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The CLGC is finalizing plans for a **2002 Safety Seminar.** Who better to be the primary speaker for this event than Derick Piggot? After participating in the 2002 SSA convention, we are optimistic that we can snag Derick on his journey back "over the pond" for a stop in Chicago to address our group.

We have the Herrick Junior High School reserved for the day, so please block out some time for this special event (which in the past has been a 6-8 hour session). Details of the event will be communicated in the February CLGC Newsletter.



Derek Piggot MBE was Chief Flying Instructor at Lasham from 1953—1989. He is highly respected throughout the gliding world and is the author of several standard reference books.

Time is running out!

If you have not renewed your CLGC membership yet be advised that time is running out for you. Your mailing label indicates your expiration date. If it says 2001 your last issue of the Newsletter will be February. Send ten bucks to the Treasurer, Ray Konrath, 6637 St. James Ct., Downers Grove, IL 60516 and avoid all of the pain and angst an expired membership entails. Renewal form on page 4.



While January brings snow and ice to our Illinois gliderports... certainly a few of our more hearty (obsessive?) members must be thinking of ways to get airborne! Has anyone tried this?

CLGC Donates funds for soaring advocacy

At the December CLGC meeting, a vote was approved for the donation of CLGC funds to the Soaring Society of America to aid in their efforts to insure the viability of our sport in the United States airspace.

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December 14, 2001 Mr. Larry Sanderson President Soaring Society of America P.O. Box 2100 Hobbs, NM 88241

Dear Larry,

Since the September 11th terrorist attacks on our great country, general aviation pilots understand that our flight privileges have been under intense scrutiny and increased limitations. Considering that total flight suspension had occurred and other limitations have been considered by our national security bureaucrats it stands to reason that we pilots need a consistent, strong advocate. Members of the ChicagoLand Glider Council know that the SSA has led the fight to restore our flight privileges and we appreciate their efforts on our behalf. Enclosed is a ChicagoLand Glider Council check for \$1,000 for the Eagle Fund drive. We would like to see this donation used to continue the advocacy struggle.

Sincerely,

Ray Konrath Treasurer ChicagoLand Glider Council

Enclosure

cc: Curt Lewis, CLGC President Newell Haxton, CLGC Vice President Robert Rydin, CLGC Secretary Jim Short, Government Liaison



Trace Lewis provides a tour of Flight Simulator 2002

If auto tows from frozen lakes do not appeal to you, perhaps the next best thing in these fridgid months is virtual flight! Attendees of the December CLGC meeting were treated to a demonstration of the latest version of Microsoft's flight simulator—adapted for us motorless types.

Trace Lewis showed us the results when he downloaded a "third party" ASW20BL sailplane into FS2002—and I was sold! I ran out and got a copy—downloaded the ASW20BL (a free download) —and was flying the next evening. I was particularly impressed with the functioning Cambridge L-NAV and GPS Nav on the panel as it will give me the opportunity to learn to use these avionics in a simulated environment where I can focus on learning the screen maps rather than staying airborne and out of harm's way! The next step will be to import the NISC turn point database into the simulator so I can fly next season's 300K's from the warm comfort of my family room! Here I am landing the glider into the familiar Meigs field—a task I understand Rudy Kunda has done in real life!

...Robert Rydin





Greetings from Florida

Note received from John Knoetzel with his CLGC renewal:

Greetings,

Merry Christmas Ray and Sandy! Hope you have a good year and good health. I am pretty sure you are kicking butt with your new 24. Sandy sure wrote a nice article in the ChicagoLand Council paper. I enjoyed it very much.

I am spending the winter flying at the Seminole Lake gliding facility here in Florida. Cloud base is between 3000-5500'.

Give my greetings and best wishes to the other musketeers for me. Best wishes to all!

John Knoetzel

(Editors note: John's address in Florida is 20005 US Highway 27, #513, Clermont, FL 34711)

New Members: The ChicagoLand Glider Council would like to welcome the following recent new members.

Dale Gustafson Chicago Glider

Braidy Hart Chicago Glider

Jerry Kemperman Hinckley Soaring

John Obrien Hinckley Soaring

John Sheehan Hinckley Soaring

Jonathon Slack Chicago Glider

Arnold Zimmerman Chicago Glider (Was a CLGC

member years ago-welcome back!)



For Sale: WingMate Solo Rigging unit \$325. Complete with instructions. Robert Rydin (773) 867-4977

Email: robertrydin@stercomm.com

Errata: In the December issue—the Windy City Soaring Associations Chili Fest was erroneously reported as being "the first—maybe second annual" such event. In fact, it was the FIFTH!

Mark your Calendar

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

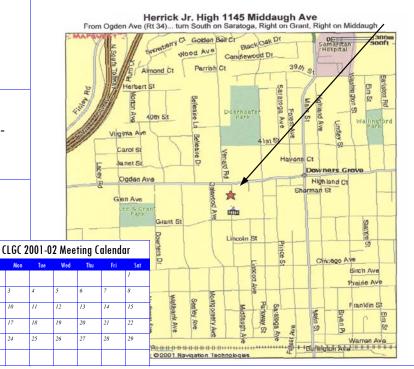
January 8th

February 16 (Saturday Safety Seminar)

March 12

April 9

Agenda of the January 8th meeting will include "Buying a Sailplane" - a discussion of the many factors and personal experiences to be encountered by those considering ownership of their own sailplane. Leading the discussion will be Curt Lewis, Ray Konrath and Robert Rydin





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