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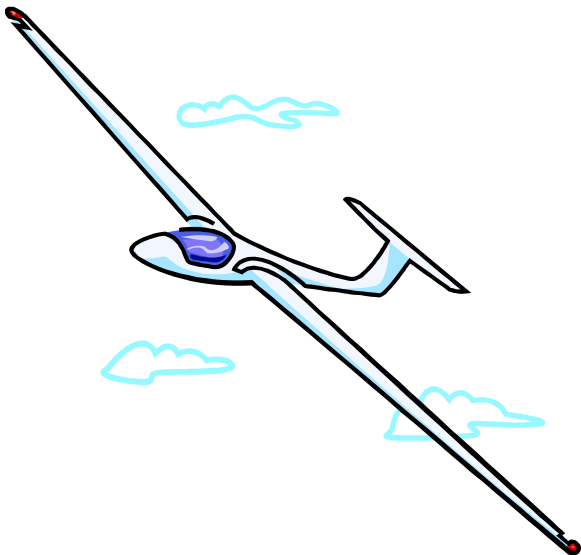
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April CLGC Meeting

"Aerobatics"

Don't Miss It!!

Speaker: Gerry Molidor



April 7, 2009
7:30PM - Herrick JHS

Gerry Molidor is a three times US advanced aerobatics national champion, a former international aerobatic club president, and was a member of the US advanced aerobatic team (1995 & 1997). He is currently a Captain with United flying 767's, is a line check airman, and flies an LS-4A at Sky Soaring Glider Club.

Gerry's talk will be an overview of sport aerobatics including what international aerobatics competitions are like. He will also cover the glider aerobatics.

Gene Hammond Inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame

Congratulations to our own Gene Hammond on being named one of the inductees to the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame for 2009. He joins the likes of Joe Steinhauer and Octave Chanute.

The induction ceremony will be held at the annual banquet of the 2009 Illinois Aviation Conference, May 19 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 100 Conference Drive, East Peoria, Illinois; (309) 694-0200.

Gene has been a Delegate to the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame (IAHOF) since 1983, serving on the Selection Committee and as President for two years.



He began flying in 1960 earning private, commercial, flight instructor, instrument and multiengine land ratings in power and commenced teaching at old Howell airport in 1962, adding glider commercial and flight instructor ratings in 1969 and single and multi-engine sea ratings in 1967 and 2003.

He was hired as a pilot/flight engineer by United in 1963. He has some 25,000 hours in 62 different aircraft, including 35 different gliders. He was a pilot for United for 31 years. Prior to flying, he was a performing musician, music librarian for a local radio station and a Chicago policeman. Gene has been active in glider competition since 1970.

He has been a member of the Chicago Glider Club (CGC) and officer since 1969, flight instructor in power and gliders, since 1962. Developed a "Charity Ride" program for the CGC to promote community awareness of gliding and provide additional financing for a deserving local citizen. Assisted in

developing the Northern Illinois Soaring Contest, a competition for all competition oriented glider pilots.

Gene served as Soaring Society of America (SSA) State Governor for Illinois overseeing state soaring and gliding records and developing soaring sights throughout the state. Active life member and officer of the Soaring Society of America since 1969. In 1981 he co-founded the Soaring Safety Foundation (SSF) to oversee safety in gliding and soaring. He wrote articles for quarterly SSF publication for 10 years. Served as Chairman until 2004 representing the USA for the International Training and Safety Panel. SSF hosted the International group in the US in both 1983 and 2003.



Since 1981, he was Chief Flight Instructor and oversaw development and approval from FAA for SSF recognized clinic for Flight Instructors renewal as well as presenting safety seminars.

He served as Government Liaison Officer for SSA and rewrote Part 61 for glider certification and protection of air space. Also served on the SSA Executive Committee for 15 years and as President/Chairman of SSA for 3 years (1992-93). Served on board of US Soaring Museum, Elmira NY and for 25 years has spoken at sites around the state promoting safer operations.

Gene has been a member of EAA for 15 years and 9 years as volunteer at the EAA seaplane base, 29 year member of AOPA, 10 year member Seaplane Pilots Assoc. and 31 year member of Airline Pilots Assoc. and a Director of Chicago Flight Instructors Assoc. He is also a member of the local Moose and Elks, Morris Country Club, National QB, Civil War Preservation Trust, the Smithsonian Institute and American Air Museum. Gene has received many awards, too numerous to mention here. He was born January 6, 1935 in Macomb, Illinois and graduated from Macomb high school in 1952, Valparaiso Technical Institute in 1954 and after two years in the army attended University of Illinois for two years.

Gene is married (Mary Lou) for 50 years and they have two children, and 6 grandchildren.

<http://www.ilavhalloffame.org>
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/aero/PDF/ILaviation-2009-1Q.pdf>



First Flight of the Year
March 2009
Sky Soaring

Pilot's Ten Commandments

- I. Thou shalt abstain from the intersection takeoff for, verily, the runway behind thee, as the altitude above thee, cometh not to thine aid when thou needest them.
- II. Thou shalt not linger on active runways lest thou become like unto ground sirloin.
- III. Ignorest thou not thy checklists for many are the switches, handles, gauges and other demons awaiting to take cruel vengeance upon thee.
- IV. Thou shalt cast thine eyes to thy right and also to thy left as thou passeth through the firmament lest thy fellow pilots bring flowers to thy widow.
- V. Buzzeth not, for this shall surely incur the wrath of thy neighbors and the fury of the FAA shall be called down upon thy head.
- VI. Thou shalt be ever mindful of thy fuel lest there be nothing in thy tank to sustain thee upon the air and thy days be made short.
- VII. Trust not thine eyes to lead thee through the cloud lest the Archangel Gabriel await thee therein.
- VIII. Thou shalt not trespass into the thunderstorm lest the tempest rend the wings from thy chariot and cast thee naked into the firmament.
- IX. Put not thy trust in weather prophets, for when the truth is not in, then they shall not accompany thee among thy ancestors.
- X. Often shalt thou confirm thine airspeed on final lest the earth rise up and smite thee.

2009 NISC Fun Contest at Sky Soaring

Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-24, 2009

Hold those dates open and keep an eye out for upcoming news to join in on the fun.

The Glider Pilots Ground School

Comfort Inn O'Hare International
Chicago, IL Saturday April 18, 2009

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Chicago, IL Saturday April 18, 2009
Comfort Inn O'Hare International
2550 Landmeier Road
Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007364-6200
For Private, Commercial, and CFI Glider FAA exam preparation.

This seminar is for: Glider pilots seeking a new or upgraded FAA license in the next 2 years. Pilots wishing to refresh their knowledge skills (Just what is class E airspace anyway?) Brand new glider pilots-get a jump start on the information you'll need to know. Power pilots transitioning to gliders. Everything on the oral covered. Family members receive a discount, Juniors (under 18) are eligible for a \$70 scholarship.

Private pilot Glider- \$180, Commercial or CFI -\$200, all books included in price.

Private class 8AM-5:00 PM COM/CFI class 8AM-6:30PM

Glider Pilots Ground School, established in 1972, and presented for 25 years by Glider Hall of Fame recipient Edgar D. Seymour, has prepared more than 2500 glider pilots for the FAA Glider Knowledge exams. GPGS prepares pilots for the Private, Commercial, and CFI Knowledge and Oral exams in a one day, 8 hour seminar. Their new PowerPoint presentation makes learning fast and easy, and their students have an impressive pass rate for the written exams of better than 99%. The GPGS seminar includes all the information needed to pass the written exam presented in one day. A GPGS text book is included.

More than 2600 Glider pilots have taken this course and passed the written. You will be ready to take the FAA exam 24 hours after the course. Some pilots take it the next day. The course covers Federal Air Regulations - Aerodynamics and Glider Operations - Airman's Information Manual-Airport Directory - Instruments and Systems - Weather-Weather Services - Weight and Balance - Performance - Cross Country Flight Planning - Sectional Chart and Navigation -Radio Navigation - Aeromedical Factors- Decision making - Practice questions and correct responses- and much more. The GPGS books are available for pre-study and for those unable to attend class. They include all the information and all the FAA question banks tailored exclusively for Glider Pilots. The three separate books are available from GPGS at 1-877-FLY-GPGS, online at <http://gliderpilotsgroundschool.com> as well as from many FBO's and clubs. The course books are great for preparation for the FAA Oral exams, and GPGS carries many products of interest to glider pilots of all experience levels. See the GPGS web site for more information:

<http://www.gliderpilotsgroundschool.com>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ April 19 The Glider Pilots Ground School, Comfort Inn O'Hare International, Chicago, IL
- ❖ May 19-20 - 2009 Illinois Aviation Conference & Hall of Fame induction, Peoria, IL
- ❖ May 23-24 - NISC Fun Contest - Sky Soaring

AVIATION CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale: Two Variometers \$450. Like new Winter Mechanical Vario StV 5, Overhauled in 2002. Ball Model 500 Electric/Battery Vario. Contact Steve Wasilowski, steve_wazz@hotmail.com or 847-754-5095

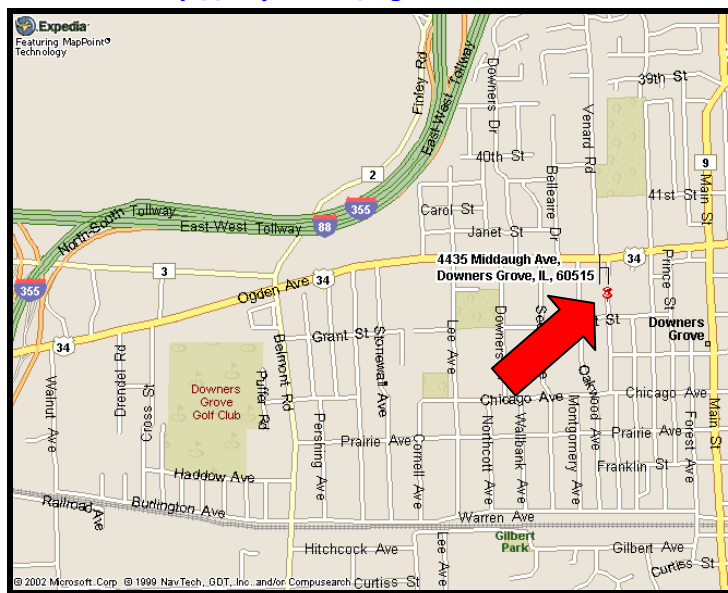
Anything to sell? Send an email to john@derosaweb.com.

Directions to the CLGC Meeting Hall

At Herrick Junior High School located at 4435 Middaugh Rd, Downers Grove, IL.

Detailed directions are available at;

<http://tinyurl.com/clgcdirections>



Winter is for working in the hangar, but spring is here so now let's SOAR!





**2009 ChicagoLand Glider Council
Membership/Renewal Application & Change of Information Form**

Membership Renewal Due Date: January 1, 2009

Please Mail Form and \$10 Check to:

**ChicagoLand Glider Council
6538 N. Nordica
Chicago, IL 60631**

Please remit \$10 via check or money order for annual dues - payable to "ChicagoLand Glider Council"

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address (**please print very clearly**) _____

Phone Number(s) Home _____ Work _____ Cellular _____

Primary Airport and/or Club where you fly _____

Pilot ratings that you hold (student, private, commercial, instructor, etc) _____

Type of Glider(s) that you own _____

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 Information