



ChicagoLand Glider Council

Newsletter

April, 2005

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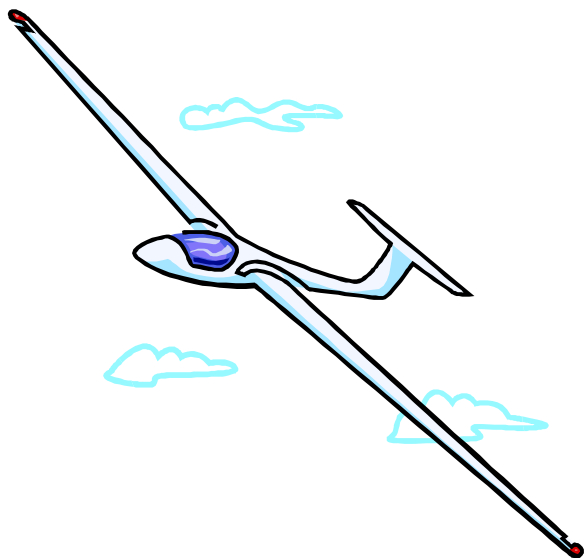
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CLGC 2005 Soaring & Safety Seminar

Saturday, March 19th, 2005

**You definitely should have
been to this event!**

The speakers were wonderful to listen to and the Elgin Community College site was something to behold. Eighty-Five pilots attended including fourteen new CLGC members. Pictures are shown below.

The day started off with a continental breakfast. Dennis Wright (SSA Executive Director) and with a panel of speakers (Jim Short, Rich Carlson and Steve Wasilowski) held a town hall meeting. After a short presentation by Dennis on the current state of the SSA, the floor was open for any questions that the attendees had. Many, many good questions were raised and the panel responded with clear and open answers. Everyone present recognized the importance of the two way dialog which occurred.

After the morning break, five time SSA convention speaker Dr Dan Johnson gave a fascinating talk about medicine, health, aging and how important it is to pilots. While the speech lasted for almost 45 minutes, the topic was so informative and captivating, the time was gone before we knew it. Dr Dan is a tremendous and animated speaker who needs to be heard to be appreciated. A link to his presentation is available at <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com>.

During the delicious lunch, several members of the SSA committees lead by Director Dennis Wright recognized those within Region 7 who exemplified what the Soaring community is all about. The highlight was a memorial booklet created by Rich Carlson and Simine Short on the life of Rudy Kunda. Rudy was truly a remarkable man. Gunter Voltz was inducted into the SSA hall of fame in 2005 and was duly recognized for his contributions. Others mentioned were, Judy Ruprecht (badge lady), Geoff Weck (Region 7 top badge awards), Rich Carlson (SSF Chair) and Duane Eisenbeiss (WDA).

Following lunch the *Soaring* columnist George Thelen ("Safety Corner") used a compilation of topics gleaned from the audience during the morning session to speak about the most important issues we have with that "Little red devil on your shoulder". Each attendee listed their top five concerns which were compiled by the Seminar staff. The top five concerns were; 1) Landing patterns, 2) Land Out Concerns, 3) Pilot overconfidence, 4) Health concerns, and 5) Flying Close to other Gliders, power, skydivers, gaggles, etc.

After the final short break the local team of Herb Kilian and Mike Shakman spoke at length about soaring competition and cross country flying. They spoke both to the contest "newbies" in the audience, those that have not flown cross country yet and the experienced pilots in the crowd. Very, very, very informative. This presentation is available at <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com>.

Following this day long Seminar, about 25 pilots met at the Prairie Rock restaurant for drinks and dinner along with predictions for a great 2005 soaring season.

There are tentative plans to repeat this seminar in the spring of 2006. You should plan on attending!!

Many thanks from the ChicagoLand Glider Council to the following who helped in ways great and small; (in no particular order) - Greg Palmer (committee, audio-visual), John Harrison (committee, treasurer, registration), Steve Wasilowski (committee), Herb Kilian (committee, speaker), Mike Shakman (speaker), Paul Letourneau (registration), Lindsay Gilmore (registration), Steve Wolf (committee), Trace Lewis (attendee packet), Curt Lewis (committee, attendee packet), Logan Weck (committee), Jim Short (committee), Simine Short (Kunda memorial), Rich Carlson (Kunda memorial, speaker), Dennis Wright (speaker), Dr Dan Johnson (speaker), George Thelen (speaker) & John DeRosa (committee chair).



Above – The ECC Auditorium and attendees
Left – George Thelen and that “Little Red Devil”



Other pictures of the Seminar can be found at <http://skysoaring.com/modules/gallery/2005clgcseminar>

ChicagoLand Glider Council Youth Scholarships

Each year the CLGC presents one or more youth Scholarships. We all know that the youth is the future of soaring and we must foster their efforts as often as we can. This scholarship is your CLGC dues in action in a direct and positive way. The award will be presented at the April 19th final CLGC meeting of the winter season.

World Distance Award

Duane Eisenbeiss was recently recognized by the SSA for his work to “resurrect” this award. Below is a summary of the award. More information can be found at <http://soaring.aerobatics.ws/Awards/WDA/>. The WDA Pin is shown at the top of the next column.

On January 1, 1992, the Soaring Society of America Board of Directors approved the World Distance Award. The purpose of the award is to promote and encourage cross-country soaring on a long term basis. The award is presented to pilots who accumulate, through a series of cross-country soaring flights, a total of 40,000 km – which is equal to the distance around the earth.



There is no time limit for accumulating the total distance. This award is

conducted on the honor system. Turnpoints do not have to be declared prior to take off. No barograph or GPS trace is required.

Any reported flight distance must be greater than 50 km after being corrected for the difference between start and finish altitude as stated in the Guidelines. There is no documentation to submit other than the pilots yearly distance accumulation. The distance accumulation is to be reported to the WDA Administrator when each 5,000 km level is achieved or at least the end of each year. A one time registration fee of \$20 is required at the time of registration.

Certificates will be awarded to participants for each 5,000 km distance level achieved and the name of pilot will be reported in *Soaring* magazine. Upon achieving 40,000 km, a loop in the shape of an orbit of the earth, will be made available to the pilot at a nominal cost. This loop is designed to attach to any FAI Silver, Gold, or Diamond badge as shown above.

2005 Soaring Society of America Hall of Fame Inductee Gunther Voltz

Gunther Voltz, long time Manager of Thermal Sniffer Soaring at HXF in Hartford, WI, and a member of the ChicagoLand Glider Council, has been nominated and elected by his soaring peers for induction into the SOARING HALL OF FAME on Feb.10th at Ontario, CA during the SSA convention.



Gunther is shown pictured here (at middle) holding his award along with such past Hall of Fame members as (L to R) Paul MacCready, Bernald Smith, Bob Seamans and CLGC's own Gene Hammond. A second recognition

ceremony will be held at the national soaring museum in Elmira, NY on May 13th and 14th.

Rudy Kunda

1923-2003



Please take the time to read the stirring tribute to Rudy Kunda in the April issue of *Soaring* magazine written by our own Rich Carlson. In Rich's essay he relates how Rudy's life unfolded and how it impacted those around him.

Rudy's estate left a considerable sum to many organizations that were important to Rudy including the SSA. In the case of the SSA, the bequest is believed to be the single largest donation given to that organization.

Rudy was truly a one of a kind spirit and remembered fondly by all that knew him. He will live on through his benevolences and many accomplishments.

CLGC Board Elections

The ChicagoLand Glider Council is in need of volunteers as we get ready for the Spring Seminar and the 2005-2006 board nominations. Here is a list. Why don't you volunteer and add your time and skills to CLGC's efforts. Elections will be held at the April 19th final CLGC meeting of the winter season.

- CLGC President
- CLGC Secretary
- CLGC Treasurer

April CLGC Meeting!

"Glider Electrical and Electronic Systems for Dummies"

Don't Miss It!!

April 19th, 2005

Did you always want to know how electrical power moves around your glider and how you can safely maintain all those complicated wires? John DeRosa will be talking about what makes your glider's electrical system tick. This talk will give an overview about power wiring, batteries, switches, fusing, FAA rules and regulations along with the right and wrong way to handle your glider's electrical innards.

Many people are leery of the complexities of the GPS and flight computers used in many modern gliders. The second topic will be an overview of avionics including transceivers, transponders, antennas, GPS, flight computers, PDA's, competition software and moving

map displays. Special attention will be given to understanding how soaring flight computers, GPS's and PDA's interconnect and communicate with one another.

1-26 Regatta - Beloit WI

On June 17, 18, and 19th 2005, Sylvania Soaring Adventures Inc. will host a 1-26 Fun Fly Contest that will include awards and cash prizes for the best scores in four different events. These events will be:

1. Maximum Altitude Gain from release
2. Short Field Landing
3. Maximum single cross country flight distance
4. Maximum duration from a 3000 foot tow

Contestants will choose the time and the day during the contest that they attempt each event, and each event can be attempted as many times as the contestant wishes. The best altitude/ time/distance of the flights will count towards the contest score in that event.

The requirements are that you use a Schweizer 1-26 and show proof of insurance, pilots license, and a current flight review. Scoring will be very easy basically following badge rules with barographs and cameras or GPS data loggers. But, non secure GPS traces such as are allowed in the 1-26 Championships are also ok so long as we can import them into SeeYou or a similar program.

If you don't have a 1-26, you can sign up to rent our 1-26E. We will also have up to 4 barographs available for rental.

Social events will include cookouts hosted by Sylvania Soaring Adventures Inc. and a live band for Saturday night. Last year we hosted an event that featured a local Bluegrass Band and we hope to get them back this year. They were amazing!

Primitive camping is available on the field, but we will have showers set up. Also, there are lots of hotels within 5 minutes of the field, and many good restaurants close by.

We will be able to handle up to 20 entrants (first come first served...so let us know early if you can attend), with tows for practice or just to get to know the area, starting on June 16th. There is no entry fee or cost other than to pay for your tows. If you don't have a crew, our staff will happily assist you with assembly and disassembly, and retrievals if prior arrangements are made. We have plenty of area for tying down your ship and trailer parking (just bring your own anchors).

So, bring your 1-26 (if necessary...beg, borrow, or abscond with one) to the prettiest little airport in SE Wisconsin for a really great weekend of camping, flying, food and fun. Further details on the event will be posed to our web site as the date draws near. Direct any questions you have about the event to Kurt Strong (tugpilot@genevaonline.com). Hope to see you there!

NISC Update!

NISC Update - correction - John Harrison has been declared the rightful and official winner of the 2004 NISC after a mistake in scoring was discovered. Congrats John!

AVIATION CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS



Borgelt B40 Variometer - Bought new. Used for one season. Excellent condition. Fits 57mm (2.25") \$300
Winter Mechanical Variometer - Metric measurement, excellent condition. Fits 80mm (3.128") \$100
Replogle Barograph - Excellent condition comes with carrying case. 30,000 feet \$120
Contact - Agass Baumgartner at baumgartnerrestoration@email.com or 773-348-4412

Newsletter Contributions Anyone?

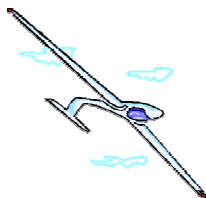
Please let us know what achievements are taking place at your club or with yourself can include them in future newsletters. If you have any information or photos and advertisement that you would like to have included in future newsletters please send them to captainlogan_cal7576@yahoo.com, john@derosaweb.com or 847-844-8776. Also if you have any articles you would like to write that are soaring related, please send them as well. Any suggestions at all are very welcome!

WCS Freq Change

Anyone flying to/from Windy City Soaring at Hinckley Airport (0C2) should be aware that effective immediately, 122.9mhz must be used for all airport traffic communications including all soaring operations. Ship to ship communications may use 123.3mhz or 123.5mhz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 19th Final CLGC Meeting – “Glider Electronics and Electrical Wiring for Dummies” – John DeRosa - 7:30 PM - Herrick Junior High School.
 - June 17, 18, and 19th Schweitzer 1-26 Regatta, Beloit, WI . See article in this issue.
 - May 28/Jun 4 Region 7 Contest, Albert Lea, MN. See <http://www.soarmn.com> for details.
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Open Letter from Dennis Wright, Executive Director, SSA to the CLGC

March 22, 2005

Mr. John DeRosa
President
Chicagoland Glider Council

I wanted to take a moment and thank you and the other members of the Chicagoland Glider Council for inviting me to your 2005 Mid-America Spring Soaring & Safety Seminar. I find I benefit greatly by traveling to local events such as yours and speaking with SSA members and attendees. It is an integral part of my ongoing outreach efforts and I appreciate your letting me be a part of your program.

It occurs to me that I may have committed a faux pas. I had in my notes that I should mention the kind donations of \$3,000 (actually \$2,000 – Ed) that CLGC made towards the building fund and the \$1,000 undesignated donation. My apologies for not publicly acknowledging this kind donation.

My notes also instructed me to speak with Gary Reuter, who I had spoken to on the phone some time ago concerning the donation. I guess he was not with us, because he did not make himself known to me. His name was the mental trap I had set to remind me to mention the donation. Please, if possible, pass on my apologies for not making mention and my heartfelt thanks for the donation.

If I can help with a future event, please call on me.

Regards
C. Dennis Wright
Executive Director, SSA

Door Prizes Apr 19

The grand door prize of a pair of Motorola Talkabout radios will be presented at the April 19th final CLGC meeting of the winter season. Other great prizes will be given out. **You have to be there to win!**

Directions to the CLGC Meeting Hall

at the Herrick Junior High School located in Downers Grove, IL.



Detailed directions are available at;

<http://skysoaring.com/modules/gallery/directions>



NTSB Glider Accident reports for 2005

Details available at <http://www.nts.gov/NTSB/query.asp>

Current Synopsis	PDF Report(s)	Event Date	Probable Cause Released	Location	Make / Model	Regist. Number	Event Severity	Type of Air Carrier Operation and Carrier Name (Doing Business As)
Preliminary	Preliminary	3/13/2005		DeLand, FL	LET Blanik L-13	N14420	Nonfatal	Part 91: General Aviation
Factual	Factual	3/10/2005		Clermont, FL	Schleicher ASW 27	N661T	Nonfatal	Part 91: General Aviation
Factual	Factual	3/5/2005		Clermont, FL	Dgflugzeugbau DG-800S	N92DG	Nonfatal	Part 91: General Aviation
Factual	Factual	2/20/2005		Midlothian, TX	Schweizer SGS1-26B	N7569	Nonfatal	Part 91: General Aviation



2005-2006 ChicagoLand Glider Council
Membership/Renewal Application & Change of Information Form

Mail to: John DeRosa, 35W529 Parsons Rd, West Dundee, IL 60118
Please remit \$10 for annual dues via check payable to "ChicagoLand Glider Council"

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address (please print very clearly) _____ Phone _____

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

Primary Airport /Club where you fly _____

Pilot ratings that you hold _____

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 I am able to receive the CLGC Newsletter via E-Mail

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