



# *The Air Bubble*

The Newsletter of The  
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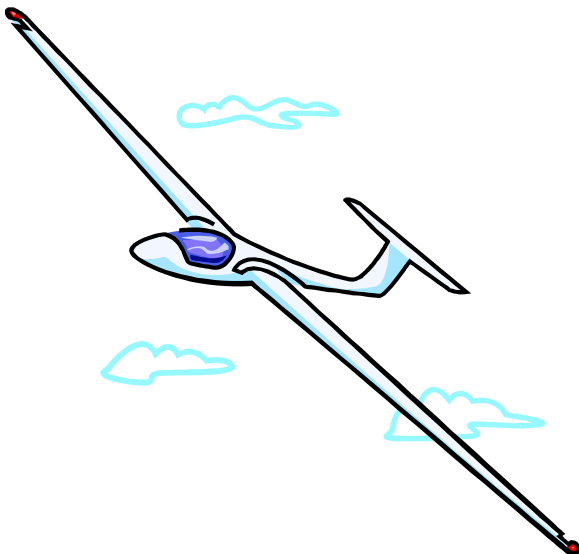
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## **March CLGC Meeting**

### *“Alpine Soaring the French Maritime Alps”*

**With Roderick Read**

**Don't Miss It!!**

Tue, March 9, 2010, 7:30PM - Herrick JHS



Roderick was born November 4, 1964 in Corpus Christi, Texas, to a Swiss mother and American father. He grew up at two main airports, Woodsboro, TX and Wurtsboro, NY as his father flew his Libelle H-301 from both airports. After many years of flying in the backseat of various gliders, Roderick began taking lessons when he was 12, and soloed a Schweizer 2-33 at 14, earning his license at 16. Roderick's flying career finally began in 1991, a few years after moving to Switzerland. He began flying competitively in 1997, winning a number of competitions. Roderick has flown extensively in the French Maritime Alps, the Swiss Alps, and Germany's Black Forest areas. He is a Swiss CFG and holds all possible glider ratings, including IFR, aerobatics, TMG, etc. Roderick was a member of the Swiss National Gliding Team and accumulated almost 3,000 hours during 20 years of flying in Europe, flying an LS-6, LS-8, Duo (club ships) and owns a Nimbus 4DM and a Libelle H-301. He's been a member of Chicago Glider Club since 2007.

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## **FAA Airman Paper Certificate Mandatory Replacement!!**

**ONE FINAL REMINDER!!** The FAA is requiring that all paper airman certificates be replaced with the new plastic taper-proof variety no later than March 31, 2010. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for mail processing and 7 to 10 days for online processing. There is a nominal charge of \$2 for the replacement. See this web site;

<http://tinyurl.com/faa-certificate-replacement>

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## CLGC Newsletter Archive Old CLGC Newsletters Needed!!

Did you know that there is an archive of CLGC newsletters dating back to 2001 on the CLGC web site? Take a look. <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/newsletter.htm>.

**Do you have any old CLGC newsletters?** We would love to scan them in for the archives. Contact John DeRosa at [john@derosaweb.com](mailto:john@derosaweb.com).

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## CLGC 2010 Youth Grant

Application for the 2010 CLGC Youth Grant is now closed as of March 1st. The Youth Grant committee received five applications this year, which is a record! Grant award announcements will be made at the April 13<sup>th</sup> CLGC meeting.

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## WPSA Soaring Quilt Raffle



The above picture shows the quilt that will be the Women Soaring Pilot Association's main fund raiser for 2010. This quilt (the first of two) made by Arleen Coleson, will be raffled off as the 2010 fundraiser. The dimensions are 50" by 80" and it can be either used as a wall hanging or to snuggle under it in

front of the TV. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Please make check out to the WSPA.

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## New Blanik! – The L44!



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## Surviving a Ramp Check For Glider Pilots By Burt Compton

Gliders don't require data plates but often your FAA Inspectors ramp checkin' doesn't know that. Probably better to produce the data plate exemption letter and move them along (Ed – see the February 2010 CLGC newsletter for details on this exemption).

The inspector also expects the manufacturer's Flight Manual in your glider, but it is not required by the regulations (in gliders). I keep a copy in there anyway -- just to move them along -- and gosh it IS useful information!

They will ask for your government issued photo ID, pilot certificate and medical. Keep these within reach -- that's the rule. Yes, medical -- I've met some FAA Inspectors (just a few) that believe a medical is required to be PIC in a glider.

What they may look for in a glider -- especially if not familiar with gliders -- is simply your AROW paperwork, the compass correction card, all placards or labels in place and readable, the TSO tags on your seatbelts, and the data plate or the SSA/FAA exemption.

If they've seen you assembling the glider they may want to know where the endorsement from a A&P mechanic is in your glider log. But gliders (and balloons) are exempted on the basis that rigging is an FAA required item in training for the pilot certificate or rating in category glider.

If you have a parachute inside the glider they may ask to see the rigger's repack card (now 180 days).

Goofy lookin' PDA mounts, oxygen tanks tied with old rubber bands and sloppy battery wiring may get their attention while strolling around the ramp. Canopy covers are a good thing.

If you have an Experimental glider they may be asking to see your FSDO paperwork. Best keep that up to date if needed as this is a hot point with FAA lately.

Don't argue that you don't need certain doc's unless you have all the reg's at your fingertips -- just cooperate to a certain extent, keep your paperwork current and move them along to the twin engine airplane over yonder on the ramp. Go into the FSDO on a rainy, overcast and cloudy day and educate them then on gliders, just not on a good soaring day.

99.4 % of the FAA Inspectors are good guys -- really. I've worked with many and never had a problem -- maybe 'cause I'm familiar with the reg's and over-prepared.

Oh, and if the Homeland Security / TSA guys come along and you are a Flight Instructor (glider only) you might want to have that TSA glider training exemption letter handy as well. Otherwise be prepared to prove you have taken your "Training Provider" Annual Recurrent Security Training Course, but that's for another thread.

Kinda makes your head spin, don't it?

Burt  
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## Upcoming Aviation Events

- ❖ Tue, Mar 9, 2010 – CLGC Meeting - “Soaring in Switzerland” with Roderick Read
- ❖ Sat, Mar 20, 2010 – Sky Soaring Safety Seminar
- ❖ Tue, Apr 13, 2010 – CLGC Meeting – “Flight Reviews” with Ron Ridenour

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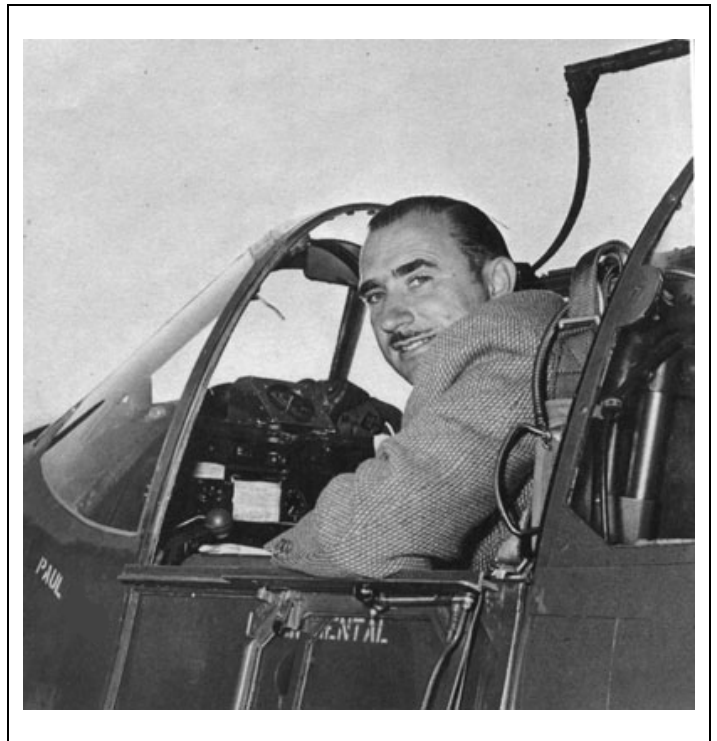
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## ~ Contest Time ~ Who is this Man?



**Hint:** Look for his name

**January Answer:** Orville and Wilbur Wright

**February Answer:** Charles Lindbergh

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## 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](mailto:JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM) or call 847-844-8776.

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## Directions to the CLGC Meeting Location

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

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