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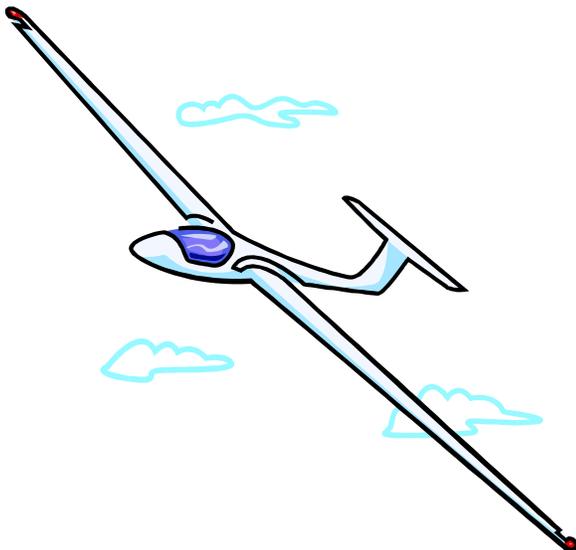
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December CLGC Meeting

"2009 Seniors Contest"

With Ron Ridenour
Don't Miss It!!



December 8, 2009
7:30PM - Herrick JHS

Ron Ridenour will speak about his recent attendance at the 2009 Seniors contest at Seminole-Lake Gliderport in Clermont, Florida.

CLGC Youth Grants 2010

Each year the CLGC awards at least one youth grant. Are you the lucky one this year? 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.

The requirements to apply for the 2010 grant are;

- Be a member in good standing of the ChicagoLand Glider Council as of January 1st, 2010.
- Be between the ages of 14 and 21 (inclusive) as of January 1st, 2010.
- Reside within 150 miles of Chicago.
- Did not receive the previous year's primary 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...."

You can download the CLGC Grant application form from <http://tinyurl.com/clcgrant2010> and on page 6 of this newsletter.

The application deadline is March 1st, 2010

A CHRISTMAS LESSON

By Bill Berle (with liberties)

*'Twas the night before Christmas - I knew there was wave
the glider was calling its financial slave
I tried to stay home, I tried to behave
but I saw a big lennie (the bottom's concave!)
So I dove for the car keys, avoiding a crash and a ding
'cause a fiberglass glider is better than anything*

*I sped through the night at a blistering speed
so the highway patrol could not take the lead
at six in the morning tow pilots were called
I begged and I pleaded "I need to be hauled!"*

*My Mini-Nimbus was airborne at quarter to seven
the rotor was rough, but I broke through to heaven
I breathed the elixir that hissed in my face
and started to ponder, alone up in space
My thoughts turned to summer, cross country and race
of riding the mountains at dangerous pace*

*In deepening thought I began to lament
that the champion racers have gifts heaven sent
They know how to thermal, when to stop and to go
they know where the lift is, they just simply know
That Striedieck must have extra sen'sry perception
with Moffat the master of blatant deception*

*I'd give up my car, take a bus to the field
if only it'd help get my canopy sealed
I'd hold up a market, a store or a bank
for an increase in size of my small ballast tanks
I'll say ten "Hail Marys" or 50 "St. Peters"
for an increase in span of a couple of meters*

*To know how to dolphin, and just how to sail her on
to handle the Sierra when you run out of aileron
Those wizards just sit back, enjoying the ride
when my shorts would change color, on a low final glide*

*At last I had landed, a little dismayed
'cause I can't change my ship 'till the bank is repayed
Then just as I thought I was finally licked
a voice said "Enough!" - and there was St. Nick
He said that he had a new glider for me
just over there, 'neath a joshua tree*

*My eyes looked at Santa - "Is it really for me?"
a brand new exquisite Schempp-Hirth Nimbus 3
'twas a special Klaus Holighaus racing edition
constructed and crafted for world competition
Computers and needles to talk to the wise
and negative flaps to prevent compromise
Outfitted, equipped to master the skies
and three ballast dump valves (for the spectators eyes)
This craft was the limit in speed and in style
it loses a foot - but it goes half a mile!*

*But just when I went to get in the machine
it's voice said "Get lost kid, you're still way to green!"
"You really don't know how to make fast decisions
and totally lack the required precision
"I'm not the right glider to teach you these skills
I don't like outlandings, especially on hills*

*"In a contest you'll never keep up with my pace
use your own Mini-Nimbus to learn how to race!"*

*The Nimbus and Santa climbed right out of sight
and I knew deep inside that the glider was right
In soaring it happens so often, my yearning
but despite my attempts I never stop learning
And after years of this training and I hope few bad incidents
I'll know of these mysteries, which I'll then call "experience"*

Soaring Mailing Lists

There are several good soaring mailing lists or newsletters that you might like to take advantage of.

Do you know of other soaring mail lists that others might find interesting? Please let the CLGC secretary know via email at john@deroaweb.com.

- **Soaring Society of America Mailing List**

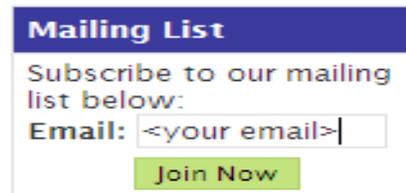
Go to <http://tinyurl.com/ssnewsletter> and fill out the form.

- **DG/LS Newsletter**

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/dgnewsletter> and fill out the form.

- **Tom Knauff Mailing List**

Go to <http://www.eglider.org> and enter your email address (lower right corner).



Mailing List
Subscribe to our mailing list below:
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- **Cumulus Soaring Newsletter**

Go to <http://cumulus-soaring.com/newsletters.htm>, click on "Sign-up Form" and then enter your email address.



Sign up for our Email Newsletter



Sky Soaring Disassembly Day – November 21, 2009

Soaring on ABC's Good Morning America

Ridge Soaring Gliderport (owner: Tom Knauff) hosted *Good Morning America* anchor Kate Snow for her first glider lesson. Preparation and set-up was last Tuesday, then Kate and the crew were on site all day Wednesday. As it turns out, Kate visited the gliderport some years ago before she was hired by ABC TV.

You can watch the video of the broadcast at:
<http://tinyurl.com/abcgldervideo>

Golf is Harder Than Flying a Glider

By Tom Knauff

Golf is harder than flying gliders.

Generally speaking, there is only three things to do when flying the glider.

On aero tow:

1. Keep the wings parallel to the tow plane's wings using the ailerons.
2. When you move the ailerons, move the rudder.
3. Keep the top of the rudder lined up with the tow plane's canopy (Pawnee.)

When landing:

At the I.P.:

1. Establish pattern airspeed.
2. Hand on dive brake.
3. Disregard altimeter.

On the Downwind leg:

1. Watch (maintain) airspeed.
2. Monitor variometer (2-4 Kts down)
3. Announce Points A & B.

The turn onto base and final:

1. Constant airspeed.
2. Straight yaw string!
3. Moderately steep bank angle.

On final:

1. Constant airspeed.
2. Control glide slope with dive brakes.

But...Hitting the golf ball:

- Feet aligned on line or slightly closed.
- Left toe slightly outward.
- Left hand – Pressure on 3 top fingers.

- No pressure (relaxed) index and thumb. Thumb right of grip.
- Back of hand between target and sky. (See logo on glove.)
- Right hand - Very relaxed grip. Thumb left of grip.
- Relax body
- Straight left arm throughout swing.
- Head up. Back straight.
- Eyes - Focus on point towards leading edge of ball.
- Mentally state goal of ball flight.
- Back swing - Move club head straight back (very slightly inside.)
- Keep right elbow close to body.
- Move left shoulder over/behind ball and under chin.
- Limit back swing.
- Shift weight to right foot. (OK if left heel lifts off the ground slightly.)
- Finish stroke with belt buckle facing target & weight on left foot.
- Hunt for ball under trees, tall grass and adjoining fairways.

Newsletter Contributions?

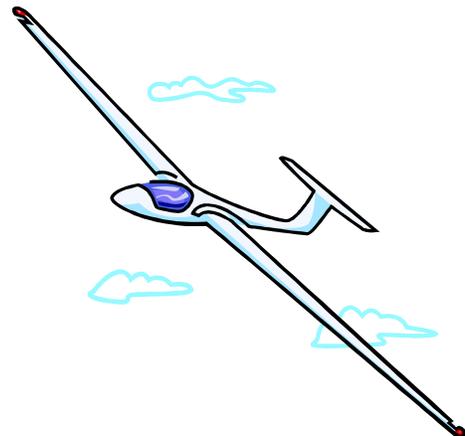
Pictures? Accomplishments? Suggestions? Articles? Speaker Topics? Please let us know! If you have anything that you would like to have included in future newsletters or meetings. **PLEASE** send them to JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM or call 847-844-8776.

Moved? New Email?

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AVIATION CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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



Upcoming Aviation Events

- ❖ Tue, Dec 8, 2009 – CLGC Meeting – “2009 Seniors” with Ron Ridenour
- ❖ Tue, Jan 12, 2010 – CLGC Meeting – “Preparing for the 2010 World Championships” with John Cochrane
- ❖ Jan 28 to Jan 30, 2010 – SSA Convention, Little Rock, AR
- ❖ Tue, Feb 9, 2010 – CLGC Meeting - TBD
- ❖ Tue, Mar 9, 2010 – CLGC Meeting - TBD
- ❖ Tue, Apr 13, 2010 – CLGC Meeting – “Flight Reviews” with Ron Ridenour

Quote of the Month

“Aviation in itself is not inherently dangerous. But to an even greater degree than the sea, it is terribly unforgiving of any carelessness, incapacity or neglect.”

- Captain A. G. Lamplugh

2010 Council Dues are Due!

Please send in your 2010 CLGC dues by January 1, 2010. The form is in this newsletter and also at <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com>.

NOTE that if you are a member of **Chicago Glider Council**, **Sky Soaring Glider Club** or **Windy City Soaring Association**, your CLGC dues are part of your club's dues.

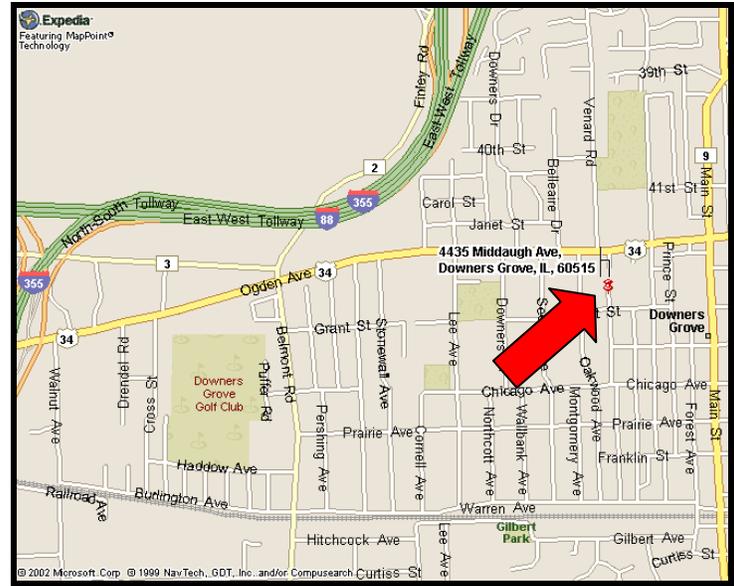
Thank You.

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>





**2010 ChicagoLand Glider Council
Membership/Renewal Application & Change of Information Form**

Membership Renewal Due Date: January 1, 2010

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



ChicagoLand Glider Council

2010 Soaring Youth Grant

The ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant program is hosted under the auspices of the membership of the council and is paid by their dues. A primary grant of **\$500** is awarded each year. Other secondary grant(s) may be awarded based on merit. This grant will be paid directly to the recipient's home soaring operation and placed "on account" for use by the recipient for their continuing soaring education.

Application Requirements: The applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a member in good standing of the ChicagoLand Glider Council as of January 1st, 2010 and,
- Be between the ages of 14 and 21 (inclusive) as of January 1st, 2010 and,
- Reside within 100 miles of Chicago and,
- Did not receive the previous year's \$500 grant (please apply for a secondary grant) and,
- Obtain a written recommendation from a Certified Flight Instructor Glider (CFIG) who is familiar with the applicant's qualifications and,
- Write an original essay of 500-1000 words on "What Soaring Means to Me...." and,
- Send all necessary documentation to the email address and surface mail address shown below **no later than midnight, March 1st, 2010.**

Applicant Information

Name _____

Current Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____

Address: _____

City/State & Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Soaring Location: _____

Submit this application and all required documentation to the ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant Committee via the email address listed below (required) or via the surface mail address below. The application and documentation must be received **no later than March 1st, 2010.**

The ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant Committee consists of the board of the ChicagoLand Glider Council. Decisions of the committee are final. Grantee(s) will be announced at the regular CLGC meeting during April.

Applications and other information is available at <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/grant>. Good luck!

Email to: john@derosaweb.com

Surface Mail to;

<p>ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant Committee c/o John DeRosa 35W529 Parsons Rd West Dundee, IL 60118</p>
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