



# *The Air Bubble*

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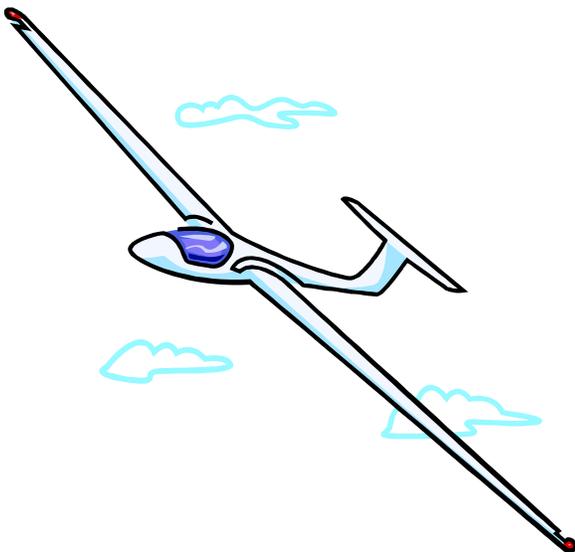
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## **March CLGC Meeting**

### *“Annual Inspections & Aircraft Maintenance”*

**Don't Miss It!!**

**Speaker: Paul Irvin**



March 10, 2009  
7:30PM - Herrick JHS

This is a talk about what we as pilots can do to make our annual go quick and painless. Preventative Vs. Preventable. Paul has a total of 33 years of aircraft maintenance experience, 23 years with American Airlines in the Maintenance and Engineering area teaching mechanics on systems, and is now a manager with responsibilities for both the hangar and terminal operations. He has held an A&P certificate since 1981, has been an IA since 2007, and has a private glider certificate.

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## **2009 CLGC Seminar**

### **Saturday, February 21, 2009**

The 2009 ChicagoLand Glider Council Spring Seminar was a great success. Thanks to the speakers and everyone else that helped.



A view of the beautiful ECC Seigle Auditorium, host to the 2009 CLGC Seminar



Scott Manley and Trace Lewis discussing soaring simulators with Neal Ridenour following their presentation at the 2009 CLGC Seminar

## 2009 NISC Fun Contest at Sky Soaring

Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-23-24, 2009

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

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### The Glider Pilots Ground School

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

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The Glider Pilots Ground School  
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>  
Dave Seymour, Evergreen, CO  
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## FAA Class B Airspace Expansion Plans CLGC Needs Your Comments!!

The FAA's plans to expand the Class B airspace is moving forward. Several informational meetings were held in February between the FAA and the public at Lewis University and Dupage Airport. The greatest proposed change is along the western border extending Class B airspace to the 30NM ring with a floor of 4,000 feet (two altitude) which will essentially prevent soaring operations along the north-south corridor. The CLGC is asking the FAA to raise the floor to at least 5,000 feet. The FAA is soliciting your comments. Please send your strong objections to this expansion no later than March 30<sup>th</sup> to;

**Anthony D. Roetzel**  
Manager, Operations Support Group  
Air Traffic Organization, Central Service Area  
Federal Aviation Administration  
2601 Meacham Blvd.  
Fort Worth, TX 76137

Or FAX your message to 817-321-7744

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## 2008 Kolstad Scholarship

Congratulations to Trace Lewis for being awarded the 2008 Kolstad Scholarship. The award is \$1,500 in the form of a check, co-written to the winner and an academic institution, to be sent directly to the school. The prize must be used for college-level education expenses: tuition, fees and/or books. Trace is a past recipient of the CLGC Youth Grant and flies out of Sylvania Soaring in Beloit, Wisconsin. Nice going Trace! See <http://www.coloradosoaring.org/ssa/ssay/kycs.htm> for more details on this scholarship.

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## SSA 2009 Contest Rules

The 2009 SSA Competition Rules have been posted on the SSA website.

Regards, Ken Sorenson  
SSA Contest Committee Chairman  
contests@ssa.org

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## Safety Issues Raised About Proposed Radio Tower

By Amanda Marrazzo | Special to the Chicago Tribune.  
February 26, 2009

McHenry County College would be site of world's tallest free-standing structure of its kind. Federal aviation officials have raised concerns about plans by a company that wants to build the world's tallest free-standing communications tower on the McHenry County College campus in Crystal Lake, a company owner said this week.

John Maguire, an owner of Oklahoma City-based BMB Communications Management LLC, said he has asked the college's board to delay consideration of the proposed tower deal until his team can resolve Federal Aviation Administration concerns. BMB Communications Management has offered to pay at least \$6 million to the college for 3.67 acres on which it would build a 1,500-foot-tall broadcast tower.

The proposed tower would be slightly taller than the 110-story Sears Tower, and Maguire said it would be the tallest self-supporting structure of its kind. Other types of communication towers are supported by guy wires, but using guy wires would require a larger parcel, Maguire said. The proposed tower would be used by four FM radio stations, Maguire said. The college would get another \$1 million in the deal, if the company were to find a fifth radio station.

The site was chosen because it would allow the four stations to reach about 3 million listeners in northern Illinois, Maguire said last week at a special meeting of the college board. He declined to name the radio stations. "[The tower] will bring millions of dollars to the community," Maguire said. "I am not going to sell the tower on that, but that is the fact." Approval by the college board is only one step in what likely would be a lengthy review. BMB Communications also would need approvals from the Crystal Lake City Council, the Federal Communications Commission and the FAA.

The FAA has raised concerns because the proposed tower would be in airspace that pilots at Lake in the Hills Airport use if they miss their approach to a landing and have to pull up and try again, Maguire said. He said he believes the airport could change its procedures and order pilots to circle in another direction. But he wants the college board to delay until next month a vote on the deal. College board members have asked about safety issues, including whether the tower would pose any danger if it were to topple.

"This is a profound choice for the college," Trustee Scott Summers said at last week's meeting. "Six million looks good on paper, but we just don't know if it's a good deal. This is the tallest tower of its type in the world."

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## Contributions Anyone?

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.

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## 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!!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Tue, Mar 10 CLGC Meeting – Irvin - Maintenance
  - ❖ Tue, Apr 7 CLGC Meeting - Molidor – Aerobatics
  - ❖ May 23-24-25 – NISC Fun Contest – Sky Soaring
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## 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.

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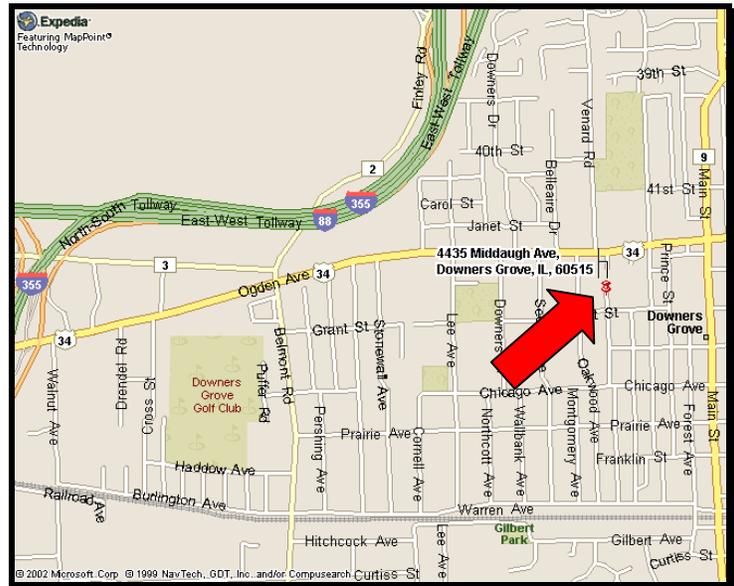
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## Directions to the CLGC Meeting Hall

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

Detailed directions are available at;

<http://tinyurl.com/clgcdirections>





**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