



# *The Air Bubble*

The Newsletter of The  
Chicagoland Glider Council

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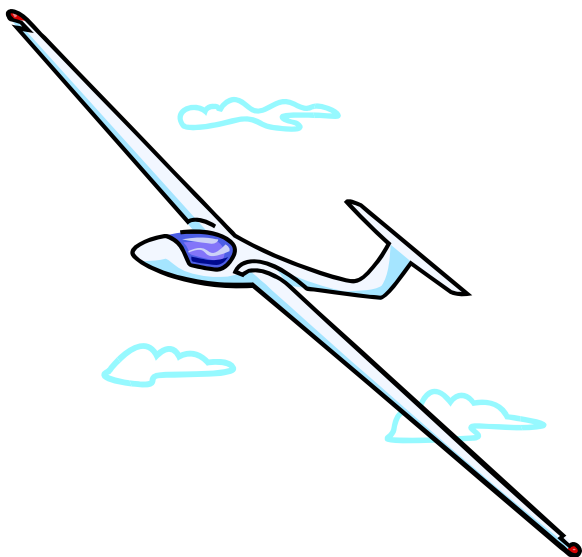
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## March CLGC Meeting!

*“Flight Computers and  
Recorders”*

**With John DeRosa**

**Don't Miss It!!**

March 13, 2007 – 7:30 PM

This is a recap of the speech that John gave at the 2006 and 2007 SSA conventions. This will cover GPS, what comprises electronic flight recorders and soaring computers, how they are cabled to devices such as moving map PDA's and powering everything.

Biography: John started flying gliders just 7 years ago and now owns a DG-101G ELAN. He hopes to be in his second contest in the spring. Professionally John is an Electrical Engineer working in Information Technology.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CLGC Seminar Feb 24, 2007 Recap

The ChicagoLand Glider Council was considered a great success by all those that attended. We had 119 attendees who listened to John Cochrane lead a panel of Karl Striedieck and John Good speak about competition, Curt Lewis and Dean Carswell talk all about cross country soaring, John Good concerning his 1000km ridge flight and the wonderful Derek Piggott on safety. Quite a stellar group. In the



evening Karl Striedieck spoke about his falconry with many incredible pictures and videos. Thanks to all that came, to all the made it happen and, of course, to the speakers who made it interesting.

The Seminar pictures throughout this newsletter of the were taken by Mike Dillon.

**Right: A very relaxed  
Dean Carswell Speaking  
on Cross Country  
Soaring**

## Moved? New Email?

Please let us know to keep our database up to date. Send an email to [JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM](mailto:JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM) or call 847-844-8776 Thanks!!

# ChicagoLand Glider Council Youth Grant

**There is still time!!** 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. Application deadline: March 15, 2007.

**NOTE: 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...."

Please download a free Grant application from the ChicagoLand Glider Council web site, <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com>.



Ray Konrath – Windy City Soaring

## Sky Soaring To Be Inducted Into The Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame

Sky Soaring will join the ChicagoLand Glider Council by being inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame award on May 23, 2007 during the Illinois Aviation Conference in Wheeling, IL. Congratulations, Sky Soaring!

See <http://www.ilavhalloffame.org/> for more details.



Seminar Attendees Sitting in Rapt Attention

## Volunteers Needed! Region 7 Contest May 27-Jun7 Albert Lea, MN

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Region 7 contest in Albert Lea, MN. If you have never volunteered at a soaring contest, it is an exciting and interesting time and a great way to understand what contests are all about.

Contact: Paul Remde at [paul@remde.us](mailto:paul@remde.us) or 952-445-9033

## 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 630-466-3649 or Jim Short 708-301-3198.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 13 CLGC Mtg - Flight Computers & Recorders (DeRosa)
- March 18 Beloit XC Seminar (see article)
- April 1 Beloit Safety Seminar (see article)
- Apr 17 CLGC Mtg - Movie and Popcorn Night!!
- May 23 Sky Soaring ILL Hall of Fame Induction
- May 27-Jun7 Region 7 Contest, Albert Lea, MN



## Door Prizes

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



**Derek Piggott Giving His Take on Safety**

## March 18th and April 1st Free Sylvania Soaring Adventures Seminars *Beloit, Wisconsin*

Though winter seems to give us no evidence of leaving, the 2007 soaring season is really closer than you think. We even get to turn our clocks ahead an hour on March 11<sup>th</sup> evidence that Spring is on its way.

Please come and join us for these Seminars. All are welcome!!

On March 18th 1 PM Curt Lewis will present Cross Country Soaring, Your Goals, Your Competency. This presentation will help you start thinking and planning your cross county goals for 2007. Pot luck dinner to follow, bring a beverage or dish to pass.

On April 1st 1 PM Sylvania Soaring Staff will present a 2007 Pre Season Safety Seminar. This presentation be a start to your spring check out, Help you get your mind back to flying. Pot luck dinner to follow, bring a beverage or dish to pass.

Sylvania Soaring Adventures  
4046 E. State Highway 67  
Beloit Wi 53511  
262-210-2825  
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Give Pat Osbakken a call from more information 262-210-2835



**Smilin' Curt Lewis Spoke on XC**



## 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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## SSA Juniors Calendar for sale

A soaring calendar produced by the Juniors, to raise funds to support Juniors competing overseas – and it's a good one. I just ordered 4 as stocking stuffers – log on to the web site below and support this important effort! Plus, you'll know what day it is all year long! (important, if you're an old retired guy like me! [http://www.ssa.org/UsTeam/ust\\_jrcalendar.htm](http://www.ssa.org/UsTeam/ust_jrcalendar.htm))

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## Quote for the Day:

“Don't drop the aircraft to pick up the microphone.”

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## Becker Radio Ni-Cd Batteries

Owners of older Becker AR3201 radios to check their internal Ni-Cd button cell batteries. These tend to leak after a few years, and if left too long will destroy your PC board ending the useful life of a pretty good radio.

The service note recommends cleaning any corrosion on the board with methyl alcohol and a brush, which works well. The replacement batteries are available from Becker dealers ([www.beckerusa.com](http://www.beckerusa.com)). Paul Remde has (had?) a few replacement batteries as well ([www.soarmn.com/cumulus](http://www.soarmn.com/cumulus)).

The new battery is 2.4v, and replaces the two internal 1.2v batteries. You will need to solder a jumper across the +/- solder pads for the unused battery position, as the two batteries were just in series for the original design. The hardest part is removing the old batteries.

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## Flying Quotations from Important People

“To invent an airplane is nothing. To build one is something. But to fly is everything.” - Otto Lilienthal

“Neither my brother nor I have the means to support both a wife and a flying machine.” - Wilbur Wright

“Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and then missing.” - Douglas Adams

## 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>



Lunch Time at Elgin Community College

# Fritz Compton

## 1915-2006



Captain F.B. "Fritz" Compton died peacefully on April 9, 2006 in Plano, Texas. He was 90 years old.

He was born in Manassas, Virginia on April 15, 1915, the son of Charles Burton and Mary Boyer Compton.

His job and hobby was aviation. He soloed in 1935 in an Aeronca C-3 airplane, and flew Piper Cub floatplanes from the Potomac River giving airplane rides until he was hired by Eastern Air Lines in 1939. He started on the DC-2, predecessor to the famous DC-3, and completed his professional aviation career flying the Lockheed L-1011, when he retired in 1975 at age 60.



*Left to Right: Fritz, Burt and Davidina Compton*

His hobby was flying sailplanes, and he flew them well. Fritz Compton was recognized by the Soaring Society of America in 1948 when he was awarded the Warren Eaton trophy, the highest honor the Society bestows upon its members. The award was not for his exceptional flying skills, but for his contribution to safety by compiling the SSA Standard Signals, which are still used today.

Fritz was a mentor to many sailplane pilots, encouraging them by sharing his knowledge of "reading the sky" and efficiently using thermals. In sailplane competitions, he always flew "for the fun of it", and would readily offer a helping hand to other enthusiasts.



*Fritz Compton "barnstorming" with his J-2 Cub near his boyhood home of Manassas, Virginia 1936*



*Fritz was the only soaring pilot to win all three Bendix Distance trophies at US National Contests.*

In many US National Soaring Contests, Compton placed in the top ten several times in the late 1940's through the 1950's, and earned a pilot slot on the 1958 US Soaring Team at the World Soaring Competition, held in Lezno, Poland (below).



*Fritz Compton World Soaring Competition Lezno, Poland, 1958*

One notable soaring flight was made in 1957, when he flew his highly modified Laister-Kauffman LK-10A sailplane 320 miles from Elmira, New York to Plymouth, Massachusetts, one of the longest flights eastbound from Elmira. Fritz had flown off his map and could have continued across the ocean to Cape Cod, but did not know the exact distance ahead to Provincetown. He decided that a landing at Plymouth was prudent, and descended from 7,000 feet to end this remarkable flight.

Fritz Compton established the first gliderport in South Florida when he purchased 60 acres south of Miami in 1945, in order to have a grass runway for gliders and airplanes, and build a home in which he would raise his family.

His wife, Davidina Barnhill Compton, passed in 2001 after 56 years of marriage. He is survived by his son Burt Compton of Marfa, Texas, daughters Valerie Dullum of Texas, and Brenda Costa of Florida, and their children.



**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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