



Caesar Creek Soaring Club

FREQUENT FLYER

May 9, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3 – 10 - 1-26 National Contest Days; Chuck Lohre & Steve Statkus, Co-managers

May 11 - 1-26 National Contest Awards Breakfast

May 20 - PotLuck Dinner, after flying, CCSC Clubhouse

June 3 - CCSC Board Meeting, 10 AM to 11:30 AM, CCSC Clubhouse

June 17 - PotLuck Dinner, after flying, CCSC Clubhouse

June 20 - Daedalians Meeting, CCSC Clubhouse

July 10 – 14 - Youth Camp 2023

May 15 - 24, 2024 - Contest, Sports Class and Standard Class Nationals; Linda Murray, Contest Manager; John Lubon, Contest Director; May 13 and 14 - Practice Days

1-26 Championships





DAY 1: Mother Nature showed us whose foot is on the throttle the first 3 days of this week; low ceilings and high winds. Displaying her fickle nature, she left town and gave control of the weather to Ms. May who was done with crappy weather around SW Ohio. Ms. May delivered the "GREATEST SOARING WEATHER IN THE HISTORY OF 1-26'S". This statement came from my soaring partner Chuck Lohre who flew 242 today. To put it in perspective, Jeff Daye stated, "I'VE NEVER PASSED UP A 4 KT THERMAL, UNTIL TODAY," We launched 21 gliders at 2 minute intervals into those 4 kt'ers up to cloud base of 5400 ft. MSL. We only had one relight and one out landing at a nearby airport. The race was on! Spirits were high in the club house after the pilots straggled in. The results will be posted tomorrow and we're expecting another banner soaring day.



Can you say Blue Day? I swear Mother Nature is bi-polar. Yesterday will be remembered as "THE 1-26'ERS GREATEST SOARING DAY EVER." And today; SCRATCH FOR YOUR LIVES. Even the sniffer (an ASK-29 with the greatest soaring pilot in our club) found a thermal after about an hour (after which he headed for a cu somewhere far away from CCSC) and suggested we launch the first row of 1-26s. The first off must have thought it was a 200 foot rope break because he/she was back that quick, More on this great experience from a 1-26er in the second row.

But to the 1st day's results. 1 relight! Can you believe that? 17 of the 21 starters achieved distance points. The winner of the day was Curt Lewis with a blistering pace of 35.9 mph which when converted, equates to Mach 1.5 on the Top Gun Maverick BS scale. Second was Chip Haskell blasting around the course at 31.3 mph, (Mach 1.25 corrected.). Third was Jeff Daye at 30.8 mph (Mach 1.18 corrected) which explains the ratty appearance of 039 due to surface heating.

The winning team was Bloomfield and Schwartz at 28.1 mph. They obviously didn't use the afterburner and it took both of the team mates around the course to secure this most prestigious position. The team of Hegele and Regan were only 0.3 mph behind. (See below.)



DAY 3: Saturday May 6th, our weather person (who landed out yesterday on his 3rd 1-26 flight) was busy putting lipstick on the pig when our CD Wally Berry walked in with a strained look on his face. We all wondered if he'd gotten food poisoning at breakfast. But CM Chuck Lohre started the meeting and after that our weather person (Dan Reagan) gave us the bad news first; cloud cover, max lift 3.1 kts, ceiling 3200 ft. MSL. And then more bad news: winds at cloud base were 18 kts. The good news: two blue patches; the first two hours out and the second maybe tomorrow.

CD Wally said, great contest weather so grid at 1300 and launch the sniffer at 1330. He'd prepared a 3 hour 25 mile task with landing points and a single turn point. We pilots crawled under our wings as the blue patch floated over heading East at 18 kts. "Launch the first row" was the call from the sniffer John Lubon and he went off the air after that piece of encouragement. And so we launched.

I know two thermals came through the start cylinder (at 18 kts) as we waited for the start gate to open. We waited an hour as the other pilots and I circled and drifted down wind and finally Wally opened the gate. With 4800 AGL under my wings I headed on course to enter the start cylinder



on my way to the first turn point into a 10 kt. headwind. And the rest is best forgotten history. No one made minimum distance but the winner of the day was Chip Haskell with a couple of turn points and a distance of 12.9 miles. The team winners of the day were Ken Butler and Charles Cook with 9.1 miles. We're all anxiously awaiting that second blue hole tomorrow.

Have you seen what Dan and Rolf have done to the 1-26? It has been taped, insulated, installed pool noodles and noise mitigation, an audio vario, and a super secret thermal finder (even though the sensor tufts keep failing). They even washed and waxed the exterior oxidation and also painted the cockpit and the panel and placed bandaids where needed. It's a screaming machine, we just have to learn how to fly it.





This is hard work.



Tomorrow, (Wednesday) is supposed to be another good flying day. Come on out and see what a 1-26 contest is all about (besides the flying). Launches should start shortly after noon.

OPERATIONS

CREW CHIEF REPORTS

4TH SATURDAY REPORT

TBD

4TH SUNDAY REPORT

9 Flights, no technical issues.

1ST SATURDAY REPORT

This was a 126 contest day. Flight operations began on 09 and as the weather developed was changed to 27 before the contestants were on the field. It was not a great day for a contest.

Before all of the contestants were airborne, some were returning.

Equipment: SD was the only glider found to be plugged in to its charger. Radio # 3 was plugged in, but would not turn on.

Golf Cart 5's front left tire was punctured. It was replaced. The hole in the punctured tire was marked with orange paint and the tire was placed on the shelf behind the golf carts.

New Member - Joshua Hunter. His application and check were placed in the office. John Kondratowicz instructed his first 2 flights. Thanks John! Joshua, his wife, and their infant girl had a good day at the club.

Guest Ride - Thatcher Brown was accompanied by his parents and took a guest ride. Payment was paid by Pay Pal through the guest's phone. This worked very well. I recorded the transaction ID on the limited membership form and transferred to the flight card later. Thatcher was interested in becoming a member. Jack talked to him about the youth camp and showed him around the club. Thanks Jack!

Columbus Approach was called to let them know we had a glider competition. Their response was

along the lines of "we cannot sanitize the area". Later in the day, I took the following photo of a large airliner over the field. John Armor pulled out his phone and found out that it was s 767 from Houston going to Wilmington and its altitude was 2,800 feet.

1ST SUNDAY REPORT
No flying due to field conditions and early rain. Had five students attend ground training.



2023 YOUTH EDUCATION WEEK (YEW)

YEW Leaders: Steve Hoffman (steve.hoffman440@gmail.com), Henry Hayter (hhayter1@aol.com)

The following schedule is being proposed:

9 July, Sunday evening - Check-in

10-14 July, Monday-Friday - Flight Week and youth activities

15&16 July, Saturday-Sunday - Additional Flight Training opportunities (Normal Weekend Flying)

Volunteers are Needed: including Tow Pilots, Instructors, Adult Mentors, Noon/Evening Cook Assistants. Let Steve or Henry know of your availability.

There will be opportunities for Cross Country Pilots/Private Ship Flights.

The camp is full and no further registrants can be accepted. If you interested in volunteering, contact Steve at the above address.

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBER

Let's congratulate new member, Sean Bursk on his joining CCSC.

SAFETY

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ODDS AND ENDS

CCSC PHOTO CONTEST - STEVE STATKUS

Photography isn't what it used to be. Today it's referred to as "lphonography." That's because we all carry that amazing communication device that also doubles as a camera. It's the ultimate point and shoot camera; light, fast, and the exposure takes care of itself. All you have to do is deal with composition. No digging through your camera bag for the right lens as your grand-daughter just kicked the winning goal. Don't ask me how I know this.

If you're like me you'll show the image to a handful of friends then it resides in the ether net. (Does that place still exist?) So, to urge your photographic efforts, the CCSC Board has decided to have an Annual CCSC Photo Contest using that thing in your back pocket. But, if you want to drag out that big clumsy SLR, root in your bag for whatever, deal with exposure, white balance, ISO and focus, go for it. (I'm going for it.)

Here's the plan: Everyone is invited to photograph: Category 1: gliders/tow planes in flight either from the ground or in flight. For safety purposes no single pilot photos in a club ship and no selfie stick photos out the vent window in a club ship. In club two place ships, the non-flying person can shoot anytime with the above restrictions. Cockpit mug shot selfies are encouraged but probably won't make the cut, but who can resist?

Category 2: is shots of crew activities. For safety purposes, no photography ahead of the launch line within the 45 degree cone of safety. Other than that anything goes, like arguments about who's on the flight board first and first flight showers.

Category 3: is about club social activities; bon fires, Wednesday winter soup days and summer dinners. Those evenings after flight ops are over and RC flights that occur at sunset are nice.

The process: Take your shot or shots. Annotate the category you want it judged in and send the image to Rolf Hegele, editor with your name and date the photo was taken. (Post processing is allowed within reason.). The photos will be filed by category and may be used in the Frequent Flyer. No limit on submissions. Size of image (pixel count) is TBD.

There will be prizes at the annual banquet.

CLASSIFIEDS

LAWN CARE



Jayce Becker is offering campsite mowing and cleanup.

Services:

Mowing - \$10.00 (per campsite)

Additional Services (Stick Pickup/Exterior Camper Clean up/Leaf Removal/Etc.) - \$10.00 an hour

Call/Text: 513-532-8438 (Autumn's Cell)

Email: jayce.astewart@gmail.com

PARACHUTE PACKING



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



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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 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:

1ST SATURDAY

CC: Steve Fenstermaker (cell: 937-581-7713) **ACC:** Dick Huskey. **Tow Pilots:** John Armor, CR Gillespie. **Instructors:** Tom McDonald. **Crew:** Gerry Daugherty, Mark Hanlon, Joe Jaap, Kevin Price.

1ST 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, Steve Hoffman, Lucas Hoffman, Eran Moscona,, Dieter Schmidt, Andrew Stryker, Jordan Stryker, Joe Zeis.

2ND 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, Lizz Suda.

2ND SUNDAY

CC: Lucy Anne McKosky (cell: 937-216-5754) **ACC:** Kate Menchen Kreiner. **Tow Pilots:** Lorrie Penner, Gordon Penner, **Instructors:** Jim Goebel, Greg McDowell, Tom Rudolf. **Crew:** Kevin Cochran, Jack Derrickson, Fred Hawk, Bob Kramer, Mike McKosky, Lauren Simpson, Lawsen Simpson, David Wrinkle.

3RD SATURDAY

CC: Maury Drummey (cell: 513-871-1998) **ACC:** Rolf Hegele. **Tow Pilots:** Don Green, Henry Hayter, Chris Keegan. **Instructors:** Kat McManus, Sami Rintala. **Crew:** Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Charlie DeBerry, Evan Estes, Michael Hayter, Charlie Maxwell, Poul Pedersen, Charlie Richardson, Isaac Stacy, Brogan Williams.

3RD SUNDAY

CC: Dan Miner (cell: 614-395-3953) **ACC:** Andrew Stringfellow **Tow Pilots:** Tony Bonser, Tim Christman, Karl Ludolph. **Instructors:** Dick Eckels, John Kondratowicz, Maia McDaniel. **Crew:** Val Boehm, Jacob Dunnohew, Mike Keltos, Josiah Guentter, Brian Stoops.

4TH 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, Cole Delabar, David McMaster, John Murray, Curt Pollock, Tony Rein.

4TH SUNDAY

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

2023 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:

Jan 29 – 3rd Sun Crew
Apr 29 – 3rd Sat Crew
Apr 30 – 4th Sun Crew
Jul 29– 4th Sat Crew
Jul 30– 1st Sun Crew
Sep 30 – 1st Sat Crew
Oct 29 – 2nd Sun Crew
Dec 30 – 2nd Sat Crew
Dec 31 – New Years Day Volunteers

POINTS OF CONTACT:

PRESIDENT: Andrew Dignan

VP: John Lubon

MEMBERSHIP: Andy Breeze-Stringfellow

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

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