



Caesar Creek Soaring Club

December 8, 2015

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Sign up now to fly the Baby Grob (Grob-102) in 2016

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 3 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM - John Lubon

BERNIE FULLENKAMP APPOINTED DIRECTOR - FLIGHT OPERATIONS

John Atkins recently resigned his position of Director. The remaining members of the Board, acting in accordance with the Code of Regulations, voted at the 5 December meeting to appoint Bernie Fullenkamp to fill the vacancy and provide oversight of all Flight Operations. This includes the Ground Crew Operations, Flight Instruction and Tow Pilot Operations. Thank you to John for his service and thank you to Bernie for his willingness to take on this important responsibility.



Bernie Fullenkamp - Director of Flight Operations

REFURBISHING N3616Q - WEEK TWO

All fabric, control cables and mechanisms have been removed. After initial sanding of the light rust areas on the tubing it was decided with Tim Morris to try Baking Soda Blast, so Steve purchased a Blaster and baking soda. Alas, when the new equipment was tried on Saturday the process was

totally ineffective. In addition to removing all rust, the tubing will be drilled for recoating of internal surfaces to prevent rusting. That effort was about 50% completed on Saturday. After we get the rust removed the tubing will be etched and sprayed with grey epoxy. A big thank you to the crews who have helped thus far. Big progress thanks to those folks who have joined in the effort. We do need volunteers to re-manufacture new cockpit seats and someone to step up and take the small pieces that need to be cleaned up with scotch bright and resprayed with grey epoxy. Next work period is this coming Wednesday. - Steve Statkus



Wednesday Crew removing light rust from tubing.

CLUB STATISTICS

<u>ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>12/1/2014</u>	<u>12/1/2015</u>	<u>FLIGHT ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Full Members	157	166	Last month	50	122
Family & Youth	36	37	Year to Date	1791	1995

FIRST SUNDAY TRAINING CREW WAS BUSY

The weather was good but the field was still a little soft in spots because of the recent rain, so Mike Karraker moved operations to the north side of the runway and limited the fleet to the two 2-33s and a K-21. Still the crew managed 18 flights, mostly training and currency.

REMINDER: MEMBER CREW RESPONSIBILITIES

One key to keeping flying costs affordable is that members do all the work to operate CCSC on a voluntary basis. For anyone to be able to fly it is essential for there to be others serving as tow pilots, instructors, ground crew, maintenance staff, etc. Recently there have been several days on which crews were understaffed with an impact on other members who wanted to fly, so here is a reminder about what our Uniform Operating Procedures (section 2.2) say about each member's responsibilities.

New members must serve on a crew: "All new members of the Caesar Creek Soaring Club are required to serve on an active crew for a minimum of twelve (12) months upon joining or until they receive their Private Pilots Certificate, whichever is longer. In the event that there are circumstances that do not allow the individual to serve on a weekend crew, the Board may assign other activities that contribute to the organization."

Each new member is expected to join the 1st Sunday Training Crew until completing the training and then move to another crew. The Crew Supervisor (Brian Stoops) will work with you to make this a good match to your personal situation as well as the club's needs.

"Scheduled crew members are expected to be present for each of their scheduled crew days regardless of flying conditions. During the occasional days when no flying or less than a full days flying is done, each crew member is expected to meet at least the equivalent of a half a day's effort on behalf of the club. Such effort could involve things like maintenance, repair, cleaning, mowing, etc. Crew Chiefs will direct such effort."



While part of the Wednesday Crew was removing rust from fuselage tubing, Dan Reagan and Mark Miller were repairing damage to the rudder under the watchful eye of Bob Root.

NEW SELECTION OF CCSC LOGO CLOTHING

New short and long sleeve T-shirts, polo shirts and hats have been ordered and should be available by Friday. The short sleeve T-shirts will have pockets and will be available in charcoal and maroon. The long sleeve T-shirts will be available in sand and royal blue. The Dri-Fit polo shirts will be available in Navy, forest green and Vegas gold. Hats will be white. Short sleeve T-shirts are \$18.00, Long sleeve T-shirts are \$20.00 and the Dri-Fit polo shirts are \$30.00. Hats are \$15.00. As always, to make a purchase simply write your name and CCSC account number and the item description on the handy list. The price of the item will be added to your next CCSC bill.



FINANCIAL CONDITION

At the end of November net income year to date was \$9,909 favorable to plan. That is less than it was a month ago because the bill for painting the main hangar roof has now been paid. The \$3,700 bill for runway drainage improvements has finally been received; the good news is that it is well under that amount reserved. Nevertheless, paying it will also shrink our excess closer to the original plan. In fact, expenses are really running right on target. Income is looking good with membership fees (including stock purchases) \$6,614 above plan due to increases in membership. Member flight income is above plan due to increased member flying. Total revenue from Introductory Flights (guest flights) YTD is \$12,029, which exceeds the plan by \$3,719. So, it looks like the club will be able to set aside more than originally planned for future capital improvements, such as refurbishment of gliders, replacement of the big tractor, etc.

GAS COST REMAINS LOW - FUEL INDEX STAYS AT \$0.30/100FT

The fuel index is still at \$0.30/100 ft, the lowest it has been for quite some time. Come out and fly and take advantage of the bargain fuel index in effect.

PRICE STRATEGY FOR GLIDERS FOR 2016

At the 5 December Board meeting there was considerable discussion resulting in a consensus to continue to treat the Grob-102 the same as it has been treated for the past two years. There will be no change to the policy of offering the option to prepay \$90 at the beginning of the year in exchange for an unlimited number of Grob-102 flights with no (\$0) aircraft use fee. Those flights can be for up

to 2 hours. Any member who does not prepay the \$90 may fly the Grob-102 for an aircraft use fee of \$25 per flight for a one hour flight. The Hook-up Fee, Basic Tow Fee and Altitude Index Fee are the same as for all other club aircraft whether or not the member has prepaid. So, if you want to fly the Grob-102 (BG) for "free" in 2016, sign up now by emailing [Jim Dudley](#).

A motion was passed to raise the aircraft use fee for the Blanik L23 from \$7 to \$8, but all other gliders will remain at the current aircraft use fee.

BUDGET FOR 2016

At the 5 December meeting the Board agreed to adopt a new way of organizing the budget that is an attempt to separate all income and expenses into the following major categories: Facilities, Flight, Membership, Social, Other and Reserves. There was also agreement to base the budget on the assumptions of 1800 flights and membership consisting of 170 full members and 30 family and youth members. The discussion was primarily about how much should be included in the budget for replacement of the red barn siding and roof and for a replacement tractor. The version that was approved provides for those expenses and refurbishment of 16Q in 2016 and anticipates refurbishment of 15H and attention to the pole barn in 2017 and replacement of one Pawnee engine in 2018. This [budget is now available](#) for review by members in accordance with the process described in the Code of Regulations. (Remember that the password for the Members-only section of our website is printed at the bottom of your monthly statement.) Comments may be directed to any member of the Board.



Fog was thick at the gliderport on Saturday, making it easier for the Board to focus on topics like the budget. Since Steve Fenstermaker's First Saturday Crew could not fly they busied themselves on 16Q and a crew safety training session.

ALTITUDE RECORD FOR N.H. REMAINS ELUSIVE FOR CHRIS GIACOMO

Former CCSC member Chris Giacomo grew up in New Hampshire and continues to love the White Mountains. One of his goals has been to set a new glider altitude record for New Hampshire. For a few days each fall glider pilots are given permission to enter Class A airspace over Mt. Washington to fly the wave that develops when winds are just right. Chris reported on the planning, preparations and disappointment of his first attempt at the Mt. Washington wave in the [Frequent Flyer January 28, 2014](#). Again in October 2015 Chris made the pilgrimage for the brief opportunity to challenge the Mt. Washington wave. This time weather created a challenge and forced Chris to make some tough decisions very quickly. An important aspect of this story is that we are always making decisions to ensure our personal safety in flight. [Read his story here](#).

ANNUAL INSPECTION PLAN FOR TOW PLANES

As always, Cubby will be taking care of our three Pawnees. The current plan is to take 909 to him this week because it is within 4 hours of an oil change. 48L has 8.1 hours to go and 33Z has 21.8 hours. So the plan is to use 48L until it is within an hour of it's oil change, then switch to 33Z until we get 909 back. This should assure that all three tow planes are ready well in advance of the spring surge in flying. - Tim Christman

CALENDARS FOR 2016

2016 SSA Calendars are available for \$11.00. If you would like one, sign up using the form on the merchandise case in the clubhouse.

WALLY DETERT

Karl Elias reports that Wally remains in the nursing home while he recovers from aortic valve surgery several weeks ago. He has limited alertness and sleeps most of the time.

MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

(http://soar-ccsc.com/?page_id=484 The password is printed on your monthly bill.)

CCSC IS ON FACEBOOK (<https://www.facebook.com/CaesarCreekSoaringClub>)

CCSC WEBSITE (<http://soar-ccsc.com/>)

FOR SALE

One eighth share available for the Red Wing Soaring Club 1-26. \$1000.00 Call Jim Grueninger, 740-503-0032, share owner, or Bob Anderson, 937-609-8937, managing partner Red Wings. Fun, easy soaring! Always tied down and ready to go!

LAK 12 glider and trailer. 50/1. It's big. Price negotiable. Located on the field. Interested parties should contact Wally Detert, 937-667-6950.

CCSC GROUND CREWS:

1ST SATURDAY

CC: Steve Fenstermaker (cell: 937-581-7713),
ACC: Kevin Price , **Tow Pilots:** John Armor,
Richard Perry, **Instructor:** Paul McClaskey, Bill
Gabbard, Tom McDonald, Richard Perry. **Crew:**
Gerry Daugherty, Waseem Jamali, Courtney Ohl,
Mark Schababerle.

1ST SUNDAY

CC: Mike Karraker (cell: 937-830-0627), **ACC:**
Mark Miller, **Tow Pilots:** Manfred Mauer, Norb
Mauer, Dieter Schmidt, Andy Swanson.
Instructor: Bob Miller, Rich Carraway. **Crew:**
Carter Aleson, Jul Alvarez, Blake Bailey, Bill
Barone, Bob Bohl, Don Burns, Bill Clawson,
Russell Cook, CR Gillespie, Bill Grawe, Bill Hall,
Christian Maurer, Bruce Porter, Dave Rawson,
Skye Toomey, Michael Williams, Joe Zeis.

2ND SATURDAY

CC: Dick Holzwarth, **ACC:** Bob Root. **Tow Pilots:**
Bob Anderson, Haskell Simpkins. **Instructor:**
Bob Anderson, Jim Price. **Crew:** John Antrim,
Stuart Delk, Jim Hurst, Ron Kellerman, Anil
Mahajan, Irwin Mahajan, Jim Marks, Nick Oleska,
Dan Staarmann.

2ND SUNDAY

CC: Dave Menchen (cell: 513-313-2315), **ACC:**
Lucy McKosky, **Tow Pilots:** Jim Goebel, Lorrie
Penner, Gordon Penner, Tom Rudolf, Tom
Geygan, **Instructor:** Jim Goebel, Tom
McDonald, Gordon Penner, Tom Rudolf, Chad
Ryther. **Crew:** Dave Conrad, Alyssa Engeseth,
Fred Hawk, Kate Kreiner, Mike McKosky.

3RD SATURDAY

CC:Maury Drummey (cell: 513-543-1906),
ACC:Rolf Hegele, **Tow Pilots:** Don Green, Steve
McManus. Dick Scheper. **Instructor:** Charlie
DeBerry, Kat McManus. **Crew:** Gary Adams,
Soren Adams, Jake Click, Eric Cochran, Chandler
Demler, Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Micah
Ferguson, Norm Leet, Poul Pederson, Jack
Runyan, Jakob Salzman, Chris Uhl.

3RD SUNDAY

CC: Brian Stoops (cell: 937-750-3788), **ACC:**
Tow Pilots: Tony Bonser, Tim Christman,
Richard Perry. **Instructor:** Dick Eckels, Bill
Gabbard, Chad Ryther. **Crew:** Daniel Beans, Tom
Bonser, Mike Brewer, Laura May, Topher May,
Tony Rein, Zach Siefker, Joey Tomei, David
Whapham.

4TH SATURDAY:

CC: Chuck Lohre (cell: 513-260-9025). **ACC:**
Ethan Saladin. **Tow Pilots:** John Atkins, Guy
Byars, Bernie Fullenkamp, Larry Kirkbride.
Instructor: John Atkins, Joe Jackson, Larry
Kirkbride. **Crew:** Ross Bales, Michael Hayden,
Casey Hildenbrand, Ethan Maxwell, Henry
Meyerrose, John Murray.

4TH SUNDAY

CC: Steve Statkus (cell: 513-720-8955), **ACC:**
Rik Ghai. **Tow Pilots:** Ron Blume, Matt Davis,
Tim Morris. **Instructor:** Lynn Alexander, John
Lubon. **Crew:** Chad Beckwith, Mauricio
Berrizbeitia, Jake Burd, Richard Cedar, Shelby
Estell, Jeff Grawe, Keith Kilpatrick, Dan Reagan,
Pete Schradin, Stefano Sinigaglia, Chloe Williams.

2015 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:

Jan 31 – 3rd Sat Crew
Mar 29 – 3rd Sun Crew
May 30 – 4th Sat Crew
May 31 – 4th Sun Crew
Aug 29 – 1st Sat Crew
Aug 30 – 1st Sun Crew
Oct 31 – 2nd Sat Crew
Nov 29 – 2nd Sun Crew

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