



Chicago Land Glider Council Newsletter

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December Meeting Features ATC Response to 9/11

Dave Voggasser returned to present Part II of his informative Powerpoint tour of Chicago Approach ATC. Beginning with the emergency FAA order to ground all aircraft immediately after the second Twin Tower was hit, Dave's slides displayed images of IFR aircraft aloft over the US in progressive five minute increments. From the view behind the radar screen, we watched in awe as about 4,000 aircraft were landed in just over an hour, jamming many small airports with unexpected jet guests.

Describing en-route and terminal area radar operations, Dave again urged glider pilots flying near O'Hare/Midway traffic to equip their aircraft with Mode C transponders. Also recommended is using VFR Terminal Charts rather than Chicago sectionals, since the former shows routing.

Other Business

A handsome SSA plaque for the

Region 7 contest last year was awarded by CLGC to the contest hosts, the American-Polish Glider Club.

A discussion of email vs. snailmail newsletters prompted some energetic dialogue. The discussion will be continued at the January meeting. Because of the considerable cost of printed newsletters, a related CLGC budget discussion, including source and use of funds, will also be included.

Other News

Sylvania Soaring announced a winter ground school: "Ground School starts Sunday January 11th and runs 14 consecutive weeks through April 14th. The sessions start at 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Lunch is provided. The ground school covers the information needed to pass either the Private Pilot or the Commercial Pilot Glider written test as well as preparation for the associated FAA Practical Flight Test" Contact Sylvania for fees.

AOPA has released a free on-line

flight planner (for use by AOPA members). Based on the Jeppesen planning product, the AOPA version is available at www.aopa.org/flight_planner.

Hinckley Soaring has officially closed its doors forever. Nevertheless, a strong soaring presence will be maintained at Hinckley Airfield by Windy City Soaring Association. Former Hinckley Soaring customers and the public are invited to contact the club about instruction, solo flying, and rides.

Glider pilots nationwide observed the Centennial of Powered Flight on December 17th. Some cheered the date as the anniversary of the invention of the towplane. Others wore black armbands, mourning the day Wilbur and Orville gave up gliding.

The FAA has published *The Glider Flying Handbook*, probably the best soaring reference available today. Order at SSA.

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In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn that Rudolph (Rudy) Kunda passed away December 31st, 2003, age 80. Rudy was known throughout the Chicago Land glider community as a good friend, soaring mentor and superb pilot. His knowledge, enthusiasm and active involvement in the sport was legendary. A pilot with the Army Air Corps in WWII, Rudy's glider experience spanned 60 years.

From a poem by Rilke:

*I came home from the soaring
in which I lost myself.*

*I was song, and the refrain which is
God*

Is still roaring in my ears.

CLGC Meeting Schedule

Tentative Events (subject to change)

Oct 14, 2003 —Celebrating the 2003 Season and the Cubs' Victory! (Revised Oct 15, 9:00 PM)

Nov 18, 2003 —Dave Voggasser discusses airspace and TFR. Is Class G "Glider Only?"

Dec 16, 2003 —Dave Voggasser returns! Part II of "Skies Through the Eyes of ATC"

Jan 13, 2004 —To be announced

Feb 10, 2004 —To be announced

Mar 09, 2004 —To be announced

Apr 13, 2004—To be announced

Door prizes at every meeting! Plan to attend!!

Chicago Land Glider Council Annual Membership Dues Remittance Form
Year 2004

Your Name _____

Your Mailing Address _____

Your Email Address _____@_____

2004 Dues Amount \$10.00

Please send this form with your check for \$10.00 to:

**John Harrison
Treasurer, CLGC
827 Homestead Road
LaGrange Park, IL 60526**

Reflections

On sitting at the back of an SSA Convention meeting

From my seat at the rear of the auditorium I see an expanse of fine white hair, like a field of milkweed in October. Glider pilots are aging. At the podium, the speaker says we don't know what the common thread is among glider pilots. We come from all walks of life. Doctors, homemakers, construction workers, teachers, cooks, engineers, social workers--even power pilots! But our veterans are dying off and the intake of fledglings is a trickle.

I ask myself what keeps the seniors engaged but cannot attract youngsters? Some say the cost of the sport, but we know that isn't really the reason. Skiing costs as much, golf, too. How about more advertising? No, lots of people take rides and never go further. The real reason, the one we never say because our macho defenses get in the way, or our wry humor, might be the spiritual element of soaring. Isn't it all about the experience of being lifted up and made new—by a power we can't see—when we don't have the power to do it alone? Again and again. How do you explain that to kids?



- Anonymous

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2003 James S. Barna Memorial Soaring Scholarship (\$750)

Applicant Information

Name _____

Address: _____

City/State & Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Soaring Location: _____

Date submitted: ____/____/____

Application Instructions:

1. Write an original typed essay of 500-1000 words on "What Soaring Means to Me....",
2. Obtain a written recommendation from the applicant's CFIG,
3. Provide documentation of endorsement for solo glider flight (if non-rated).

Submit application to the CLGC Scholarship Committee at the address listed below no later than March 9th, 2004 (CLGC Meeting Night). The CLGC Scholarship Committee, consisting of a majority of the CLGC officers, will decide the winner. Decisions will be final, the winner chosen by April 1st, 2003, and the award paid by May 1st, 2004. A grant of \$750 will be paid directly to the recipient's soaring operation and placed "on account" for use by the recipient in their continued soaring education.

Soaring operations eligible for the program are Chicago Glider Club, Freeport Airport (American-Polish Aero Club), Windy City Soaring, Park Forest South Aviation Group, Sky Soaring, and Sylvania Soaring.

Send the following ...

- Application Form
- Essay "What Soaring Means to Me ..."
- CFIG Written Recommendation
- Copy of Solo Endorsement (if non-rated)

...to:

Donald Berk
CLGC Secretary
15 W. Windsor Court
Aurora, IL 60506

Classified Ads

L33 Solo, 1995, 350TT, excellent condition, stored in trailer, radio, audio vario, full tow-out gear, more... \$25,000. Chicago. IL
Email: CurtL33@aol.com

Website: www.hometown.aol.com/curtl33/myhomepage/l33.html



L33 Solo...Contact Curt Lewis



...where the rubber meets the grass

President: Scott Wolf
Vice-president: John Harrison
Treasurer: John DeRosa
Secretary: Don Berk

For submissions and to place classified ads
Phone: 630-466-0741
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