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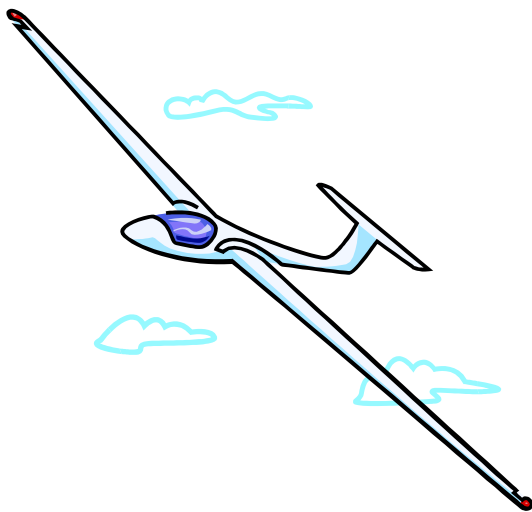
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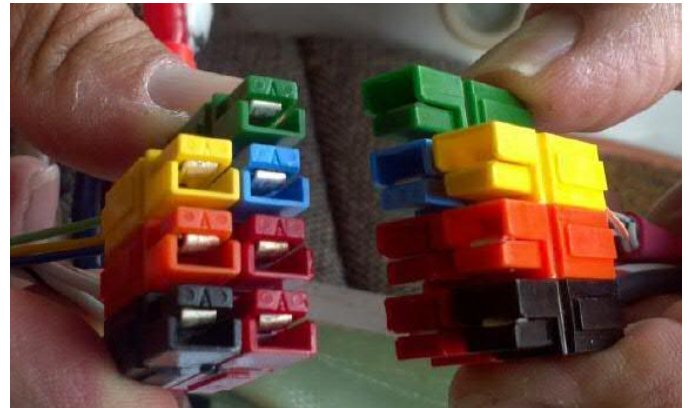
December CLGC Meeting ***"Aviation Electrical Work, The Right Way!"***

Speaker: John DeRosa

Don't Miss It!!

Tue, December 11, 7:30PM - Herrick JHS

Synopsis: Have you considered rewiring your instrument panel but are concerned about doing it right or just plain scared to tackle it? Then this talk is just the thing for you. John DeRosa will speak about his experience rewiring instrument panels and how it should be done to conform to the correct FAA standards. John will bring along examples of proper wires, wiring, connectors and tools as well as reference documentation. John is the maintenance chairman for Sky Soaring Glider Club and has a degree in Electrical Engineering.



MARK THAT DATE!!

Saturday, February 16, 2013

CLGC Seminar!

It is time once again for the 5th semi-annual **Chicagoland Glider Council Midwest Soaring and Safety Seminar**. You do not want to miss this event. A full day of soaring related talks (8AM-5PM) at the beautiful Elgin Community College business center auditorium. Great speakers are being lined up for your enjoyment! Optional Dutch treat dinner following.

The registration form is below. See the Chicagoland Glider Council seminar web site for more details <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/seminar>.

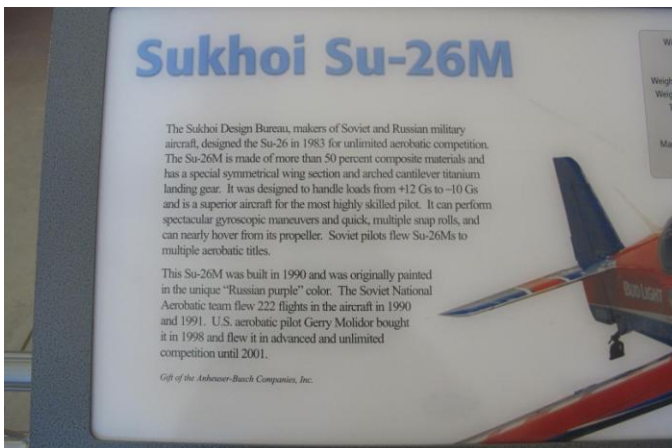
Serendipity and the South African Connection

By John DeRosa

On a recent business trip to Virginia Beach, Virginia, I had a free Sunday and decided to make the trip up to Washington DC to make my first visit to the Smithsonian Air and Space museum located at Dulles Airport. I had already been to the museum on the Mall where the Wright Flyer, Spirit of St. Louis and the Bell X-1, but had not been in Washington since the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center opened in 2003. See <http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy>.

This museum is highly recommended for aviation buffs. The aircraft on display range from the oldest rare examples of early aviation to the most up to date (and fastest) airplanes in the world. You can see the Enola Gay, an SR-71, the very first Lear Jet, the space shuttle (man is it BIG) and hundreds of other aircraft spanning the last 110+ years of flight. Not to mention spacecraft and satellites (are they aircraft?). Plus they even have gliders!

But this story isn't about gliders - this is a story about serendipity. Rounding a corner on the first floor of the north wing - I chanced upon a small brightly painted airplane, a Sukoi Su-26m fully aerobatic airplane with a 360hp engine. Man, that is some airplane. While reading the information in the display I was stunned to find that Sky Soaring's very own Gerry Molidor was the owner of this particular airplane. Sure enough there was his name written in script below the canopy. Zounds. Who knew?



Now you may not know that Gerry was a three time US Advanced aerobatic champion, was the president of the International Aerobatic Club and was the captain of the US aerobatic team that traveled to South Africa in the 90's for the international aerobatics competition held there - not to mention that he is our Region 7 SSA Director. But back to the trip to the museum → this is where my trip really gets interesting.



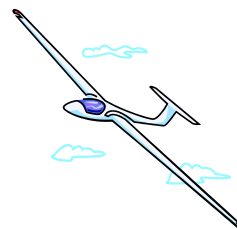
See <http://tinyurl.com/molidorsukoi> for more details

Standing next to the Sukoi is a young couple. The young man was explaining something in great detail to the young lady in such a way that it seemed that he knew more about this particular airplane than the average tourist. I ventured a guess and asked, "Excuse me, but do you happen to know Gerry Molidor?" "Yes" was the answer from, I learned later, Marc de Vos of South Africa!



It turns out that Marc is the son of Eon de Vos, who was part of the South African aerobatic competition that I mentioned earlier. Marc knew a lot about Gerry, remembers him from his youth and was told by his father, "When in Washington, you MUST go see Gerry's Sukoi at the ASM!"

Now, how is that for a very small world and a bit of serendipity?



A Trip Through Memory Lane The Chicago Connection > TG-1A

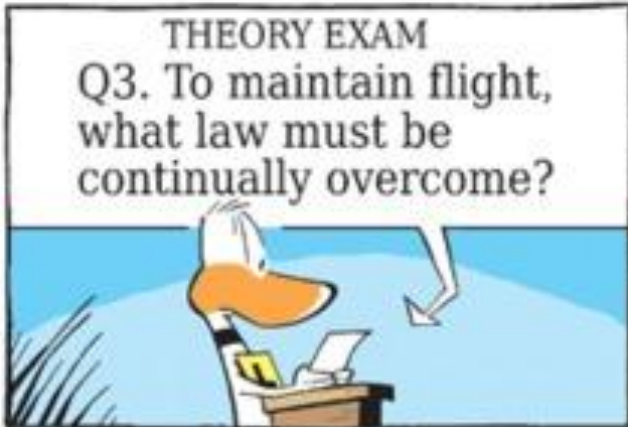
National Air and Space Museum 2012



Wingspan: 14.1 m (46 ft 3 in)
 Length: 7.1 m (23 ft 2 in)
 Height: 1.5 m (5 ft 1 in)
 Weight, empty: 227 kg (500 lb)
 Weight, gross: 417 kg (920 lb)
 Top glide speed: 129 km/h (80 mph)
 Manufacturer: Frankfort Sailplane Co., Joliet, Ill., 1942
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Stan Corcoran's TG-1A (Training Glider Model 1A) was the first aircraft selected by the U.S. Army to prepare glider pilot trainees for handling the ponderous Waco CG-4A combat assault glider. The Waco could be difficult to handle with heavy loads, and it demanded a skilled pilot. To fill the urgent need for a training glider to prepare pilots for the Waco, the Army awarded Corcoran's firm a contract in May 1942 to build 40 TG-1As, each costing \$2,775. Wacos later carried Army infantry into several battles during World War II, including the famous predawn attack on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Gift of Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois



Directions to the CLGC Meeting Location

At Herrick Junior High School located at

4435 Middaugh Rd, Downers Grove, IL.

Detailed directions are available at;

<http://tinyurl.com/CLGCDIRECTIONS>

2013 CLGC Dues Are Due!

Please send in your ChicagoLand Glider Council dues no later than January 1, 2013. The dues are \$10 for the 2013 calendar year. Reminder that for the following clubs' members, your CLGC dues are included in your membership; Chicago Glider Club, Sky Soaring Glider Club and Windy City Soaring Association.

The 2013 membership renewal form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Send your dues via check to;

ChicagoLand Glider Council
6538 N. Nordica
Chicago, IL 60631

Thank you for your support.

2013 CLGC Youth Grant!!

Applications are being taken for the 2013 CLGC Youth Grant of \$500. The applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a member in good standing of the ChicagoLand Glider Council as of January 1st, 2013 and,
- Be between the ages of 14 and 21 (inclusive) as of January 1st, 2013 and,
- Reside within 50 miles of Chicago and,
- Did not receive the previous year's \$500 grant (but you might win a secondary grant) and,
- Obtain a written recommendation from a Certified Flight Instructor Glider (CFIG) who is familiar with the applicant's qualifications and,
- Write an original essay of 500-1000 words on "What Soaring Means to Me..." and,
- Send all necessary documentation to the committee **no later than midnight, March 1st, 2013**

Complete details at can be found at

<http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/grant>

Upcoming Aviation Events

- ❖ December 11, 2012 - CLGC Monthly Meeting
 - Aviation Wiring (DeRosa)
 - ❖ January 8, 2013 - CLGC Monthly Meeting
 - Topic TBD
 - ❖ February 16, 2013
 - 5th Bi-Annual CLGC Safety Seminar
 - ❖ March 12, 2013 - CLGC Monthly Meeting
 - Topic TBD
 - ❖ April 16, 2013 (3rd Tuesday) - CLGC Monthly Meeting
 - Topic TBD
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Newsletter Contributions?

Pictures? Accomplishments? Suggestions? Articles? Speaker Topics? Please let us know! If you have anything that you would like to have included in future newsletters or meetings. **PLEASE** send them to JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM or call 847-844-8776.

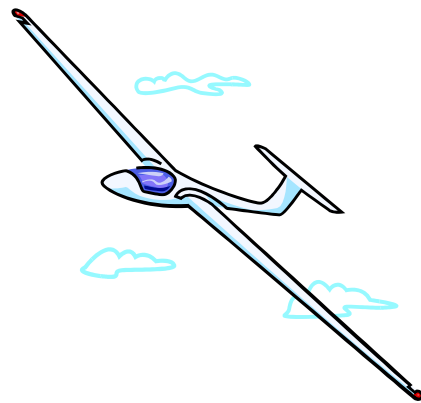
CLGC Newsletter Archive Old CLGC Newsletters Needed!!

Did you know that there is an archive of CLGC newsletters dating back to 2001 on the CLGC web site? Take a look. <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/newsletter.htm>.

Do you have any old CLGC newsletters? We would love to scan them in for the archives. Contact John DeRosa at john@derosaweb.com.

Moved? New Email?

Please let us know to keep our database up to date. Send an email to JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM or call 847-844-8776 Thanks!!



~ Contest Time ~

Who is this Famous Aviator?



Hint: Think Wisconsin Recreational Area

Contest Time Answers from Previous Newsletters

March – Roscoe Turner →

March – Neil Armstrong



Classified Advertisement



A pair of brand new trailer stabilizer jacks found on many Cobra and Comet trailers.

- Folds up/down and telescopes
- Closed Size: 12"
- Extended Size: 19"
- Bolt holes: 7/16" Diameter, 3" center-to-center
- 1,000# capacity
- \$50/pair OBO.

Please contact
John DeRosa at
847-844-8776 or
jhderosa@
yahoo.com



ChicagoLand Glider Council
2013 Mid-America Spring Soaring & Safety Seminar
Registration Form

Saturday, Feb 16th, 2013 - 9AM-5PM

Doors open 8AM – Breakfast, Lunch and Breaks provided!

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE, Feb 2nd, 2013

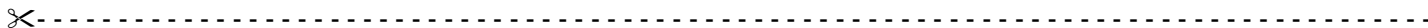
Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL

For More Information: <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com>

For Questions: <mailto:john@derosaweb.com>

Please fill out the form below. One form per attendee. Registration deadline: Feb 2, 2013. Day of registrations: \$5 late fee.
Please return the completed form, along with a check or money order (no cash please) for the correct amount, to;

ChicagoLand Glider Council Spring Seminar
6538 North Nordica Ave
Chicago, IL 60631



**2013 ChicagoLand Glider Council
Spring Soaring & Safety Seminar Registration Form**

Event Date: Saturday, February 16, 2013
Pre-Registration Deadline: Saturday, February 2, 2013



Please print or type very clearly

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address (PRINT!) _____ Phone (_____) _____

Type of Glider(s) you own, if any _____

Primary Airport/Club where you fly _____

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|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Fees | Seminar - ChicagoLand Glider Council members | \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <small>Includes seminar, breakfast buffet, luncheon, break refreshments and all materials</small> | |
| | Seminar - Non-members | \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <small>Includes seminar, breakfast buffet, luncheon, break refreshments, all materials and one year membership in the ChicagoLand Glider Council</small> | |
| | Late Fee | \$5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <small>Fee for day-of registrations after Feb 2, 2013</small> | |

Total Amount Enclosed (check or money order only) \$ _____

Yes, I would like to attend the “Dutch Treat” dinner at the Jimmy’s Char House, Elgin, IL.

*NOTE: We regret that the ChicagoLand Glider Council cannot be held responsible for lost registrations, lost confirmations or illegible entries.



**2013 ChicagoLand Glider Council
Membership/Renewal Application & Change of Information Form**

Membership Renewal Due Date: January 1, 2013

Please Mail this form and \$10 check or money order to:

**ChicagoLand Glider Council
c/o John O'Brien
6538 N. Nordica
Chicago, IL 60631**

Please remit \$10 via check or money order for annual dues - payable to "ChicagoLand Glider Council"

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address (**please print very clearly**) _____

Phone Number(s) Home _____ Work _____ Cellular _____

Primary Airport and/or Club where you fly _____

Pilot ratings that you hold (student, private, commercial, instructor, etc) _____

Type of Glider(s) that you own _____

Please check the appropriate box(es) below

New Member Membership Renewal Change of Street Address Change of E-Mail Address

Change of Telephone Change of Glider/Airport Information

ChicagoLand Glider Council

2013 Soaring Youth Grant

The ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant program is hosted under the auspices of the membership of the council and is paid by their dues. A primary grant of **\$500** is awarded each year. Other secondary grant(s) may be awarded based on merit. This grant will be paid directly to the recipient's home soaring operation and placed "on account" for use by the recipient for their continuing soaring education.

Application Requirements: The applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a member in good standing of the ChicagoLand Glider Council as of January 1st, 2013 and,
- Be between the ages of 14 and 21 (inclusive) as of January 1st, 2013 and,
- Reside within 50 miles of Chicago and,
- Did not receive the previous year's \$500 grant (but you might win a secondary grant) and,
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- Write an original essay of 500-1000 words on "What Soaring Means to Me...." and,
- Send all necessary documentation to the email address and surface mail address shown below **no later than midnight, March 1st, 2013.**

Applicant Information

Name _____

Current Age: _____ Birth date: _____ / _____ / _____

Address: _____

City/State & Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Soaring Location(s): _____

Submit this application and all required documentation to the ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant Committee via the email address listed below (required) or via the surface mail address below. The application and documentation must be received **no later than March 1st, 2013.**

The ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant Committee consists of the board of the ChicagoLand Glider Council. Decisions of the committee are final. Grantee(s) will be announced at the regular CLGC meeting during April.

Applications and other information is available at <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/grant>. Good luck!

Email to: john@derosaweb.com

Surface Mail to;

<p>ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant Committee c/o John DeRosa 35W529 Parsons Rd West Dundee, IL 60118</p>
