



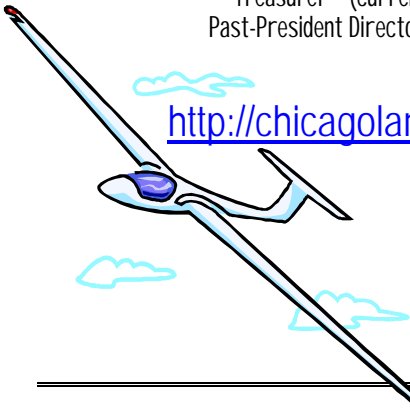
ChicagoLand Glider Council Newsletter

December, 2004

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December CLGC Meeting!

"Gliding Movie Night"

Don't Miss It!!

December 14th, 2004



Two great movies will be "screened". Portions of the "Red Line Sky" video will be shown along with "A Fine Week of Soaring" featuring Carl Streidieck soaring the ridge. Would you believe we even have a GLIDER cartoon to watch! Free Popcorn for everyone! The videos will be the night's door prizes!

January CLGC Meeting!

"One Hundred and Twelve Years of Gliding and Soaring in Chicagoland"

Don't Miss It!!

January 11th, 2004



A multimedia presentation of vintage photography and video footage showing how Chicago has been a center of soaring and glider activities, research and development stretching back to the dawn of flight. Presented by Simine Short who is an aviation historian and the Chair of the National Soaring Museum's "Landmark Program." She has written more than 100 papers on the history of motor-less flight, published in the United States and Europe. She is a collector of Glider related postage stamps. In her professional career, Simine is currently employed as an instrumental analytical chemist at the Materials Science Division/Intense Pulsed Neutron Source, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois.

What has the ChicagoLand Glider Council Done for You Lately?

By John DeRosa (john@derosaweb.com)
President, CLGC

As president of the CLGC it is personally very important to me that the council performs valuable and beneficial services for all of it's members. The board takes very seriously the trust that you place in us to spend the CLGC funds wisely to contribute to the CLGC goal of supporting the sport of soaring. So, what have we done for you lately and just what are your dues doing?

Speakers - Each month we work to bring an interesting speaker for you to hear. If you attended the November meeting you were treated to our out of town guest, Paul Remde, who gave a fascinating talk on soaring computers and instrumentation. Paul is a regular SSA convention speaker and the CLGC helped defray some of his travel expenses. We are working on bringing in other important speakers from outside the Chicagoland area.

CLGC Spring Soaring and Safety Seminar - This is going to be an exciting all day event (March 19th) which the CLGC is helping to underwrite. See details below.

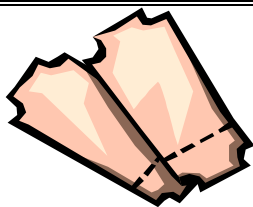
Youth Scholarships - CLGC is proud that we foster scholarships to our soaring youth. There is the Barna award which will be presented in 2005 and the two CLGC general youth scholarship which were \$500 and \$250 in 2004. There is no better way to support the future of Soaring. The application for 2005 scholarships will be in the January newsletter.

Other areas that your dues are doing their part - The SSA needs our help with their SSA Eagle and building funds and the board is reviewing a contribution plan. We pay Herrick Junior High School for the cost of the venue. There are the printing and postage costs of our newsletter and other mailers. In 2003 and again in 2004 the CLGC helped underwrite the Region 7 contest. Then there is the ever popular door prizes for each CLGC meeting.

The bottom line is that your dues are a critical element in soaring here in Chicago for the benefit of the entire CLGC membership. The CLGC board thanks YOU for your important contributions.

Door Prizes!

Remember - This month the grand prizes are two glider videos. Also SSA 2005 calendars will be raffled off. You've got to be there to win!



Trace Lewis



Congrats on your first solo
on your 14th birthday!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 14th Regular CLGC Meeting Movie Night!
(see details in this newsletter)
 - Jan 8-9 SSA/SSF Flight instructor Refresher Course,
Lombard, IL (see details in this newsletter)
 - Jan 11th Regular CLGC Meeting "One Hundred
and Twelve Years of Gliding and Soaring in
Chicagoland" (see details in this newsletter)
 - Feb 8th Regular CLGC meeting - TBA
 - Feb 9-13 Soaring Society of America Convention,
Ontario, CA
 - Feb/Apr MCC Glider Pilot Ground School (see details
in this newsletter)
 - **Mar 8th Regular CLGC Meeting CANCELED
see Mar 19th CLGC event**
 - Mar 19th CLGC Spring Soaring & Safety Seminar
All day long event!
 - Apr 19th Regular CLGC Meeting – "Glider Electronic
and Electrical Wiring Basics"
 - May 28/June 4 Region 7 Contest, Albert Lea, MN
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Another CFG is Born!

Logan Weck, CLGC's own secretary, is now a Certified Flight Instructor in Gliders. Add to that getting his Commercial Glider, Commercial Airplane, CFI, and his Instrument Airplane ratings, all in the last year, and he is really "Flying High". WOW! Congratulations Logan!

CLGC Needs a "Financier"

Have you ever balanced a check book? Do you know how to type? Then you are our man (or woman as the case may be)! The CLGC needs someone to help out on the books. The duties are light and the past Treasurer, John Harrison, is willing to help out in any way that he can in the transition. Duties include; maintain Council checking account, maintain savings account, direct investment strategy, receive dues and disburse payments for Council authorized business and maintain the membership list. Not too tough.



CLGC Spring Soaring & Safety Seminar

Saturday, March 19th, 2005. Mark that date!

This is going to be an exciting all day event which the CLGC is helping to underwrite to make it affordable for all members. Non-members will be welcome too for a slightly increased cost. There will be four speakers on soaring related topics and will be held at the beautiful Elgin Community College conference center (shown above). Dennis Wright (SSA Executive Director) has agreed to speak. Breakfast, lunch and breaks will be included. A separate dinner is in the plans also.

Glider Pilot Ground School



Pass this on to anyone you know who might want to become a glider pilot. Learn the fine points of gliding needed to complete the FAA glider pilot written exam. The class will discuss the theory of flight and weather, the FAA regulations and airspace, as well as considering the options for flight instruction in gliders. Must be at least 14 years and older. Class will meet on Thursday evenings, from Feb. 24 through April 14 at Sky Soaring Airport in Marengo. Cost is \$79. More info from McHenry County College - 815 455-3700.

THANKS for those Snacks!!

Does everyone know where the snacks come from for each CLGC meeting? Magic? Hardly. Chuck Spreitzer is the man of the hour that makes this happen. Chuck buys the items out of his own funds so everyone please chip in generously. Many thanks to Chuck from all the CLGC membership. He's a great volunteer.

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 that you would like to have included in future newsletters please send them to captainlogan_cal7576@yahoo.com. Also if you have any articles you would like to write that are soaring related, please send them as well. Any suggestions at all are very welcome!

Soaring Safety Foundation Chicago Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic

January 8-9, 2005
Lombard, IL

By Rich Carlson (rcarlson@internet2.edu)

The Soaring Safety Foundation (SSF), the training and safety arm of the SSA is chartered to improve the safety environment for all U.S. soaring pilots. To accomplish this task, the SSF gathers accident statistics, monitors soaring activity, publishes articles and videos on safe soaring practices, and hold safety and training seminars.

One of the major activities is the Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic (FIRC) program. This FAA approved course provides CFGI the opportunity to renew their flight instructor certificate in a highly interactive training environment. The mandatory 16 hours of classroom instruction cover all aspects of soaring and teaching in sailplanes. The course instructors are well known in the U.S. soaring community and bring a wealth of experience to the classroom.

The course contents are continually reviewed and revisions are made often to ensure that the present the most current thinking on how to teach safe soaring practices. The course is also structured to encourage an interaction between the instructors and participants. This isn't a boring 16 hour lecture, but an opportunity to discuss the issues and challenges that make instructing in gliders difficult. This format has proven to be very productive for all attendees.

The main purpose for the clinic is to promote soaring safety. A review of the U.S. soaring accidents shows that 70% of the accidents occur in the approach and landing phase of flight. This fact, and potential solutions, are woven into almost every talk, making this a coherent theme that runs through the course. If you are interested in reducing these accidents, then this clinic is a must attend for you.

While the clinic allows glider flight instructors to renew their certificates, you do not need to be a flight instructor to attend. You just need a strong interest in learning more about soaring and how you can become a safer pilot. The clinic will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday January 8 at the Embassy Suites hotel in Lombard. There is a \$125.00 charge for this clinic and refreshments are included during the morning and afternoon breaks. Reservations are taken on a first-come basis and seating is limited to 30, so make your reservation soon.

The clinic will be held at:

Embassy Suites Hotel Chicago
Lombard / Oak Brook
707 E. Butterfield Rd.
Lombard, IL 60148

To reserve your place in this clinic contact:

Pat Wager
Email: pwager@uic.edu
Phone: (630) 254-38703

URL: <http://www.soaringsafety.org/events/2005-schedule.html>

Directions to the CLGC Meeting Hall

at the Herrick Junior High School located in Downers Grove, IL.



Detailed directions are available at;

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

In Next Month's Newsletter:

- 2005 CLGC Youth Scholarship application
- Local club's totals of flights, badges, etc. We have information for Chicago Glider and Sky Soaring. What about your organization? Send in your numbers ASAP.
- More details on the CLGC Soaring & Safety Seminar

AVIATION CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Do you have something to buy, sell or trade? Free listings to all CLGC members. \$10 per listed item per month for non-members. Drop us a line at; captainlogan_cal7576@yahoo.com.

For Sale - ASW20 B in Outstanding condition, Hilton Cup winner. Hangar'ed at Windy City Soaring - Hinckley, IL. Contact Robert Rydin rbrydin@comcast.net or 630-513-5947 for more information.





2004/2005 ChicagoLand Glider Council Membership/Renewal Application & Change of Information Form

Mail to: John DeRosa, 35W529 Parsons Rd, West Dundee, IL 60118
Please remit \$10 for annual dues via check payable to "ChicagoLand Glider Council"

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address (please print very clearly) _____ Phone _____

Type of Glider(s) you own, if any _____

Primary Airport where you fly _____

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 I am able to receive the CLGC Newsletter via E-Mail

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From: Chicagoland Glider Council
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To:

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