

## Caesar Creek Soaring Club

## FREQUENT FLYER

February 22, 2022

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[www.soarccsc.com](http://www.soarccsc.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 5, 2022 – CCSC Board Meeting, 10 AM, CCSC Clubhouse
- March 26, 2022 - Basic Cross Country Training Class; 9 AM to 11 AM, CCSC Clubhouse
- April 2, 2022 – CCSC Annual Meeting, 9:30 AM, CCSC Clubhouse
- April 2, 2022 - CCSC Board Meeting, 10 AM, CCSC Clubhouse
- April 23, 2022 - Basic Cross Country Training Class; 9 AM to 11 AM, CCSC Clubhouse
- May 7, 2022 - CCSC Board Meeting, 10 AM, CCSC Clubhouse
- May 21, 2022 - Basic Cross Country Training Class; 9 AM to 11 AM, CCSC Clubhouse
- July 10 – 15 - Youth Education Week (YEW); Steve Hoffman, Henry Hayter
- Aug 6, 2022 - WPAFB Recreation Outing
- Oct 8, 2022 - WPAFB Recreation Outing

### PICTURE OF THE WEEK



## CCSC ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Meeting is coming up on April 2 at 0930 and we need your input; so attend. In addition we are always looking for members to participate in the management of the organization and to apply their individual background and perspectives to Club operations. If you are interested in running for the Board, express your interest to any Board member and/or Bill Hall, Secretary.

## 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.

### Audio Vario

With 12 volt power systems and radios going into the 2-33s, we have a shortage of audio varios that work to put in the panel. Should you have a working unit sitting on a shelf that you would like to donate or sell to the Club, please contact Bob Miller.

### COVID Status

With COVID infections and hospitalizations still significant, the Board voted to continue the existing COVID restrictions. However, there was considerable discussion that there should be a loosening of the restrictions in accordance with the CDC guidance. There will be another discussion and vote at the next Board meeting. Currently:

- 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. The Grob 103 is now in the shop awaiting its annual.

### Hanger Rash

The Club continues to incur an excessive amount of hanger rash on our gliders while in the hanger. You need to make sure that you have enough personnel to move the aircraft safely without running wings and/or fuselage into one another.

## INSTRUCTORS CORNER

### Caesar Creek Cross Country Ground Course (Repeated)

CCSC is offering 3 sessions focused on flying cross-country.

The dates will be March 25, April 23, and May 21. The sessions will be held in the club house from 9 to 11 AM. The cost will be \$25.00 total for all 3 sessions. John Lubon, Dan Reagan, and Rolf Hegele will be the presenters. It should be noted that attendance at these sessions will be required to fly with Dan in his ASG-32mi.

The agenda specifics are still being developed but will include the following:

- Sources of Lift
- Situational Awareness Decision Making
- Sources of Weather information and corresponding analysis
- Glider Polars

- Equipment – GPS Choices
- Landing at other airports
- Off field Landings
- On Line Contest (OLC) as a learning tool.
- Proving Grounds
- Glider and trailer preparation
- Hydration and relief systems

Contact John Lubon to register for the course.

## CREW CHIEF REPORTS

### 2cd Saturday Report

No operations due to poor weather and field conditions and therefore there were no issues to report. We were unable to fly 909 to Cubby's for its annual inspection. We had no indication as to the status of the Grob 103, so we left it alone.

### 2cd Sunday Report

We started operations around noon, when the temperature reached 20 degrees. Winds were light and the ceiling was above 3000 AGL. The field was firm, with some icy patches, but the snow had melted off. Initially we couldn't get any golf carts started but Jim Goebel eventually got one golf cart going. The Kubota started up right away and worked fine all day. 33Z also performed well all day. We had six flights and wrapped up operations shortly after 3 pm.

On his second solo flight, Michael Hayter kept 135 airborne for 1 hour, 49 minutes, besting his first solo by an hour.



909 was delivered to Cubby's for its annual and the 33Z tach time was 7620.81.

### 3rd Saturday Report

We had three flights using CC and the Kubota. No problems.

### 3rd Sunday Report

No operations today due to wet field and high crosswinds.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Meet Our Members      Andrew Dignan – President, Soaring Society of Dayton

I have been a member of the CCSC since 1998, joining after taking many trips to the Eagle Ridge Glider Port, more commonly known as Ridge Soaring in PA. I actually became interested in soaring back in the late 70's and early 80's flying RC aircraft and sailplanes and this is where I met Chuck Lohre, a fellow soaring enthusiast, and a friendship that would lead to "full scale" soaring. Chuck took me on my first glider flight at CCSC around 1990 in a 2-33. From there the rest was a bit of slow moving history.

In 1991, I joined Chuck as a crew for the fall trip to Ridge Soaring. It soon turned into a yearly ritual for me even though I was not a club member. On these trips to the Ridge, I met a few of the original members of CCSC, folks such as Pat DeNaples, Bob Root, and John Antrum to name a few. I had just earned my Private SEL in August of 1998 when I took the opportunity, during yet another fall trip to the Ridge, to add on a glider rating. After every one went back home, I decided to stay at the

Ridge, spending three glorious weeks in mid to late October of that year with Doris Grove as my instructor and Tom Knauff giving me the check ride. It also happened to coincide with the filming of the updated Tomas Crown Affair movie. I got to see up close and personal some of the 'action' flying that was done. It just so happened that I took a lot of pictures that Tom used in the SSA magazine article about the filming, with a few more showing up in his training books. On return to Cincinnati in November, I joined CCSC and have been a member since. I was introduced in the newsletter that month by Pat DeNaples saying, "I had a lot of Grob experience". Of course, what I really had at that time was a license to learn more. Hard to believe it has been over 23 years.



I think it would be fair to say I have been an active member of CCSC since I joined. It was not long after joining that I ran for the board, going through a few positions such as Newsletter Editor, Vice-President, and then President of the CCSC. This was back when the club had two boards. I was always pitching in where I could, mostly helping in my area of expertise in setting up and expanding some of the IT systems, WiFi networks, web cameras, etc. which I hoped would provide a good service for the members. I was grateful to receive the Trustee Award in 2011 after completing some of that work and it was easy to find the year as it is still displayed front and center on my living room mantel at home along with a model of a Pawnee.

During what I call the 'first' period of my membership I also volunteered to help out at many contests, mostly as a scorer. I received much education on the ins and outs of scoring competitions and the rules from Guy Byars (author of the WinScore program used in U.S. competitions) and Joe Jackson among others, during many regional and a few national contests. I even helped out as a contest manager for a regional or two.

Somewhere around 2002 I stepped into the position of crew chief for 10+ years as part of the 4th Saturday crew, the same crew I started with in 1998 and continue to work with today under Crew Chief and Club Treasurer Chuck Lohre. I have also been a plane captain for two ships over the years; ASK-21 CC and the 'Baby' Grob-102 learning a lot about glass ships from John Murray in the process. For better or worse, I was part of the instigators to have a single place glass ship in the club. The idea was that members, after getting their private rating, could get a taste of what a decent basic single place glass ship was like to fly. It is also nice that it stays put together and can be pulled out to the line at a moment's notice. As a side note, any club member with said private rating can contact our club manager, Jonny to join the "BG-Flyers" group for \$100 during the year and with that have access to 2 hours of flight time when taking the 102 out with no aircraft rental charge, a "deal's deal".

After years of being on the sidelines and looking at the tow planes working the line, I decided I wanted to know more about that. I received my conventional gear endorsement in 2006 working with Tom Hogan at Butler County Regional Airport (HAO) and starting building hours to qualify for that tow plane flying privilege. After a few years of J-3 work, with many visits to the club in Tom's J-3, I finally qualified to take the tow training at Stewarts's with Emerson Stewart. It was very good training and nothing beats flying a Scout, fully loaded with my 195 lbs, Emerson in the back seat, a good load of fuel, and Cub and Cathy at the tail end of the tow rope in their 2-33. Climbing out at less than 300 feet a minute was interesting, to say the least, as Cub put me through the paces as a 'ham handed' sailplane pilot and tossed a few flying signals my way to see if I was paying attention to the sailplane behind me. Emerson was of course giving me tips along the way, even during that final check out flight, with a small smile at what his father and mother were throwing at me. After that final tow lesson, I was cleared to check out in the Pawnee in 2008 and have been towing ever since. To this



day, the Pawnee is the only plane I have ever flown where you just have to get in it, fly it, and land it by yourself having never flown one before. That first flight was preceded by written and oral tests along with great advice from Paul McClaskey, Buck Towne, and Larry Kirkbride. All of that has been just yet another interesting chapter in soaring that I very much enjoy doing. I guess you can say I have gone hook, 'tow rope', and sinker into being part of most every aspect of the club.

One of the biggest things I like about CCSC, besides some of the good friends I have made along this soaring journey, is that there is always something new to learn at the club, about the people, soaring, flying tow, about almost anything you can think of. Such are the varied backgrounds of the members in this club which runs the gamut from 18 wheeler drivers, astronomy, physics, test pilots, safety experts, and material science, all sharing in the joy of soaring. The SSD has some of the best people and resources around and they have always been willing to share their knowledge. The club is indeed fortunate in this area, as I am fortunate to be a member of such a great organization.

Keep flying safe and see you out at the field, Andrew Dignan

### **Jesse Price Update**

We've helped create another fantastic serviceman for our country!

Jesse is from North Carolina and was a sophomore studying Paper Science and Engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. He was doing a co-op work experience with International Paper and will be in the Cincinnati area until the end of this year. Chuck Lohre invited Jesse to come to CCSC to help with the contest in August and took him for an introductory flight. Jesse enjoyed it immensely and decided immediately to join CCSC instead of a nearby sailing club. He had no prior experience with gliders or airplanes, just some time sailing (which ironically enough, Chuck's twin brother, Tom, got him into).

He wasted no time preparing for his initial solo flight. It was his 20th flight when he completed his first solo on Saturday October 19, 2019. Jesse admits that he was a little nervous and could not have done it without the encouragement and support of his instructors. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to Chuck and all his friends at CCSC.



**Sami Rintala, Jesse, Bill Gabbard**

Jesse texted this update to Chuck.

Things are going well for me. Last summer I worked at a summer camp in Massachusetts, this previous winter break I flew to Hawaii for a week then stayed in LA for a week with my brother. I then joined my family in Northern California for a weeklong trip. I am set to graduate in December and plan on staying in Raleigh this summer to do some trade work - HVAC stuff is what it looks like. I will be off to Officer Candidate School in January, as I have been accepted into an officer candidate program with the nuclear propulsion unit in the Navy - I will be a submariner! Hope you all are doing well and that the club is still running well despite COVID changes. Let the guys know that I say hi!



## Soaring Wings

Norm Leet passed away some time in the last week. He was found in his apartment in Waynesville on 15 February. He was a nice and very quiet person and will be missed at the club. Norm was a fixture at the glider club and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Crew. He was always friendly, with a positive attitude and willing to help. He was very knowledgeable regarding our common interest and had many stories, articles and pictures regarding aviation to share with us personally and in our monthly newsletter.



## ODDS AND ENDS

### Lost Keys

Charlie Richardson lost his keys on the 3rd Saturday Crew day. There is a small plastic tag that says "Pines" on it. If found please contact Charlie at [c.rich@zoomtown.com](mailto:c.rich@zoomtown.com).

### 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 [chrisummers@versamedical.net](mailto:chrisummers@versamedical.net) or 513-807-0077

### Guess the Trailer

Anybody know who these two flat/empty trailers belong to? They have been there all fall and winter.





## 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



**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

**Email:** [skydivesports@gmail.com](mailto:skydivesports@gmail.com)

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## 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 own personal use, I created the embroidery my call sign "6V" and the ASW 15 planeform for the sleeves. If you would like your call sign or planeform created, send a photo of your tail, the one-time cost is \$29 each to create the embroidery programming. Most of our plane forms are 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.



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## 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, Andrew Dignan, Larry Kirkbride. **Instructors:** John Atkins, Joe Jackson. **Crew:** Ross Bales, 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

**PRESIDENT:** Andrew Dignan

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Note: See Membership Roster on soarccsc.com for phone numbers and email addresses for all members.

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