



Caesar Creek Soaring Club

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October 6, 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10 - Fall Cleanup, 0930, CCSC Clubhouse

October 17 - Oktober Fest, Pot Luck Dinner, 6:00 PM, CCSC Clubhouse w. Music

October 24 - 2026 Crew Chiefs Feedback Meeting, 6:30 PM, Clubhouse, (Includes Pizza)

November 7 - CCSC Board Meeting, 10 AM to 11:45 AM, CCSC Clubhouse

December 5 - CCSC Board Meeting, 10 AM to 11:45 AM, CCSC Clubhouse

July 5 - 16, 2027 - US Club Class Nationals - CCSC

July 19 - 23, 2027 (tentative) - YEW

July 26 – 1 August, 2027 - OSHKOSH

CLEANUP DAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

In order to spruce up our facilities in time for Oktoberfest and our Neighbor Day, the Board elected to use next Saturday to do our Clean Up. Please join the fun and help get our facilities into top notch condition. You'll notice a lot of new gravel on the taxiway, please do us a favor and drive over it to get the gravel smashed into the ground, especially when it is wet. This will establish a firm base for next year's National Club Class Championships, so we don't have a mud pit out there.

CREW CHIEF FEEDBACK MEETING CHANGED TO – 24 OCTOBER, 6:30 PM, CCSC CLUBHOUSE – DICK HOLZWARTH

Please try to hold open Saturday night, 24 October, for the 2026 Crew Chiefs feedback meeting. I would like to hold this meeting at 6:30 PM in the clubhouse.

As I did last year, I am also inviting the Andrew Dignan, to represent the tow pilot community, Tom McDonald to represent instructors, and our Safety Director, Kevin Price to attend. This year, I am extending the invitation to the rest of the SSD Board of Directors.

The purpose of this meeting is to critically consider our operations since the last feedback meeting and look for opportunities for improvement with respect to operations, safety, and anything else that we could do better. As most of you are aware, our meeting last year produced several valuable recommendations. After discovering that we had some differences with respect to wing running, we refined and wrote up a new procedure that is making our operation more consistent across the club.

I don't necessarily plan to create another common procedure, but I do want to assure that your feedback regarding how well we are operating IS IMPORTANT. Please do try to come to this meeting, and please be thinking about issues, problems, or operational shortcomings you have observed. Anything related to operations is fair game.

And, as last year, pizza will be provided. Please let me know if you plan to attend, and have a favorite pizza to order.

SSD BOARD ACTIVITIES

CLUBHOUSE CLEANLINESS

It has been noted that numerous items are being left in the Clubhouse and on the patio for many weeks. Please remember that you need to clean up after yourself to make our facilities clean and enjoyable for everyone. An example is this hat and key which has been on the patio for over three weeks. Anyone know who it belongs to?



CREW REPORT - DICK HOLZWARTH

The regularly scheduled weekend crews reported 125 flights, including 3 guest rides, for the month of September. (Going forward, I am giving up trying to chase down or estimate the number of flights on non-crew days.) We lost one of eight scheduled crew days due to poor weather, but soaring conditions were not strong throughout most of the month. Nevertheless, there were many good student days. There were no new safety events or problems reported during the month, but there is a potential related to our recently revised procedure for inserting ropes into the towplane Tost release.

Throughout the month of September, I visited all but one to demonstrate the tow rope attachment procedure this board developed during the September meeting, and in multiple emails prior to the meeting. (Manipulate lever arm of the release from outside towplane, insert ring in slot, release arm, allow arm to snap back.) During my presentation on Saturday 26 Sep (4th Saturday crew) Larry Kirkbride expressed serious concern for using the new procedure. Larry stated that the procedure does not comply with the procedure described in “the manual”. (I assume he means a Tost manual.) Per Larry, the proper procedure is for the release to be opened from the cockpit using the cockpit mechanism, the ground crew inserts the Tost ring, and the tow pilot then releases the pull knob, allowing the release to “snap” close. Same idea, done from the cockpit. Larry demonstrated this procedure using 33Z. I, personally, do not believe the release lever arm snapped closed with the same speed/force using the release from the cockpit. Did we miss this point during our discussion of procedures for inserting the tow ring? Do we need to revise the new procedure?

The following is cautionary

Golf carts: Mike Karraker's crew red-tagged golf cart number 6 due to front lower suspension arms rubbing on the inside of the front wheels. An inspection revealed the required suspension bushings were missing. Not worn down, as there were no remnants of the bushings in the assembly. Just plain not there. (I don't know when that cart was assembled without the required bushings, or why it went as far as it did without rubbing the front wheels before it was detected.) I bought a replacement bushing kit, and with Andy Breeze-Stringfellow's help, used about half of it replacing the outer upper and lower bushings. This is, at best, a “get it back on the field fast” repair. What I should have done is completely disassemble the front suspension, to replace ALL of the bushings, and while that was being done, also replace the front shocks, carefully lubing everything, including bearings, in the process. My point being that ALL of our carts are getting into a condition where real, hard work maintenance, possibly needing special tools, is required, and I AM NOT GOING TO DO IT. “Self-maintenance” is not covering these needs. We have not had cart #5 running for something like a year now, and it is not even on the premises. The electric cart (#7) has also not moved for a year. I strongly recommend the board either budget for and approve professional assistance, or develop a plan for operating without golf carts.

AIRCAM FLYING - BERNIE FULLENKAMP



Former Club and Board member, Bernie Fullenkamp, picked up newly purchased Aircam in the local area and brought it to CCSC in 2023 and gave a number of members a guest ride over the lake. The aircraft had special Utah add-ons which are described in the attached videos. Bernie and his wife, Durelle, flew the Aircam back to Utah.

That winter, Bernie made a video of flying in the mountains near Morgan, UT

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ct8jeVn8uyA>)

and has recently released another video describing the unique features of his

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1dx5DCja5c>) Aircam, for flying in the mountains.

HISEY PARK FALL FEST

Dan Miner and Henry Hayter again represented the Club at the Hisey Park Fall Fest this last Saturday, October 3. They assembled Henry's LS-4 and let guests look at the glider close up. They had great interest from adults and kids. This is the park area with the ball diamonds that generates one of our house thermals north of the gliderport. Thanks Henry and Dan.

FLYING

Congratulations to Jack Poczatek and Aiden Murray. They both soloed on 26 September. *(Unfortunately, no pictures were provided).*



CONTEST SUMMARY

SPORTS CONTEST BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN CLUB PARTICIPATION AND JUNIOR SOARING
- CHUCK LOHRE



I-r: Sam Schrader, Will Young, Tim Lynch, Tony Bonzer, Andrew Stryker, Emilie Phillips, Richard Thompson, Dick Holtzwarth, Tom Johnson, Andy Breeze-Stringfellow, John Beckley, David Cleveland, Ryan Swanson, Guy Byars, Chuck Lohre, Mike Carlson, Dave Coucke, Mamad Takallu, Dave Joyce, Alain Daumas, Matthew Bates, John Lubon, Joe Mastro, Rolf Hegele, Nathan Kucera, Ron Branham, Jim Goebel, Mark Miller. (Photo by Tynetta Muhammed).

WAY, LT & P2

I-r: David Joyce (WAY) Ventus 2c-18 "Flying Beanie," John Beckley (LT) ASW-24 "Spotted Cow," and Emilie Phillips (P2) ASW-27 "Batty Bats." Glider pilots have a diverse collection of bucket hats, and now they have more! John Beckley of the Greater Boston Soaring Club purchased some special bucket hats for his fellow competitors at the Caesar Creek Soaring Club's 2026 Region 6 Sports class contest, which he presented to them at the local Mexican restaurant the night before the practice day, Saturday, August 15.



The contest had some great club representation from all over the US. Greater Boston Soaring Club came the farthest from the north, Utah Soaring Association from the west, Tidewater Soaring Society from the east, and Pensacola Cross Country Soaring Association from the south. Philadelphia Glider Council, Louisville Soaring Club, Cumberland Soaring Group, Sandhill Soaring Club, and SoarIndy also came to the party.

At the first pilots' meeting we recorded contestants' introductions. You can watch them on CCSC's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CaesarCreekSoaringClub>

We also asked the pilots for their goals: Be safe and learn, Make the task, Don't do anything stupid, No penalties, Don't disappoint my glider, and the last one, from Ryan Swanson, I like the most, even though I wasn't able to record it: "Win the contest!" Ryan worked very hard over the last two years on his aviation skills. Starting with graduating with an aerospace engineering degree from Purdue. In May 2025, I flew with him in the CCSC Cross Country Camp and the Wright Memorial, and we made the task. On 7/17/25, Ryan got his private pilot's certificate. On 9/29/25, Ryan flew 249 miles, achieving 2nd longest glider flight in the world and 1st in the US in CCSC's Grob 102 (for that day) <https://www.we glide.org/flight/889874>. In May 2026 he flew in the 1-26 Championship winning the first day, and in the Club Class Nationals in June, coming in second twice. Ryan is now working on his master's in aerospace engineering at Wright State.

I reported extensively on the day-to-day activities during the contest; check them out here: <https://www.ssa.org/racing-sailplanes/>.



Sunday 8/16/26 - was the first attempt for a contest day. The US Junior Soaring Association's Discus B was flown as the sniffer with pilot Jack Derrickson, who was also scorer for the competition. David Joyce (WAY) won the day by nicking the first turnpoint circle!

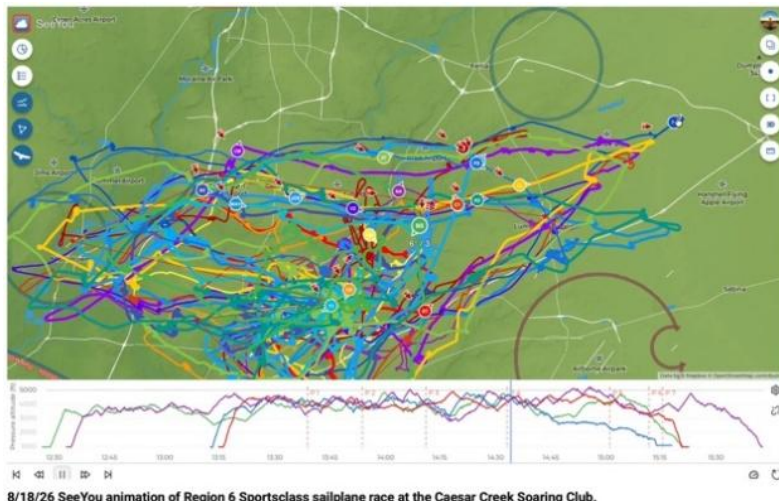
Monday 8/17/26 - Poor soaring conditions plagued us this year. To fill the void John Lubon gave his famous "Staying in the Air: Thermaling Techniques" presentation on a no-fly day. Watch the entire presentation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nc0iNe1Bccg>

CHUCK LOHRE'S (6V) FIRST CLIMB

Video of Chuck Lohre's (6V) first climb of the contest to 3000' AGL with a view of southwest Ohio and Caesar Creek Soaring Club's airfield (2OH9).



Tuesday 8/18/26 - SeeYou animation of Region 6 Sports class sailplane race at the Caesar Creek Soaring Club.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsBpHrf6sTc>



Wednesday 8/19/26, the winner of the informal duration contest was Joe Mastro (JOE). He, Emilie Phillips (P2), and John Beckley (LT) took tows to 2500' AGL to see who could stay up the longest: JOE: raw 14 minutes, handicapped 14.28 min.; P2: raw 16 minutes, handicapped 14.05 min.; LT: raw 13 minutes, handicapped 12.27 min. I exclaimed, "We have reached a new low!"

Thursday 8/20/26 6:07 pm - Only DS, the Sandhill Soaring Club's DG 505 ELAN with Will Young and Sam Schrader, is still out. Time-lapse shows three gliders landing.

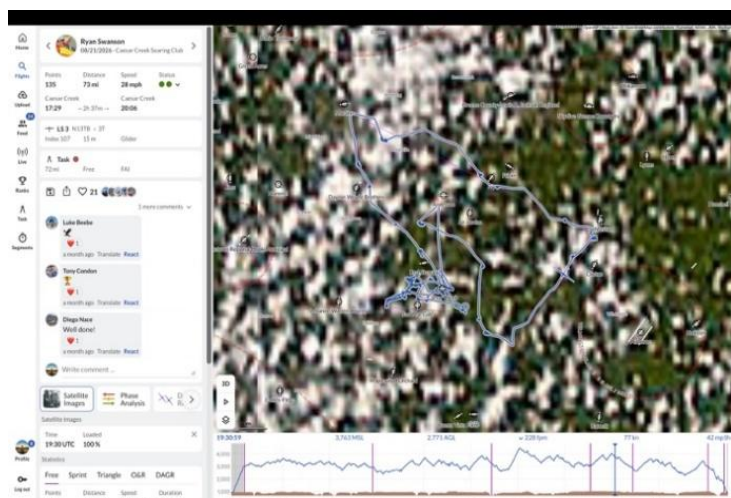
<https://www.facebook.com/CaesarCreekSoaringClub> . It was the first contest for Will (16), Sam (14), and Will's mom, Tynetta Muhammed (l to r).



RYAN SWANSON FOUND CLOUD STREET

Friday 8/21/26 was the last contest day. CCSC's Michael Hayter, who was just back from the Junior Worlds, was sniffer in an H-301b Libelle. Ryan Swanson (3T) took the northern cloud street whereas Mamad Takallu (C1) and Rob Cluxton (K2) took the southern street. Here's the 2nd contest day's SeeYou animation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiipZexdXY8>



REGION 6 SPORTS CLASS WINNERS

And the winners are (l-r): Mamad Takallu, 3rd place; Ryan Swanson, 1st place; and Rob Cluxton, 2nd place. Ryan has a halo over him for good luck at the 2027 Club Class contest to be held at CCSC.



RED AT NIGHT - SOARER'S DELIGHT

"Red at night, soarer's delight," Joe Mastro's report on the contest, "We only got two fairly marginal contest days in, but it still counts as a devalued contest. We struggled to get past 3000' AGL. The last legs on both tasks were particularly challenging flying low over corn. Overall, it was a great time flying at this amazing club and being with everyone; there were so many cool gliders. I also must thank a fellow Libelle owner, Nathan Kucera, who helped me fix an aileron issue on the 2nd race day. Huge congrats to Ryan on the win!

Excited to come back for the Club Class

Nationals next year!" Joe was awarded "Pilot of the Year" by his Philadelphia Glider Council. Joe also gave a special thanks to his dad, who got a shout-out as "Crew of the Year." ("Could not have done it without you!"), and to the PGC Junior XC Scholarship for financing the trip!).

Author - Chuck Lohre, CFIG and Treasurer at CCSC, shows off his favorite bucket hat, a "Shiver of Sharks." Unless otherwise noted, photos by Chuck Lohre.



(Photo by Jack Derrickson)

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

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.

HP-18 FOR SALE N77BF



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, rate of turn, inclinometer and stall warning, two 12V 7A/h battery power supply . There is a very obnoxious 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. New annual.

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CCSC GROUND CREWS:

1ST SATURDAY

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

1ST SUNDAY – Training Crew

CC: Mike Karraker (cell: 937-830-0627) ACC: Andrew Stryker. Tow Pilots: Christian Maurer, Manfred Maurer, Instructors: Bob Miller Andy Swanson. Crew: Steve Hoffman, Norb Maurer, Mark Miller, Eran & Rachel Moscona, Ryan Swanson, Keara Stryker, 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 Gavarret, Kevin Kelly, Jim Marks, Noah Olsen, Lorrie Penner, Grant Stryker

2ND SUNDAY

CC: Lucy Anne McKosky (cell: 937-216-5754) ACC: Kate Menchen Kreiner. Tow Pilots: Jim Goebel, Instructors: Greg McDowell, Tom Rudolf. Crew: Spencer Cotton, Jack Derrickson, Fred Hawk, Mike McKosky, 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, Crew: Slade Brooks, Jim Dudley, John Dudley, Evan Estes, Henry Hayter, Michael Hayter, Jackson Poczatek, John Rohmer.

3RD SUNDAY

CC: Dan Miner (cell: 614-395-3953) ACC: Mike Keltos Tow Pilots: Tony Bonser, Karl Ludolph. Instructors: John Kondratowicz Crew: Brooks: Thatcher Brown, Tim Christman, Nathan Keltos, 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

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)

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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

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