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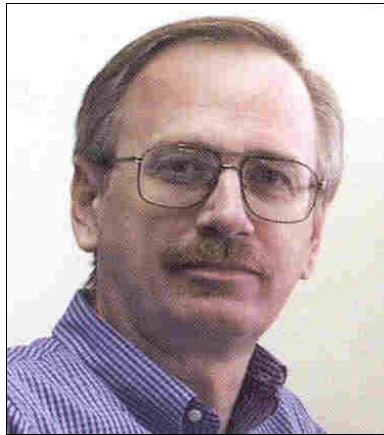
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Larry Sanderson - SSA Talk from the Top

SSA President Larry Sanderson will be our guest and featured speaker at our December 10th meeting.



Show your support for our sport, the SSA, and for the ChicagoLand Glider Council. **Be there!**

Bob Wander to lead SSA Refresher Clinic

Bob Wander will lead this clinic being held January 11-12, 2003 at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle, IL. The charge will be \$100 if pre-registered with the SSA office, \$125 at the door. Pilots aspiring to be a CFI and those not needing to renew at this time are welcome at a reduced charge of \$75.00



Check out the new CLGC Website!

CLGC President Curt Lewis has met his target date of December 1 in launching the new CLGC Website:

<http://www.chicagolandglidercouncil.com>

This site is truly a representation of soaring in our local community. So far, you will find the 2002 NISC results, information on this year's Region 7 contest, links to local weather information, and a photo gallery with great shots from all our participating CLGC soaring locations.

Great work, Curt!

Are you Internet Ready? Let us know!

With the new CLGC website up and running—we are one step closer to giving our internet / e-mail capable members the option to receive the CLGC Newsletter electronically. We estimate that if just one-half of our membership participates, the savings in newsletter expenses would be in excess of \$1,000 per year.

If you have not done so already, please complete the form on page 4 giving us your election to receive the newsletter electronically—along with your e-mail address. This is important even if your CLGC dues are paid through your participating club.



Windy City Soaring Association... New club finds it's wings

Just about a year ago a group of local glider enthusiasts met in the chilly corner of one of Hinckley's hangers. The question at hand... should we, or shouldn't we... start a club, that is.

A lot has happened since that time—and the WCSA is alive and well and living at Hinckley Airport! The chilly corner of that same hanger has been transformed to a fully finished clubhouse with all the modern conveniences. Just last month the club assumed one of the Hinckley hangers for storage of member's private ships, and soon to be home of the club's first aircraft—the subject of the remainder of this story.



From the start, the relationship between the new WCSA and Hinckley's stalwart (and Chicago's only) commercial soaring operation - Hinckley Soaring Inc. is expected to be complimentary, if not symbiotic. WCSA provides an opportunity for the dedicated glider pilot to progress from the training and certification likely attained at HSI to cross country opportunities, and the camaraderie of other soaring enthusiasts. And the WCSA members will help keep those two HSI Pawnees employed between commercial flights.

WCSA members travel to Germany in search of club's first aircraft

A Trip Report—by Ray Konrath

Jim Short and I returned from our ASK-21 inspection trip to Germany last night. The Fliegergruppe Donzdorf club which had the -21 for sale was our host and treated us very well during our stay with their friendship and great quantities of beer. We even spent the night in the "guestroom" of their 4 year old clubhouse complete with bar, kitchen, offices and patio. Quite a place!

Jim and I found the ASK-21 to be in what I would term excellent to near perfect condition. I inspected the entire ship and found it to be well cared for with no deficiencies. The members obviously are proud of their equipment

and it showed. The ship has 1350 hours on it which is quite low for a 1990 model. It has a Dittel 720 channel radio with boom mikes in both cockpits, Winter mechanical variors in both cockpits and a Peschges VP4 computer including electronic variors in both cockpits. Both Jim and I determined that if the Peschges can be modified to read feet and knots it will serve our needs. If not the Donzdorf club will sell it for us. Other attributes of the ship are tinted canopies, hydraulic disk brake,



G meter, OAT, and total energy system. And it comes with a low mileage Anschau Komet trailer designed for the -21 which is in good condition though it will probably need new tires (due to age, not high use). I have attached low resolution pictures of the ship, club, and the Rollanden Schneider factory (which was nearby) to this e-mail.

Both Jim and I flew the ship Saturday morning and found it flew as well as it looked. So the WCSA is now the owner of this very fine ship, "Volksturmer II." Our trip was a success! Now we have to figure out how to get it to Hinckley.

The D number on the ship, D-1928, is significant as it is the founding year of the Donzdorf club. After many beers Friday night Jim made the Fliegergruppe Donzdorf our "sister club" and offered our facilities to any of its members that find their way to our country. The offer was well



received and we intend to keep in contact as they are a fun group and good-hearted people.

Special thanks go to Mark Akerley who provided the miles for my airline ticket and Simine Short for Jim's ticket.

We will keep you informed of the progress of the -21 as it makes its way to a new home at Hinckley.

Regards, Ray



Jim Short in front of Rolladen-Schneider factory

Members of the Windy City Soaring Association:

Joe Agati, Mark Akerley (President), Agass Baumgartner, Don Broomfield (Director), Allen Douglas (Director) Newell Haxton, Dennis Hillary, Von Jansma, Ray Konrath (Treasurer), Rudy Kunda, Curt Lewis, Tom Reepmeyer, Max Rubin, Robert Rydin, Jim Short, Caelie Skalniak (Secretary), Ed Skalniak, Chuck Spreitzer, Barry Van W. Crommelin, Dave Voggesser, Clark Wade, Scott Wolf

Region 7 Contest to be hosted by American Polish Aero Club

One of the greatest challenges in putting on a soaring contest is finding the man (or woman) power to fill all the required jobs typical of a contest.

To the rescue—American Polish Aero Club! This year's Region 7 Contest will be held at their site in Freeport, Illinois. May 24th is a practice day, May 25-31 being contest days.

Rich Carlson (RACarlson@anl.gov) has set up a web site for the event:

<http://aerotow.evl.uic.edu/region7/2003-contest>

More information on the contest, and on the club, will be forthcoming in future editions of this newsletter, and on the CLGC website.

NISC wraps up 2002 season

Congratulations to John Cochrane (BB) the winner of the 2002 NISC (Northern Illinois Soaring Championship) contest. John accumulated 8000 out of 8000 points to win this years contest.

In 2002 13 contestants turned in 99 flights (down from 106 in 2001) on 19 days (down from 22) for a handicap distance of 9051.53 SM (down from 8086.78 NM). The five flights which covered the most distance were Shakman: 190.07, Cochrane: 189.03, Mirza: 183.71, Cochrane: 178.90, and Shakman: 174.56 SM.

The five fastest flights were Cochrane: 63.49, Kroesch: 60.47, Cochrane: 60.19, Shakman: 59.79, and Russell: 59.71 MPH. The longest flight of the year was Mike Shakman's 4 hr 40 min flight covering 500 Km on 5/4.

To find out more about the Northern Illinois Soaring Championships—find the link on the CLGC website.

A perspective on winter

“In all but the most southerly reaches of our country, winter



provides an opportunity to renew acquaintance with non-soaring gentility, including backward relatives who have not yet embraced the air age; to make brownie points in

the Sunday choir; to accept weekend dinner invitations - in short, the annual grace period for mending all the fences that have *tumbled* during our outrageous, self-indulgent pursuit of pleasure and thermals throughout the soaring season. Were it not for winter, there would likely be a bounty out on most our hides. Viewed in this kindly light, winter can almost be forgiven.”

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After All

by G. Seibels



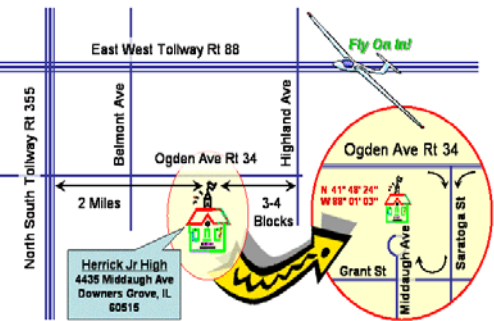
Photos taken last week in the sunny southwest—home of the Colorado Soaring Association. It's cold there too!

Mark your Calendar

We meet the second or third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at Herrick Jr. High School, Downers Grove, IL. The meeting schedule is:

December 10 January 14
February 18 March 11
April 8

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Never used sailplane tire, 400X4, 6 ply rating with inter tube. (normal size tire for many sailplanes.) \$75 Duane Eisenbeiss ph: 847-259-5418
eisenbeiss@compuserve.com

Wingmate Solo Rigging unit \$295 Complete with instructions—as seen in Wings and Wheels catalogue. (not the Udo Rumph design) Robert Rydin (773) 867-4977
robert_rydin@stercomm.com



Don't forget your Dues!

If your envelope reads 2002 under your address, you may have forgotten to send in your CLGC dues for the 2002/2003 season. And if your dues are paid through your club, we still need your e-mail information for future newsletters.

So please take a moment to complete the form below and mail it in. And have a Merry Christmas!



2002/2003

Membership/Renewal Application—ChicagoLand Glider Council

Mail To: John Harrison 827 Homestead Road LaGrange Park, IL 60526
 Please include \$10 for annual dues payable to ChicagoLand Glider Council

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Pilot Certificate Ratings _____

Type of Glider(s) owned, if any _____

Primary airport where member flies _____

Check if applies: New Member Change of Address Change of E-Mail Address Change of telephone

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I wish to continue to receive the printed CLGC newsletter