



## Next CLGC Meeting

***"Parowan 2014"***

**Speaker: Herb Kilian**

**Don't Miss It!!**

Tuesday, December 10, 7:30PM  
Herrick Junior High School



**Synopsis:** Report of a perfect soaring vacation with the ASA (Auxiliary-powered Sailplane Association) in Parowan UT and thoughts on why we sometimes seem to get lucky. There will be some slides and videos from this OLC camp as well as discussions of specific flights and the major routes that are flown from this location. OLC - scored glider camps seem to get more numerous and attractive every year. This presentation is intended to help you having a great time. Herb Kilian learned to fly gliders on the Ith mountain in N. Germany in the 1980's and relocated with his family to Raleigh NC in 1987. Now flies with the Chicago Glider Club.

# ***The Air Bubble***

**The Newsletter of the  
Chicago Land Glider Council**  
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## **2015 CLGC Seminar!! MARK THAT DATE!!**

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

It is time once again for the 6th semi-annual Chicago Land Glider Council Midwest Soaring and Safety Seminar. You do not want to miss this event! A full day of soaring related talks (8AM-5PM) at the beautiful Elgin Community College business center auditorium including continental breakfast, lunch and snacks. Great speakers are being lined up for your enjoyment! Optional Dutch treat dinner following the seminar. The registration form is attached below to this newsletter. See the Chicago Land Glider Council seminar web site for complete details →

<http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/seminar>

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Elgin Community College Business Auditorium



## The Night Before Christmas (for Aviators)

(Author Unknown)

'Twas the night before Christmas, and out on the ramp,  
Not an airplane was stirring, not even a Champ.  
The aircraft were fastened to tie downs with care,  
In hopes that come morning, they all would be there.

The fuel trucks were nestled, all snug in their spots,  
With gusts from two-forty at 39 knots.  
I slumped at the fuel desk, now finally caught up,  
And settled down comfortably, resting my butt.

When the radio lit up with noise and with chatter,  
I turned up the scanner to see what was the matter.  
A voice clearly heard over static and snow,  
Called for clearance to land at the airport below.

He barked his transmission so lively and quick,  
I'd have sworn that the call sign he used was "St. Nick".  
I ran to the panel to turn up the lights,  
The better to welcome this magical flight.

He called his position, no room for denial,  
"St. Nicholas One, turnin' left onto final."  
And what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a Rutan-built sleigh, with eight Rotax Reindeer!

With vectors to final, down the glideslope he came,  
As he passed all fixes, he called them by name:  
"Now Ringo! Now Tolga! Now Trini and Bacun!  
On Comet! On Cupid!" What pills was he takin'?

While controllers were sittin', and scratchin' their head,  
They phoned to my office, and I heard it with dread,  
The message they left was both urgent and dour:  
"When Santa pulls in, have him please call the tower."

He landed like silk, with the sled runners sparking,  
Then I heard "Left at Charlie," and "Taxi to parking."

He slowed to a taxi, turned off of three-oh  
And stopped on the ramp with a "Ho, ho-ho-ho..."

He stepped out of the sleigh, but before he could talk,  
I ran out to meet him with my best set of chocks.  
His red helmet and goggles were covered with frost  
And his beard was all blackened from Reindeer exhaust.

His breath smelled like peppermint, gone slightly pale,  
And he puffed on a pipe, but he didn't inhale.  
His cheeks were all rosy and jiggled like jelly,  
His boots were as black as a cropduster's belly.

He was chubby and plump, in his suit of bright red,  
And he asked me to "fill it, with hundred low-lead."  
He came dashing in from the snow-covered pump,  
I knew he was anxious for drainin' the sump.

I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,  
And I filled up the sleigh, but I spilled like a jerk.  
He came out of the restroom, and sighed in relief,  
Then he picked up a phone for a Flight Service brief.

And I thought as he silently scribed in his log,  
These reindeer could land in an eighth-mile fog.  
He completed his pre-flight, from the front to the rear,  
Then he put on his headset, and I heard him yell, "Clear!"

And laying a finger on his push-to-talk,  
He called up the tower for clearance and squawk.  
"Take taxiway Charlie, the southbound direction,  
Turn right three-two-zero at pilot's discretion"

He sped down the runway, the best of the best,  
"Your traffic's a Grumman, inbound from the west."  
Then I heard him proclaim, as he climbed thru the night,  
"Merry Christmas to all! I have traffic in sight."



# Midwest OLC Camp Ionia Michigan May 24-30

Hi all, I just scheduled the first ever Midwest OLC "Championship" for Memorial Day week 2015 next spring. The official dates are 5-24 thru 5-30 (Sunday to Saturday over Memorial Day week). As you might expect, this will be very different from an typical SSA sanctioned contest with virtually no rules. There will be no tasks! The idea is simple: go fly as far as you can per OLC! Have fun. That's it! We will count the best 3 day scores for the week (OLC "points") in order to calculate the overall prize (top 15) along with daily prizes for the top 10 each day.

Dinners and social events each night with replays of the groups flights on OLC. Informal weather briefings each morning.

Please put it on your 2015 soaring calendar and please pass it along to anyone else who may be interested.

I will be updating the website [www.r6n.org](http://www.r6n.org), accordingly over the next few days. Link to the SSA event page: <http://www.ssa.org/Contests?cid=2317>

Thanks, Sean  
248.977.7911  
[smfidler@gmail.com](mailto:smfidler@gmail.com)

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## Cambridge GPS Problem

By Paul Remde – Cumulus Soaring

Unfortunately, there has been a rash of Cambridge Model 10/20/25 and 302/302A with a fault in which the units lose track of the date and do not record a flight log, or record a flight log with an incorrect date. The problem is related to the internal Garmin GPS engine's UTC date. This is a new issue, but there have already been many reported instances – especially from areas in which there are soaring flights this time of year. It is very likely that many 302 and GPS-NAV owners that have their gliders put away for the winter will, unfortunately, have the same issue during their first flight in the spring.

If you have the optional LCD display connected to your 302 or GPS-NAV flight recorder, you may be able to tell whether or not your unit is affected. Connect the GPS-NAV Model 20/25 to a GPS-NAV LCD

Navigation Display, or connect the 302 to a 303 LCD Navigation display and give the unit time to lock onto satellites before continuing. The GPS-NAV's LED will blink when it is locked onto satellites. The 302 will show 3 bars on the right side of the screen when it has a good lock on satellites. Then scroll to the UTC date/time screen. If your unit is working properly you will see the current date. If your units is not working properly you will find an erroneous date – such as 2005. In that case, the unit will need repair.

If your GPS-NAV or 302 does not have the optional LCD Navigation display, then the best way to determine whether your units is affected is to take a flight (or drive) and look at the date of the flight log that is generated. Make sure the unit has a good lock on satellites before takeoff. If the flight log's date is off, or no flight log is generated, then the unit will need repair.

The bad news is that the units will need to be sent in for repair. It is not possible to repair the unit in the field. This issue affects the GPS engine which is inside the logger, not the external GPS antenna.

The great news is that Gary Kammerer at ClearNav can fix them. The Garmin receiver has a 3v rechargeable battery under its cover. The issue is not related to the 3v logger security button battery. Gary can remove the Garmin's cover, replace the 3v rechargeable battery that is soldered to the Garmin circuit board put the unit back together and then send a couple of commands to the GPS which wake the Garmin back to reality. The new battery keeps it working properly after the repair procedure. Without the replacement battery the Garmin's memory cannot be kept "alive". Gary has performed this fix to dozens of 302 and GPS-NAV units he has received from all over. They have all been successfully repaired.

CNI Service Policy For Cambridge Equipment--  
<http://www.clearnav.net/main/cn-service.html>

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Gary's contact information:

Gary Kammerer  
ClearNav Instruments  
779 Rosedale Rd  
Kennett Square, PA 19348  
USA Phone: 610-388-0456  
Email: gary@clearnav.net

Please include a note explaining the reason you are sending the unit to Gary, and also include your contact information.

Gary and I hope this information will allow you to resolve this issue with your 302 or GPS-NAV before your next big soaring flight.

Best Regards,  
**Paul Remde Cumulus Soaring, Inc**

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## **Williams Soaring FLARMPortable Rental Program Ceasing in 2015**

By John DeRosa

Rumor has it that in 2015 Williams Soaring will cease their rental of FLARMPortable units in 2015. I haven't seen a confirmation of that on Rec.Avaiation.Soaring but was told this by a voice on the other end of the Williams Soaring phone line. Initially Williams began this program to jump start pilots getting used to flying with FLARM followed by buying their own unit. However, there were those that rented units over and over again rather than buy which wasn't the intent and made Williams rethink their game plan.

So if your 2015 and beyond plans are for going to an OLC camp or a contest which may well require FLARM (more so every year), then you may want to start shopping or ask for an early Christmas present!

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## **Glider Pilots Ground School Saturday, January 24, 2015**

The Glider Pilots Ground School is back on the road to Chicago For Private, Commercial, and CFI Glider FAA exam preparation.

Atlantic Aviation Conference Room  
Chicago Midway Airport (MDW)  
6150 South Laramie Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60638

Register with; Dave Seymour  
gpgsmail@gmail.com  
303-908-3147  
877-FLY-GPGS  
www.gliderpilotsgroundschool.com

Private pilot Glider- \$180, Commercial or CFI -\$200.  
All books and study material are included in the price.

Private class 8AM-4:30 PM, COM/CFI class 8AM-6PM

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 2600 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. You will be ready to take the FAA exam 24 hours after the course. Some pilots take it the next day.

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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 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.

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## Flight Instructor Refresher Course (FIRC) - Chicago January 24-25, 2015

<http://www.soaringsafety.org/events/firc.html>

The SSF provides US glider flight instructors the ability to renew their FAA flight instructor certificate in a class tailored to the need of glider pilots and students. One FIRC is held in concurrent with the bi-annual SSA soaring convention. This FIRC is held the Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the convention at the convention site.

Local Contact: Ron Ridenour  
ronsnimbus3@aol.com

Location: Schaumburg Airport  
905 W. Irving Park Rd  
Schaumburg, IL 60193  
847-923-3859  
Hotel information coming soon

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## 2015 CLGC Dues Are Due!

Please send in your ChicagoLand Glider Council dues no later than January 1, 2014. The dues are \$10 for the 2014 calendar year. Reminder that for the following clubs' members, your CLGC dues are included in your membership; Chicago Glider Club, Sky Soaring Glider Club and Windy City Soaring Association.

The 2014 membership renewal form can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please complete it and send your dues payment via check or money order to;

ChicagoLand Glider Council  
5115 Carpenter St.  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

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## Thank you for your support!

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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>

Complete details at can be found at  
<http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/grant>

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## Upcoming 2015 Aviation Events

- ❖ Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – CLGC Meeting [Kilian]
  - ❖ Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – CLGC Meeting
  - ❖ January 24/25 – Flight Instructors Refresher Course  
<http://www.soaringsafety.org/events/firc.html>
  - ❖ Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> - 8AM-5PM Seminar
  - ❖ Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – CLGC Meeting
  - ❖ Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – CLGC Meeting
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## Newsletter Contributions?

Pictures? Accomplishments?  
Suggestions? Articles?  
Speaker Topics? For Sale Items?

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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## 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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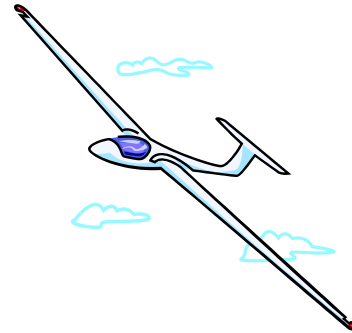
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## Moved? New Email?

Please let us know to keep our database up to date.  
Send an email to [JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM](mailto:JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM)  
or call 847-844-8776 Thanks!!

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**2015 ChicagoLand Glider Council  
Membership/Renewal Application & Change of Information Form**

Membership Renewal Due Date: January 1, 2015

Please mail this form with a check or money order for \$10  
made payable to "ChicagoLand Glider Council" to:

**ChicagoLand Glider Council  
5115 Carpenter St.  
Downers Grove, IL 60515**

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

## 2015 Mid-America Spring Soaring & Safety Seminar

### Registration Form

**Saturday, Feb 21<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - 8AM-5PM**

**Doors open 8AM – Breakfast, Lunch and Breaks provided!**

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE, Feb 7th, 2015**

Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL

For More Information: <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com>

For Questions: <mailto:john@derosaweb.com>

Please fill out the form below. One form per attendee. Registration deadline: Feb 7, 2015. Day of registrations: \$5 late fee.  
Please return the completed form, along with a check or money order (no cash please) for the correct amount, to;

ChicagoLand Glider Council Spring Seminar  
5115 Carpenter St.  
Downers Grove, IL 60515



### 2015 ChicagoLand Glider Council Spring Soaring & Safety Seminar Registration Form

Event Date: Saturday, February 21, 2015  
Pre-Registration Deadline: Saturday, February 7, 2015



*Please print or type very clearly*

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (PRINT!) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Glider(s) you own, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Airport/Club where you fly \_\_\_\_\_

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|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Fees</b> | <b>Seminar - ChicagoLand Glider Council members</b> .....  | <b>\$35</b> <input type="checkbox"/> |
|             | <small>Includes seminar, breakfast buffet, luncheon, break refreshments and all materials</small>  |                                      |
|             | <b>Seminar - Non-members</b> .....   | <b>\$45</b> <input type="checkbox"/> |
|             | <small>Includes seminar, breakfast buffet, luncheon, break refreshments, all materials and a one year membership in the ChicagoLand Glider Council</small> |                                      |
|             | <b>Late Fee</b> .....  | <b>\$5</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  |
|             | <small>Fee for day-of registrations after Feb 7, 2015</small>  |                                      |

**Total Amount Enclosed (check or money order only)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Yes, I would like to attend a “Dutch Treat” dinner Saturday Night at Jimmy’s Char House, Elgin, IL.**

\*NOTE: We regret that the ChicagoLand Glider Council cannot be held responsible for lost registrations, lost confirmations or illegible entries.