



Caesar Creek Soaring Club

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 2 - SSD Board Meeting
- May 3 - Banquet at Field
- May 16 - Potluck
- June 6 - Dudley Mead Celebration at CCSC 6PM
- June 6 - SSD Board Meeting

LINDA MURRAY HAS PASSED - Jeff S. (Linda's son)

Linda Murray suddenly passed away last Thursday at her home in Waynesville. She was 76,

Linda's love for soaring became one of the defining parts of her life, not from the cockpit, but from the ground where she made so much of it possible. She was a dedicated member of the Soaring Society of America and spent over 35 years immersed in the sport, traveling 5–8 weeks each year to support events and competitions across the country. While she would occasionally take a ride, Linda often joked, "the party is on the ground," a reflection of her true passion for the people, organization, and community that surrounded soaring.



She especially loved organizing events and contests within the soaring community, playing a key role in bringing people together and ensuring everything ran smoothly. She played a significant role in the 2012 FAI World Cup—considered the "Super Bowl" of soaring—serving in multiple key positions, including Contest Director and Contest Manager, among others. Linda was instrumental in helping bring the FAI World Cup from Europe to the United States, often traveling overseas at her own expense to build relationships and make it possible. Along with her spouse, she was the recipient of the Warren Eaton Trophy, a national award, as well as several other prestigious honors within the soaring community over the years. She was also a major contributor to the Transcontinental Glider Race, a cross-country glider race known as the "Return to Kitty Hawk," which marked the 100 Years of Flight celebration and spanned from California to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. That historic event marked the first time since 1903 that a glider landed at the Kitty Hawk airfield—accomplished with her husband's glider—and was a moment of great pride within the soaring community that Linda helped bring to life through her dedication and support.

Linda was known for being highly organized, family-oriented, and community-minded. She had a caring nature, an outgoing and friendly personality, along with a dry wit that often brought laughter to those around her. She was a natural planner who loved bringing people together, hosting gatherings and fostering connections between family and friends.

[Ed Note: She also ran what was arguably was the best, largest, and most financially successful SSA Convention in Dayton Ohio in 2002. Funds received by the club for hosting the event helped pay for our second ASK-21.]

Through her involvement in soaring, she also organized contests and events that brought people together across generations.

POTLUCK DINNERS BACK ON - FF Editor

Break out your pots and pans and cook up something fresh to share as Potluck 3rd Saturdays have started back up. Maury D. is back to coordinate the potlucks for the 2026 season. See you there around 5PM on the club porch. Rumor has it you may even see Maury around as crew on 3rd Saturdays.

MIKE H PASSES ASEL - *Christian M*

Michael H. very successfully completed his check ride and obtained his Private Pilot Airplane Single Engine Land license on 4/27 in a Cessna 150. He was my first student and flight as a Flight Instructor in December 2023 and worked very diligently over the past three years while flying a Piper J-3 Cub and Cessna 150 at the Waynesville Airport. Next comes his goal of obtaining the required flight time and experience to become a tow pilot for CCSC. An Instrument Rating, Commercial ASEL, and CFI licenses are on his radar, so he can become a professional pilot like his father.

Michael has a lot of ambition and there is no doubt that he will achieve all of his flying goals in sailplanes and airplanes. Congratulations and way to go!

DUDLEY MEAD FAMILY CELEBRATION (MEMBERS INVITED) - *FF Editor*

Dudley Mead's family has received permission from the board to have a remembrance of life for Dudley at our club house on Saturday June 6th, 2026. It will start at 5PM. His family will be at the field to share aspects of his life, the joy he had being a member of this club, and his passion for participating in the sport of soaring at CCSC. The family welcomes all members to join in on the celebration.

YOUTH CAMP FOR 2026 NOTIFICATION - *FF Editor*

The Youth Camp dates have been set for 2026. It will be held the week of June 28th through July 3rd. Steve H. and Henry H, are taking applications from youth members starting May 1st. Check the roster for their contact information. There is a limit of 16 youth for the camp.

2025 BAQUET THIS SUNDAY (MAY 3RD) - *FF Editor*

The club's annual 2025 year in review banquet will be held this Sunday at the club. Your crew chief should have already contacted you to get a head count. This years speaker will be the Air Force pilot that did spin testing on the ASK-21's at the Academy. It should make for an interesting and unique talk.

ANNUAL SSD SHARE HOLDERS MEETING SUMMAY - *FF Editor*

The SSD Annual Shareholders meeting was called to order at 9:30AM at the clubhouse on April 4th 2026. The agenda was read by the club president Andrew S. Minutes of last year's 2025 shareholder's meeting were reviewed and approved. The SSD balance sheet as of the end of CY2025 was reviewed and approved.

Club president Andrew S. Reported on the following items that were accomplished in 2025. The club took delivery of a new ASK-21B glider and dedicated it. Paid with club funding with no loan used. There was a successful XC camp that occurred in May. Poor soaring season until late Aug – too wet, then great soaring until 1st of November. Numerous flights over 400km; best was 600km by John L. (JL). 19 people went XC in September/October. There was much youth interest in learning to fly and train at CCSC. Youth camp had 16 members participate. Michael H. is now on the Jr. National team for worlds in August 2026. Tree and underbrush removal was completed under the trees. Member Adam L. was admitted to USAF Academy. Dues had to be raised for the first time in years mostly caused by reduced flying (bad weather) compared to past years. Several new private gliders were purchased by members.

Votes were counted and reported by the board for the 3 officer positions that were open. The results were announced as Michael K, Andrew S., Tom McD and Kevin P. were elected for another three year term. Terms will end in April of 2029. They will continue in their current positions on the board.

All materials for the share holders meeting are made available in the club office for review.

SIGNAL APP REMINDER - *FF Editor*

The Signal App group signup is available in the clubhouse on the kitchen door. Download the app to your device and scan in the QR code. From there you will be able to join the group. You will have to be approved by one of our three group moderators. Once they approve you, you will start getting notifications of flyable days at the club on either standard crew days or the occasional week days when a tow pilot maybe available to launch both private and club ships.

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY 4/2026 - FF Editor

Meeting started at 10AM with all board members present. There were 2 members present.

Officer Elections - The four members that were running for office were voted back in. They will all remain in their current positions.

Safety - Kevin P. - He attended the jump meeting at Waynesville to relate how CCSC tow pilots tow around 20H9. We had a close call with a plane that departed Waynesville and a tow plane returning to the field from the North into our down wind pattern. Kevin related the issue that happened in Utah to a past CCSC tow pilot where they had a very close call with a helicopter. The board will consider ADSB out for tow planes when money is available. The carbon monoxide detectors in tow planes are to be replaced as they have timed out (every three years).

Tow Pilots - Andrew D. - Discussion of requiring tow pilots that did not make the annual meeting to have makeup session so information is received constantly. He discussed the need to standardize pattern tows so release points are better defined and that tow planes make it down before the glider.

Tow Plane Maintenance - Tim C. - All tow planes have been annualized at Stewart's Aircraft. Status board is up to date in tow hangar. He will try to space out annuals next year. No AD from FAA on spar inspections as of this report.

Treasurer Report - Chuck L. - Tow plane annuals were higher than expected due to addition of inspection panels. The statement of operations and budget report are available in the club office so members can review. Fuel index is \$0.45 per 100 feet, same as last month. There are 27 members on the no-fly-list. There is a new online payment method in place at no cost to members when using debit cards but do have a fee if using credit cards. Link is on Members Only page. Had to make change from PayPal as fees were becoming very significant. The report was approved by vote of the board.

Membership - Andrew S. - No applications for the month. Dudley M's family asked for use of club in June. Request approved by board. Membership remains around 200.

Flight Operations - Dick H. - 79 flights in March vs. 77 last year, 133 flights YTD vs. 90 same time last year. Poor weather has still been a factor lowering flight numbers. Lost two crew days completely due to poor weather and/or muddy field conditions, and one day had only two flights before calling the day. Fourth Saturday and Sunday both had late starts due to fog and low ceilings. Runway threshold markers for the glider landing lanes of Runway 09 were dug out of the turf and have been painted bright white. The threshold markers for the glider lanes of 27 were also repainted bright white. Hopefully, these threshold markers will be useful for identifying the landing lanes. The canopy cover for glider SD was discovered placed behind the rear set in the spar box area instead of in the right wing root. This could have caused major issues as that is where control rods and linkages live.

Glider Maintenance - Bob M. - Is going to get codes for all club's transponders. BG is being put back together after a few time consuming squawk's. 126-B 242 (Camo) is still grounded for now. It is going to Stewart's for annual and updated W&B. ASK CC has been annualized as is ASK SD. ASK DN is in trailer but will be assembled soon. Both 15H and 135 2-33's are flyable but need ship captains (contact Bob if you can do this). A 2-33 the club may purchase is going to Stewart's for annual. 135 has a new vario.

Facilities - Andrew D. - 3 golf carts are running. Chimney repair is on hold for now. It is not to be used. AES (the power company) to look at trees in camp ground near wires. Wind socks need replacement.

Camp Grounds and Hangars - Andrew D. - All private hangars are in use and a wait list of 5 members exists. There are camp ground spots with pads available. See the web site for spaces available.

Special Events - Tom McD. - Club Banquet on May 3rd with social hour starting at 4PM, Awards to be given out included. Crew with most flights. Tow Pilot with most Tows. Instructor with most training flights, and most flights for member and youth member with a review of record XC flights and ratings. The Henry Meyerrose Trustees award - Rolf will administer with Bob M. and Keith K. to choose the next awardee, Potluck dinners on the 3rd Saturdays are back on.

Old Business - UOP update "Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are permitted on the flight line and runway area at any time. These beverages may be consumed elsewhere, legally and responsibly with discretion. Under no circumstances shall persons under 21 years of age be permitted to consume alcohol on club property." Dick H to review workshop rules for use. John L working on regional for 2026.

CCSC GROUND CREWS:

1ST SATURDAY

CC: Steve Fenstermaker (cell: 937-581-7713) **ACC:** Joe Jaap. **Tow Pilots:** John Armor, Kevin Price. **Instructors:** Tom McDonald, Daniel Sazhin. **Crew:** Tim Adair, Will Adair, Dan Beans, David Johns, Nathaniel Kucera

1ST SUNDAY – Training Crew

CC: Mike Karraker (cell: 937-830-0627) **ACC:** Andrew Stryker. **Tow Pilots:** Christian Maurer, Manfred Maurer, Norb Maurer,. **Instructors:** Bob Miller Andy Swanson. **Crew:** Steve Hoffman, Mark Miller, Eran & Rachel Moscona, Ryan Swanson, Joe Zeis.

2ND SATURDAY

CC: Dick Holzwarth (cell: 937-542-9612) **ACC:** Jim Fox **Tow Pilots:** Gordon Penner, Haskell Simpkins. **Instructors:** Bob Anderson, Bill Gabbard. **Crew:** Yuri & Thomas Gavarret, Kevin Kelly, Jim Marks, Noah Olsen, Lorrie Penner.

2ND SUNDAY

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

3RD SATURDAY

CC: Andy Breeze Stringfellow (cell: 513-290-4531) **ACC:** Rolf Hegele. **Tow Pilots:** Don Green, Henry Hayter, Chris Keegan. **Instructors:** Sami Rintala, Maia Rohmer **Crew:** Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Charlie DeBerry, Evan Estes, Henry Hayter, Michael Hayter, Charlie Maxwell, Jackson Poczatek, Charlie Richardson, John Rohmer, Isaac Stacy, Brogan Williams.

3RD SUNDAY

CC: Dan Miner (cell: 614-395-3953) **ACC:** Mike Keltos **Tow Pilots:** Tony Bonser, Karl Ludolph. **Instructors:** John Kondratowicz **Crew:** Thatcher Brown, Tim Christman, Jacob Dunnohew, Nathan Keltos, Josiah Guentter, Amanda Pray, Kean Schoen.

4TH SATURDAY:

CC: Chuck Lohre (cell: 513-260-9025) **ACC:** Ethan Saladin. **Tow Pilots:** Guy Byars, Andrew Dignan, Larry Kirkbride. **Instructors:** Joe Jackson. **Crew:** Cole Delabar, Frank Markink, John Murray, Curt Pollock, Tony Rein.

4TH SUNDAY

CC: Chris Summers (cell: 513-807-0077) **ACC:** vacant **Tow Pilots:** Ron Blume, Tim Morris, Al Quinn **Instructors:** John Lubon, Bill Miley. **Crew:** Richard Cedar, Rick Ghai, Keith Kilpatrick, Tim & Ian Lynch, Ray Monell, Kegan Murphy, Dan Reagan, Pete Schradin, Brian Stoops, Bret Topham.

TRAINING CREW (Reporting to 1st Sunday)

Robert Berg, Benjamin Blevins, Larry Bourgeois, Adele Caple, Lukas Clevenger, Spencer Cotton, Jr, Amy Cox, Richard Cox, Jackson Farmer, Lisa Feis, Heleena Gunnels, Anderson Lane, Ryan Long, Samuel A McKinley, Aidan Murray, Emmanuel Ogwal, Christopher Osborne, Matt Peredel'skiy, Carson Ratliff, Rafael Schmidt, Samuel Sell, Carl Smith, Levi Sommerville, Keara Stryker, Rodney Vivian, Max Williams

2026 5th WEEKEND CREW DAYS:

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

POINTS OF CONTACT:

PRESIDENT: Andrew Stringfellow
VP: John Lubon
MEMBERSHIP: Andrew Stringfellow
SAFETY OFFICER: Kevin Price
DIR OF OPS: Dick Holzwarth
TREASURER: Chuck Lohre
DIR OF FACILITIES: Keith Kilpatrick*
TOWPLANES: Andrew Dignan (Personnel)
Tim Christman (Maintenance)
GLIDER MAINTENANCE: Bob Miller
BUSINESS MANAGER: Jon Stewart bm@soarccsc.com
FREQUENT FLYER EDITOR: 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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CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Schreder HP-18

40:1 L/D with winglets. Ailerons extended for improved roll response. Removable tip plates for temporary tiedown, one man rig, wing stand, tow out wing wheel, canopy cover, new instrument panel with Ilec SC-7 vario, Dynon D6 includes attitude indicator, remote compass, air speed, rate of change of air speed, altimeter, very sensitive rate of climb indicator, rate of turn, inclinometer and stall warning, two 12V 7A/h battery power supply.



There is a very loud gear up warning horn, geared flap control with index wheel, radio with xtmr amplifier, boom mic, and parachute. Enclosed trailer has sway control, solar powered vent, hard wired running lights w/4 wire light connection, spare tire, 12 volt electric winch for glider loading with trailer aft end control switch. Trailer pulls nicely at highway speed with a 4 cylinder Ford Escape. Current annual. Contact: Dick Eckels 513-974-8184

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LANDS END EMBROIDERED CLOTHING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS – *Chuck Lohre*

Available online with embroidered patches. Almost the same 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 here to 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 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.

JB LAWN CARE – *Jaycee Becker*

Offering campsite and mowing with cleanup to CCSC campground members for very reasonable pricing.



Services

- Mowing - \$10 (per campsite)
- Additional Services - \$10 per hour
 - Stick Pickup
 - Exterior Camper Pickup
 - Leaf Removal
 - Etc.

Call or Text: 513.5328438 (Autumn's cell)
Email: jayce.astewart< at >gmail.com



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