



# *The Air Bubble*

The Newsletter of the  
Chicagoland Glider Council

Est. January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1937

**- November 2014 -**

### **Board of Directors**

President - Herb Killian

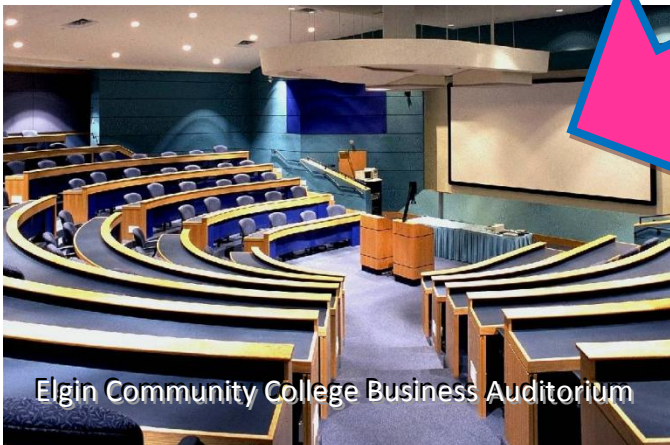
Vice-President - (currently vacant)

Treasurer - Jeffrey Mack

Secretary - John DeRosa

Newsletter Editor - John DeRosa

<http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com>



Elgin Community College Business Auditorium

## Next CLGC Meeting "300K Diamond Goal in Chicago!" Speaker: Logan Weck Don't Miss It!!

Tuesday, Nov 4, 7:30PM  
Herrick Junior High School

**Synopsis:** 300K Diamond Triangle - Yes, it is possible to fly this leg of the diamond badge here in Chicago! Logan will talk about the combination of events, tactics and preparation, which allowed him to accomplish this major goal. Logan Weck began taking lessons when he was 12, and soloed at 14, earning his private glider and power certificate at 16, then went on to add a Glider and power Flight Instructor rating, and now flies professionally for a major airline. Past recipient of the CLGC Youth Grant. He has been a member of Sky Soaring Glider Club since 1990.



---

---

## 2015 CLGC Seminar!! MARK THAT DATE!! Saturday, February 21, 2015

It is time once again for the 6th semi-annual Chicagoland 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 Chicagoland Glider Council seminar web site for complete details →

<http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/seminar>

---

---

# On Getting What You Deserve

by [Herbert Kilian - J7](#) • October 2, 2014

Superstitious and religious folks will often try and find a reason for things to happen the way they do. They insist that not only in the afterlife will your deeds be tallied up and judgment rendered, but also here on Earth can you count on some score-keeper in the sky to keep a close watch on your sorry ass and make sure your 'get what you deserve'. All kinds of folksy sayings pertain to this myth – and we use them without even thinking much about the fallacy of it all.

'Life just isn't fair', 'I had it coming', 'Serves you right', 'You're such a saint', 'Stay away from me, you are bad luck'... we've all heard them. When thinking about why on Earth I had the best of times at this year's Annual Soaring Camp of the ASA (Auxiliary-powered Sailplane Association) in Parowan UT, I was ready to fall into this trap. Hadn't I been leading a good life, always offering my fellow glider pilots to cut in line in front of me? Wasn't I always kind and considerate in communicating with the bullies, the know-nothings and other assorted freaks that make life fun? Answer: no and no, but I always try my best. So then, did I deserve to have this fantastic, flawless, makes-you-want-to-cry-for-joy glider vacation in Soaring Paradise? You betcha.



Randy Neilson in EH is ready for the Parowan magic

When considering the following description of events as I recall them, remember that my recollection is sometimes fuzzy and that I at other times exaggerate slightly. It all started with my OLC buddies Mike and Terry from Iowa encouraging me to join them this year for an 11 day soaring camp out West. Living near Chicago, I could meet up with them going down I-80 and it was implied that they look after me and give local advice regarding the Parowan Awesomeness. After 2 days of pretty hard driving, Mike and I checked into our condo in Parowan which had all the amenities of home – except Mike's bedroom was without AC, the poor devil. At 5,900' MSL Parowan nights are fortunately quite cool even in Summer. As compensation for the hardship, I agreed to make the full breakfast each morning that Mike was used to, including Starbucks coffee. Parowan has a couple of motels and restaurants, if you prefer.

The Parowan FBO is run by Dave and another employee and they are full-service, let me tell you. From oxygen and ballast water to refreshments to an RV and camping area to a bathhouse and a huge tarmac that was easily holding all of our motorgliders and 6-8 pure sailplanes tied out – what an infrastructure! The motorized glider drivers had enough space to taxi from their tie-downs to the runway without tangling with other AC. Operations started casually around 11 in the morning with the first cloud markers appearing over the mountains. By 12:30 most of us were in the air and what a spectacular air mass we had for the entire camp! I flew 9 out of the 11 days and spent 52 hours in the glider covering over 3,600 mi. On the rest days Mike, Terry and I explored the wonderful canyon-lands a couple of miles away. There's Cedar Breaks right up the mountain from Parowan, Bryce and Zion Canyon a little further out and of course the Grand Canyon some 95 mi away. We only had time to hike Cedar and Bryce, then it was back to the flying business.

If you care to look through the OLC results from June 19-29, you will find that Parowan dominated the world-wide postings for the entire time. Many of us flew every day until 7-8 PM with some die-hards staying up until 8:30 PM. Most of the days it was so good, a cave-man could have flown to Nephi UT (near Provo)... and back. My best day yielded 550 mi but there were many longer flights.



The top OLC scorers among the Motorglider pilots: l to r: Mike McGlothlen, Rolf Siebert and Russ Owens. On right Stephen Dee, President of the ASA.

Let me tell you about a fellow German who showed up with an old LS 6 with winglets. Probably the youngest chap at the camp, he used to be a 'Sport Soldier' in Germany (program was discontinued). This basically meant that exceptional glider pilots could go flying after going through basic training with some expenses paid, a salary and of course a competitive glider provided to them (5 pilots shared one glider). No wonder the German Army and Air Force are feared no more. Ambitions of World Domination, fugetaboutit – a good thing. This young man called Thorsten (the h is silent, do NOT pronounce his name like Throckmorton!) is what we call back home an Überflieger, someone far removed from us regular mortals. For 4 blessed days in a row Thorsten posted an average of over 1,000 km on OLC, the shortest flight just

below that mark, the longest around 1,250 km. His turn points included Ely NV, Page AR and Heber City UT. Just like the rest of the group, Thorsten freely shared his substantial insights into the local flying conditions and routes, having attended the camp multiple times.



Streeting allows another fast flight

There were two Canadians present, Randy from Toronto and Jean from Montreal who also resides in Mexico. Randy's shtick was an irritation with what he – politically incorrectly – calls Girlywings, the 18 m extensions that most of us were flying with. Can't fly without them Girlywings, eh Herb? was his daily comment. I had to switch to the 15 m version on my LS 8 to show him that I can beat him in his LS 6 either way, but he wouldn't shut up. The friendly banter continued throughout the meet. His call sign of EH gave me an idea: I told him that he was not able to form a sentence without mentioning it. His answer: You're pulling my leg, eh?

My new friend Mike from Iowa flies an immaculate DG 400 that he drives over absolutely amazing distances. Late in the evening after most everyone has landed, Mike is still out there making miles and finding lift; where, nobody knows. He earned his nick-name Iron (Butt) Mike every day. If you call him that, remember, the butt is silent – no pun intended.



Over Castle Dale UT approaching the Huntington turnpoint, at 17k

Imagine landing after a full day of flying between 15 and 18 k altitude and coming down very pleased with yourself around 7 PM. You tie down the glider, stroll over to the bath house to clean up and walk into the ASA-rented hangar. There, a full catered meal cooked or barbequed by fine local chefs waits for you, complete with refreshments and desert – all for \$10 to \$15. That routine was kept up throughout the camp, every night! This was one well organized and fun event, my hat comes off to the Board of Directors and the many volunteers of the ASA for pulling this off.

Towing services for us non-self-launchers were provided by John, one of the local heroes of Parowan. Having sold his own towplane, he kindly rented a Cessna 172 for the meet and installed a tow hook. His expertise and local knowledge together with good early conditions every day meant that there was not one relight during the entire camp, thanks John! Except for some virga at altitude, not a drop of rain was seen during our time at Parowan – and that includes for Mike and for me the entire trip out and back.



Return to Parowan from the South, seen from ca. 9,000'

Well, did I really deserve this absolutely perfect vacation experience? Of course not, there is nobody watching or doling out rewards and punishment. It all comes down to what few people know is actually Newton's Fourth Law: You Have To Show Up. If you're not taking your chances, if you don't take that tow or make that trip, you'll never know how good or bad it's going to be. So go and make that trip – to Parowan!

Herb Kilian, J7

Bio:

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 living in Downers Grove IL near Chicago, he flies with the Chicago Glider Club and competes in Regional contest, on the OLC and a local season-long N. Illinois contest that John Cochrane has been running for some time. He is the current president of the Chicagoland Glider Council, an organization that promotes and educates on the sport of soaring with all 3 Chicagoland glider clubs as members but open to anyone interested.

---

---

## 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

---

---

## Thank you for your support!

---

---

### 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>

---

---

### Upcoming 2015 Aviation Events

- ❖ Tuesday, November 4th - Chicago 300K in a PW-5 [Weck]
- ❖ Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – CLGC Meeting
- ❖ Tuesday, January 13th – CLGC Meeting
- ❖ January 24/25 – Flight Instructors Refresher Course  
<http://www.soaringsafety.org/events/firc.html>
- ❖ Saturday, February 21st - 8AM-5PM Seminar
- ❖ Tuesday, March 10th – CLGC Meeting
- ❖ Tuesday, April 14th – CLGC Meeting

---

---

## 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.

---

---

## 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>.

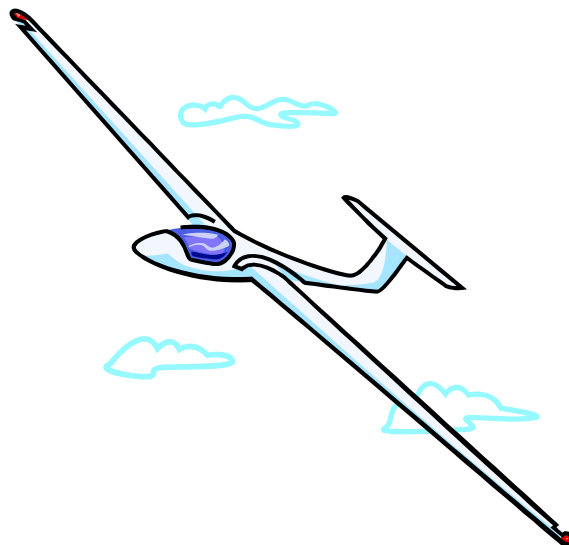
Do you have any old CLGC newsletters? We would love to scan them in for the archives. Contact John DeRosa at [john@derosaweb.com](mailto:john@derosaweb.com).

---

---

## 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!!





**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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.