial operators! We're grateful for the support and interest. So far nearly 30 operations have configured a system with varying degrees of utilization. We hope that for all installations 2022 sees more interest, activity and progression of those utilizing the service to develop their skills.

You've seen value in a tool to

develop tomorrow's cross country pilot - safely and strategically. Thank you for your support!

This is a great time of year for another helpful tool - the Condor Soaring Simulator! We'd like you to join, or share a Condor Club competition over the next 10 Sundays (starting Jan 2 @ 1930EST).

Last winter we experimented with this approach flying the large tasks at Canadian Proving Grounds sites. We had a lot of fun, and it helped a number of pilots who in 2021 completed Silver badges and/or contributed to the OLC! More than the value of the contest, the real value came from a common chat experience through the program Discord running in the background - chat channels for those having fun, and another for those seeking mentorship. Our Discord server is here.

We'll be encouraging participants to pair XCSoar devices with Condor to be better prepared come the spring, and less distracted in the cockpit as they prepare for their first, or next task. Here's the video we created to configure XCSoar with Proving Grounds tasks in the US.

For administrators that are cc'd on Proving Grounds submissions, don't be surprised to find a handful of emails in your inbox on Monday morning if a few dozen pilots land virtually at your club in the coming weeks!

Consider encouraging your Condor pilots to join the contest, and the Discord chat. Over the next 10 Sundays we'll keep them engaged and enthused about getting back into the real cockpit, anxious to put their name on more magnetic strips turning virtual steps into real steps through the Proving Grounds.

We'll see you at the Tucson Soaring Club on Sunday. I'm excited, it's -4F here in Calgary...

Be safe, have fun and we wish you absolutely the very best in 2022!

*(Received 12/31/2021 from Patrick McMahon)*

### Lost – Black Spiral Notebook

Chris Summers is looking for his flying notes notebook. It was last seen during the Cross-Country Camp. If you know of its whereabouts, please let Chris know at [chrissummers@versamedical.net](mailto:chrissummers@versamedical.net) or 513-807-0077

## PHOTO GALLERY

Here's an aerial photo from the 2005 Nationals.



*(If you have any CCSC photos to share, please forward to editor)*

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Glider Trailer Wanted

Jason Cottingham is currently looking for a used, open or closed, trailer for his Pilatus B4. The trailer does not have to be in tip-top condition as he is willing to put in some work to get it fully road-worthy. A covered trailer is preferred but he is open to all opportunities. If you have or know of someone that has an older trailer they might be interested in selling, please let him know. He can be reached at 205-305-9477 or [JasonLCottingham@gmail.com](mailto:JasonLCottingham@gmail.com).

### Trailer Sharing Available

Chuck Lohre would like to offer his Casita trailer for a sharing opportunity. It's a completely tricked out trailer and road ready. You're welcome to take it off site as well. He's planning to take it to Burning Man next year. Comes with a swamp cooler as well! It's the one with a Mako shark on top!

Chuck Lohre, 513-260-9025



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**Jonny Stewart is 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.**

Phone: 937-267-1733

## LAND'S END EMBROIDERED CLOTHING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS AVAILABLE ONLINE. PATCHES ARE IN THE DISPLAY CASE. – Chuck Lohre

Embroidered patches are available in the display case at \$5 each. The design is slightly different from the Land's End version.

The Land's End embroidered CCSC patch is approved for use on their clothing line website. Go to <http://business.landsend.com/store/ccsc> , select your garment or promotional product and then select the "APPLY LOGO(S)" box. The CCSC Patch was created for general club use. For my own personal use, I created the embroidery of my call sign "6V" and the ASW 15 planeform for the sleeves. If you would like your call sign or planeform created, send me a photo of your tail, the one-time cost is \$29 each to create the embroidery programming. Most of our plane forms are on the back of our silk-screened t-shirts in the clubhouse. The sizes run large, I got my usual XL shirt and it's too large for me. Only some of the promotional items are available one at a time for embroidery. My shirt, shown, cost \$35.95, plus \$8.95 for the patch and \$6.95 each for the sleeves. They will also charge you tax and my shipping was \$9.95.



## CCSC GROUND CREWS:

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

**CC:** Steve Fenstermaker (cell: 937-581-7713) **ACC:** Dick Huskey. **Tow Pilots:** John Armor, CR Gillespie. **Instructors:** Paul McClaskey, Tom McDonald. **Crew:** Jul Alvarez, Dan Beans, Gerry Daugherty, Mark Hanlon, Waseem Jamali, Joe Jaap, Kevin Price, Bryan Sanbongi.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY – Training Crew

**CC:** Mike Karraker (cell: 937-830-0627) **ACC:** Mark Miller. **Tow Pilots:** Christian Maurer, Norb Maurer, Andy Swanson. **Instructors:** Manfred Maurer, Bob Miller. **Crew:** Don Burns, Stephen Kleine, Eran Moscona, Dave Rawson, Dieter Schmidt, Joe Zeis.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY

**CC:** Dick Holzwarth (cell: 937-542-9612) **ACC:** Jim Marks. **Tow Pilots:** Brian Mork, Haskell Simpkins. **Instructors:** Bob Anderson, Bill Gabbard. **Crew:** Booker Atkins, Jim Fox, Bill Hall, Ron Kellerman, Jaison Lavergne, Daniel Pienaar, Marius Pienaar, Jim Suda, Liz Suda.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY

**CC:** Lucy Anne McKosky (cell: 937-216-5754) **ACC:** Kate Menchen Kreiner. **Tow Pilots:** Lorrie Penner, Gordon Penner. **Instructors:** Jim Goebel, Tom McDonald, Tom Rudolf. **Crew:** Val Boehm, Fred Hawk, Mike McKosky, David Wrinkle.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY

**CC:** Maury Drummey (cell: 513-871-1998) **ACC:** Rolf Hegele. **Tow Pilots:** Don Green, Steve McManus, Sami Rintala. **Instructors:** Charlie DeBerry, Chris Uhl. **Crew:** Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Norm Leet, Charlie Maxwell, Ethan Maxwell, Poul Pedersen, Charlie Richardson, Mariateresa Sestito.

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

**CC:** Dan Miner (cell: 614-395-3953) **ACC:** Andrew Stringfellow **Tow Pilots:** Tony Bonser, Tim Christman. **Instructors:** Dick Eckels, Sami Rintala. **Crew:** Jacob Dunnohew, Mike Keltos, John Kondratowicz, Karl Ludolph, Rusty May, Brian Stoops, 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:** Ross Bales, Andrew Dignan, David McMaster, John Murray, Curt Pollock, Tony Rein.

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

**CC:** Chris Summers (cell: 513-807-0077) **ACC:** Steve Statkus. **Tow Pilots:** Ron Blume, Tim Morris, Al Quinn **Instructors:** John Lubon, Kat McManus. **Crew:** Mauricio Berrizbeitia, Richard Cedar, Shelby Estell, Rick Ghai, Jeff Grawe, Keith Kilpatrick, Dan Reagan, Pete Schradin, Stefano Sinigaglia, Christian Summers, Laviniu Tirca.

### 2022 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:

Jan 29 – 2nd Sat Crew  
Jan 30 – 2nd Sun Crew  
Apr 30 – 3rd Sat Crew  
May 29– 3rd Sun Crew  
Jul 30– 4th Sat Crew  
Jul 31– 4th Sun Crew  
Oct 29 – 1st Sat Crew  
Oct 30 – 1st Sun Crew  
Dec 31 – New Year’s Eve Volunteers

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