



ChicagoLand Glider Council Newsletter

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November CLGC Meeting! "Illinois Aviation Museum"

With Kent Demuth

Don't Miss It!!

November 14th, 2005

The presentation will be about the plans for development of the Illinois Aviation Museum located at Clow International Airport. Details on the restoration of a Navy T2 and building of a WW1 replica by a group of high school kids.

Kent Demuth is the current Executive Director of the museum and aviation museum consultant for the Village of Bolingbrook. Started flying in the 50's while in college, life and the color test got in the way of flying other than as a hobby.



<http://www.illinoisaeromuseum.com>

Charity Glider Rides at the Chicago Glider Club

For several years, the Chicago Glider Club has been holding an annual "Village Appreciation Days". This is an event where we spent a weekend day selling glider rides (\$30.00 each) and then donating all of the collected money to a worthwhile local charity.



This year's rides occurred on September 9th. Using all three of our two-place gliders (Blanik, ASK-21 and Duo-Discus) we were able to

conduct 100 charity rides. This was a new record. We were especially proud of the 100 flights since the weather had not been fully cooperative and we had to change our flight operations twice to account for tailwinds.



Our riders all seemed to enjoy their flights. Everyone left the airport with big smiles, even though some of these folks had waited over two hours for their rides. Our single seat glider (Pegasus) had been set up nearby with its canopy removed to allow our riders to sit in it and learn a little about the controls, instruments and soaring before their flights. It took thirty-six club members working together to make this day a success. We typically don't get this many members to the airport on the most glorious soaring day of the summer.

This year's proceeds went to a young man from Channahon who is fighting leukemia.

ChicagoLand Glider Council Youth Grant

Each year the CLGC presents at least one youth grant to a lucky member of the CLGC. We all know that youth are 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.

Note that this year the CLGC board wanted to open the door to more youth applicants and has chosen to remove the requirement from previous years for the applicant to have a private glider pilot rating or solo log book endorsement.

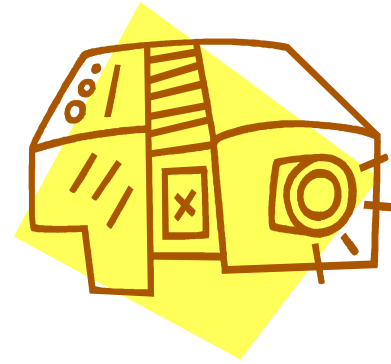
The requirements to apply for the 2007 grant are;

- Be a member in good standing of the ChicagoLand Glider Council as of January 1st, 2007
- Be between the ages of 14 and 21 (inclusive) as of January 1st, 2007
- Reside within 150 miles of Chicago
- Did not receive the previous year's primary \$500 grant
- Obtain a written recommendation from a Certified Flight Instructor Glider (CFIG) who is familiar with the applicant's qualifications and
- Write an original typed essay of 500-1000 words on "What Soaring Means to Me...."

Watch for the grant application form in the December issue of this CLGC newsletter.

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!!



WANTED!!

The CLGC is looking to purchase (or be given) a used computer projector for use during meetings and other events. This can be lent by the Council to members and clubs during non-meeting times.

“What Soaring Means to Me”

By Marek Ziebinski
2006 CLGC Grant Awardee
Age: 15

Soaring makes me look forward to my weekends during the summer, and to my summers during the winter. To me, it is hereditary, because my dad is the first generation of pilots in my family, I am the second. Although my soaring career has just begun, about two years ago, it has already become a part of my personality and has changed my views on education, myself, the weather, and the world. When it comes down to what soaring means to me, there is a never ending list of things, plus more that simply cannot be put into words.

Everyone always has millions of things on their minds. A lot of these are the kind of things we like to leave behind when we go on a vacation. For me, soaring works in the same way as a vacation. Once I get into the cockpit, I can't think about anything other than flying. There is way too many things to think about, preparations to make, things to check, and proper procedures to worry about. I can no longer think about the pressures of life because the stress and amount of thinking needed for flying is overwhelming, but in a good way. It places me in a different world where school, homework, sports, chores, friends, and expectations don't mean a thing. It is really nice to be above it all, literally and not, and to see the little cars with the little people that are taking a mind-numbing car ride to work or to the grocery store, doing their daily routines. While they're doing those things, even though I'm right above them, I'm somewhere else.

The lessons learned from flying are endless. Often, these lessons can also be applied to life. Learning to pay attention to detail, like wind speed, sink, the yaw string, airspeed, altitude, drifting, etc., etc., etc., all contribute to the big picture of flying. Details in life matter just as much. It is said that even the little things in life matter, and from experience, I find this very true. Paying attention to the details in life has made me a better person. At times, when flying, we are in a dangerous situation and do not know it, and have to fix it as soon as

we find out, or else it might be too late. Life also brings risky situations we are not aware of, and realizing them is a must. A lot of new things came to my knowledge when I began soaring.

It has become a habit, that when I leave the house and walk outside, I cannot help but to look toward the clouds, and not only the things at ground level like I used to. I have now discovered a new world, in the sky, which was always there before, but I never realized it was so interesting. I pay attention to which way the wind is blowing, how fast the clouds are moving, what kind of clouds are they, and how high their base is. No matter if I am at the airport or not, I have to check whether it is a good flying day or not. Whenever I see a hawk or eagle, I look to see how good their lift is and how they use it. All of these things, before I began to fly, simply did not exist in my eyes, or were simply not things of interest. Since these things became of interest to me, I enjoyed learning about them. I no longer thought of education as long and boring days in school, but something that could be enjoyable as long as I want to know whatever it is I am learning. The feeling of knowing about an entire area of things that most people do not is a tremendously good feeling.

Flying has made me realize what I am capable of. It showed me what I can achieve and what is necessary to achieve it. There are a lot of things one has to know to be able to fly a glider, and knowing these things makes me feel, in a way, proud of myself. I'm not trying to say that I didn't think much of myself before I began to soar, but learning to fly certainly boosted my self-esteem and gave me something to really feel good about. It gave me things to look forward to in the future, and not the future that is so far away, like what I want to be when I grow up, but things that I can actually start to work toward.

Soaring has taught me a lot about everything, showed me new ways of viewing the world, allowed me to take breaks from my daily life, and made me realize what I am capable of. I am hoping to obtain my private glider pilot's license this spring, to begin soaring cross country, and to have many more memorable experiences along the way. I am anxious to continue my soaring career throughout my life, achieve my short and long term flying goals, perhaps pursue a profession in aeronautics, and defeat the never ending challenges soaring brings.

AVIATION CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS



- 1-26 - Windy City Soaring – One of the last models built cherry condition, turtle deck option for open air flying. Includes a good trailer. Contact Scott Wolf or Jim Short.
 - ASW20 S/N 20012 N20TT built in 1977. Approximately 900 hours. Wings refinished by David Nelson in 2004 and winglets added. Tinted Canopy. Dittel FSG 2T radio. Sage and CAI 302. \$35,000.00 firm John Harrison (708) 482-3894 jharrison46@sbcglobal.net
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Greg Palmer "Foxtrot" with his DG-300
at the Rockford Air Show

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 14 CLGC Mtg - "Illinois Aviation Museum" – (Kent Demuth) see article in this newsletter
 - Dec 5 CLGC Mtg – "Predicting Soaring Weather" (Mike Shakman)
 - Jan 9 CLGC Mtg - "Your Flight Instructor was Wrong! ... Here's How Wings Really Work" (Herb Kilian)
 - Jan 13-14 SSF CFG clinic (see article this newsletter)
 - Feb 7-10 2007 SSA Convention, Memphis, TN
 - Feb 13 CLGC Mtg - No CLGC meeting, see February 24th
 - **Feb 24 All Day CLGC Seminar Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL**
 - Mar 13 CLGC Mtg - Flight Computers & Recorders (DeRosa)
 - Apr 17 CLGC Mtg - Movie and Popcorn Night!!
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Door Prizes

The ChicagoLand Glider Council gives away door prizes at every meeting ... but ... **you have to be there to win!**

SSF CFGIC Clinic

To all members of the Chicagoland Glider Council

The Soaring Safety Foundation (SSF) provides US glider flight instructors the ability to renew their FAA flight instructor certificate in a class tailored to the need of glider pilots and students. One clinic is held in concurrent with the annual SSA soaring convention. This clinic is held the Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the convention at the convention site. Other clinics are held, upon request, around the country. Contact SSF trustee Bob Wander [soarbooks@aol.com] for more details.

All clinics are coordinated by a local contact. The local contact information will be updated as it becomes available. Unless otherwise noted all clinics will have the same time schedule. Class will start at 8:00 am both on Saturday on Sunday. SSF FIRC's are open to any and all glider pilots who are interested in learning more about the art of Soaring. You do not need to be a flight instructor to attend an SSF FIRC.

On January 13 & 14 the SSF will present a CFGIC clinic here in Chicago . I highly recommend that any prospective CFGIC candidate consider this course as an excellent way to hone their skills toward the CFGIC. Also, any current CFGIC's can brush up their skills with this clinic as well. It's time and money well spent. Our very own Pat Wager (pwager@uic.edu) is the local contact for this clinic. This is not a generic CFI clinic. It is glider specific, taught by glider CFI's with our sport in mind. Hope to see you all there.

Thanks,
Ron Ridenour

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 JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM or call 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!

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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>

Congratulations

John Cochran 5th place sports class nationals!
Trace Lewis – Silver Badge!

To all those pilots that attained that next level of achievement that you have been working so hard on, WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DID YOU DO? Don't be bashful!! Clubs - who got a rating this year? Contact JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM or call 847-844-8776

NTSB Glider Accident Reports

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

Event Date	Location	Make / Model	Regist. Number	Event Severity
11/2/2005	Sparks, NV	Schleicher ASH 26 E	N26XL	Nonfatal
12/3/2005	Llano, CA	Burkhart Grob G 103 Twin II	N4601M	Nonfatal
1/15/2006	Immokalee, FL	Schewizer 233	N5728S	Nonfatal
3/4/2006	Hardwick, NJ	PZL-Swidnik PW-5	N153PS	Nonfatal
3/5/2006	Zephyrhills, FL	LET L13 AC Blanik	N4413	Nonfatal
3/18/2006	Blairstown, NJ	Schleicher ASW-19B	N439AS	Nonfatal
3/19/2006	Lancaster, SC	Urban Air UFM-10	N107NK	Nonfatal
4/22/2006	Midlothian, TX	Schempp-Hirth Ventus-2C	N340TW	Nonfatal
4/29/2006	Minden, NV	Schempp-Hirth Discus B	N13SG	Nonfatal
5/3/2006	Aguila, AZ	Schweizer SGS 1-26D	N7729S	Fatal(1)
5/24/2006	Cherry Valley, AR	Allstar PZL SZD 51-1 Junior	N751MS	Nonfatal
5/28/2006	Payson, AZ	Diamond Aircraft Industries HK 36 TTC	N637TT	Nonfatal
5/28/2006	Eighty Four, PA	Schweizer SGS 1-35	N91MC	Fatal(1)
6/3/2006	Llano, CA	Grob Flugzeugbau G103 Twin Astir	N4464P	Nonfatal
6/9/2006	San Antonio, TX	Caproni Vizzola Cos. Aero. Calif A-21	N9FM	Nonfatal
6/11/2006	Buena Vista, CO	Rolladen-Schneider Gmbh LS-3	N48CW	Nonfatal
6/17/2006	Mt. Holly, PA	Eirivion Oy PIK 20B	N29JH	Nonfatal
6/18/2006	Hood River, OR	Schweizer SGS 2-33A	N2052T	Nonfatal
8/5/2006	Tipton, IN	Shempp-Hirth Discuss B	N888TK	Nonfatal
8/8/2006	Julian, PA	Schempp-Hirth Discus-2CT	N93FR	Nonfatal
8/19/2006	Glendale, AZ	Burkhart Grob Flugzeugbau G109	N39262	Nonfatal
8/19/2006	North Plains, OR	Burkhart Grob G-103A	N103MG	Nonfatal
8/25/2006	Wichita, KS	Scheibe SF-24A Motorspatz	N41FA	Fatal(1)
8/28/2006	Truckee, CA	Glaser Dirks DG 300	N302N	Nonfatal
8/28/2006	Smith, NV	Schleicher ASW27-18	N7729	Nonfatal
9/2/2006	Hampshire, IL	LET Blanik L-13	N12YA	Nonfatal
9/12/2006	Minden, NV	Burkhart Grob G-103A Twin II Acro	N790G	Nonfatal
10/18/2006	Starkville, MS	Windward OWL	N401MS	Nonfatal



2007 ChicagoLand Glider Council
Membership/Renewal Application & Change of Information Form
 Due: January 1, 2007 - Mail to: Pat Wager, 2400 Oak Hill Drive, Lisle, IL 60532
 Please remit \$10 via check for annual dues payable to "ChicagoLand Glider Council"

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (please print very clearly) _____ Phone _____

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

Primary Airport /Club where you fly _____

Pilot ratings that you hold _____

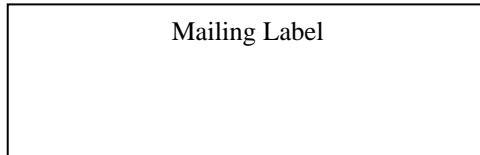
Please check the appropriate box(es) below

- 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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