



# *The Air Bubble*

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## **February 08 CLGC Meeting**

Speaker: Herbert Kilian

### *“A Guide to Purposeful Soaring Flights”*

February 12, 2008 – 7:30 PM

With the contest season 2007 behind us we will review what the “average” soaring pilot can do to set and achieve goals in x-country flying and to compete with others. Two ways of having local flights scored and evaluated will be explained: The Online Contest (OLC) sponsored by the German magazine Aerokurier and the Northern Illinois Soaring Contest managed by John Cochran and Mike Shakman.

There will be a brief discussion of the quite simple rules for each of the contests. Results will be presented as they are posted today. The group may also want to discuss rules changes for the NISC contest, if so desired. It is hoped that discussing this subject will generate interest and increase participation in x-country flying.

We will also discuss the “World Distance Award” and how the documentation for the above flights can easily be used to enter this challenging badge pursuit.

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## **Chicago Airspace Changes**

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On January 17 Jim Short and Herb Kilian met with Mark Zakula, the Chairman of the Chicago Users Group that was established to discuss the proposed Airspace B changes. We explained the CLGC consensus proposal that was attached to the January newsletter. Mark made a counterproposal that he had prepared after receiving other input from business aviation groups and from a consultancy that is active in such matters. Jim Short and I agreed with that approach after an in-depth discussion.

Mark Zakula chaired the first Users Group meeting yesterday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at an FAA building near O'Hare. Jim Short and Herb Kilian were present as well as Andy Meyer for the Sky Soaring Club. O'Hare Air Traffic Control as well as the FAA and other agencies were well represented. Mark Zakula took us through a presentation explaining how the current proposal was arrived at. There was a lively discussion among the Users Group members and – in principle – the proposal was left unchanged (minor tweaking only). Air traffic control answered questions regarding the altitude levels used by them for approaches to the different runways, especially the 09 landing direction. It became clear that at 25-30 NM distances from O'Hare, traffic would be normally at or above 6,000'. ATC made it clear however, that they do need to extend B-airspace out to those distances, especially in light of the additional planned East-West third runway. For simultaneous approaches to those 3 runways (they will be 1 mile apart), different altitudes will be assigned at the turn to final which requires a significant altitude band.

Here now is a brief description of the proposal the Users Group is continuing to discuss at this time:

(Refer to the map on page 3) B-Airspace should be a 25 NM circle around the O'Hare VOR with two bars extended to the 30 NM distance in the East-West extension of the center. The corners of the bars are established by taking a 5 NM distance from the center to the North and South and extending that line to the 30 NM circle. There are also some changes depicted around Palwaukee that are of no concern to us glider pilots and have to do with airport users going VFR into Palwaukee (now called Chicago Executive). We requested for the bars to have a floor of 5,000'.

Next steps are as follows: The CABAA will have a meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the attached proposal. After that meeting, another Users Group meeting will be scheduled for further discussions and to possibly arrive at a consensus proposal for the Users Group.

There was a brief discussion during the Users Group Meeting regarding gliders and transponders. We explained that a significant percentage of gliders (and tow planes) in our area carry Mode C transponders. We also mentioned that for obvious reasons we cannot maintain assigned altitudes and headings. In order to reduce radio traffic with ATC and to allow identification of targets as gliders we suggested having a permanent squawk code assigned to gliders. This is already common in some other parts of the country (Reno is an example).

*Make sure you are present at the next monthly CLGC Meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> for an update on the work of the Users Group by CLGC's recently formed Airspace Committee!*

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## Tom Knauff Soaring Seminar

Please go to Tom's website for in-depth information, the dates are 3/29 and 3/30 and there are a good number of interesting topics and well known presenters. Here are some details:

"Included are two buffet lunches and an evening banquet, for a total of four meals.

You may reserve your place for the event by visiting our web site, or phone our office.

Web address:

<http://www.eglider.org/index.php?act=viewProd&productId=387>

The cost for the seminar, including meals is \$90."

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## 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 <mailto:hkilian@sbcglobal.net>. Also if you have any articles you would like to write that are soaring related, please send them as well. Any suggestions are very welcome!

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## 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 2008 grant are;

- Be a member in good standing of the ChicagoLand Glider Council as of January 1st, 2008
- 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 request the CLGC Grant application form. The application deadline is March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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## Aviation Event January 26<sup>th</sup>

The 2008 99's Aviation Expo took place on Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Itasca Country Club, 400 E Orchard St, Itasca, IL 60143.

CLGC was again sponsoring two tables in the exhibition hall. CAP had one additional table. A good number of CLGC members from all Chicago clubs participated in presenting the sport of soaring to the greater aviation community.

Sky Soaring was donating a 'Day Member' ride again for the raffle. There was a lot of interest in the printed materials and in the audio-visual presentations that were

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ 2/12/08 CLGC Meeting – Herb Kilian – “OLC and NISC”, continue airspace discussion
- ❖ 02/14/08 to 02/17/08 – SSA Convention
- ❖ 03/09/08 Senior's Glider Contest (Geezer Glide), Clermont FL
- ❖ 03/11/08 CLGC Meeting - Mike Greenwald – “Kites and Paper Airplanes”
- ❖ 03/29/08 and 03/30/08 Tom Knauff's 2008 Soaring Seminar, details at <http://www.eglider.org/index.php?act=viewProd&productId=387>
- ❖ 04/15/08 Short/Schuur - "Joys and Intricacies of Vintage Gliders"
- ❖ 04/21/08 to 04/26/08 Region 5 Glider Contest, Perry SC, first Regional of the season

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## Directions to the CLGC Meeting Hall

At Herrick Junior High School located in Downers Grove, IL.

Detailed directions are available at;

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

