

ChicagoLand Glider Council

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Next (and last) CLGC Meeting—Tuesday April 9 (Next Week!)

The last CLGC meeting of the 2001/2002 “off season” will be held next Tuesday at Her-rick Jr. high School. The primary meeting speaker and topic will be “Master Rigger Julian Morgan: Emergency Chute Use, Care & Inspection”

Please note—CLGC Members may bring their chutes to the meeting for Julian to take back to his loft for inspection and repack.

Two new officers to be elected to CLGC Board.

The April meeting will serve as the forum to elect two individuals to the positions of Vice President and Treasurer.

Nominees for the positions are John DeRosa (Vice President) and John Harrison (Treasurer). John DeRosa is a member of Sky Soaring, and John Harrison belongs to Chicago Glider Club. Bios of each follow.



John DeRosa

I am new to the sport of soaring having begun to fly in the spring of 2000 after showing up unannounced at the Sky Soaring field in Hampshire, IL. Soaring fell into the category of something I needed to do before I died and, now that the kids are engrossed in college life, I found that I had the time. Little did I know that the pureness of the sport and the camaraderie of the SSI club members would be so appealing.

After two seasons of flying I have 100+ flights in five different ships (in four states) and, by God, I will find the time this year to take the practical test and get my private license. I have dreams of buying into my first ship during this season.

Outside the world of flying, my work background is in Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Information tech-

nology. I work for Motorola in Schaumburg, IL for the Corporate offices. I have two children; my son who is about to graduate in Graphic Design from University of Illinois and my daughter who will be attending Millikin University in Decatur this fall to study Computer Science.

I am excited to be joining the CLGC, a group of soaring enthusiasts that stretches back an incredible 65 years. I wonder about what a third season new pilot will have to bring to this club. Maybe a view from the beginner's side of the sport. Maybe a little expertise in technology. Time will tell.

John Harrison

I taught high school science for 33 years before retiring last June. I feel like I won the lottery being able to retire at age 55. I have two sons. Matt graduated from Mar-



quette in 1998 with a major in Communications. Mark is a junior at Northern Illinois University majoring in theater arts.

I got my power license in August of 1989 from A&M Aviation at Clow. It was a thrill but I have known since I was a child that I wanted to fly with the freedom of a bird. I obtained my glider rating at Hinckley under the tutelage of Ron Martelet in 1991. By the spring of 1992 I had joined the Chicago Glider Club. I have experienced flying eleven different gliders for a total of about 250 hours. In 1993 I purchased a partially completed HP18 kit that I thought I would finish in one summer. (Anyone want to buy a nearly completed HP18?) I purchased a DG-101 a year ago last fall and started cross country attempts last summer. I have a lot to learn but there is a wealth of experience and helpful advice at my club. I am sure that I am not alone in being eager to get the season started.

Being asked to replace Ray Konrath as treasurer is a little daunting. He has done an excellent job for a long time. I wouldn't even consider this job if Ray hadn't reassured me that he would be there to help me get it right. I will do my best to work up to the standards that Ray has set.

John Harrison

Herrick Jr. High 4435 Middaugh
From Ogden Ave (Rt 34).... Turn south on Saratoga, right
on Grant, right on Middaugh



1937 Richardson Golden Eagle—photo by Y. Yama

The Daring Glider Pilot

by Frances Mytton

Up on a thermal, and on with the breeze
Over the mountains, the cities, and trees
Gliding so smoothly, as calm as you please
He sails with remarkable ease.

Oh, he knows all the tricks, and the currents of air
And the right way to soar and to sail
In his glider he travels about everywhere
With a thirty mile wind on his tail.

FIRST CHORUS (Up on a thermal, etc.)

He'll never be earth bound as long as he lives
For he is the King of the Air
He loves to ascend for the thrill that it gives
Be it sunny, or cloudy, or fair.

SECOND CHORUS

Only the song of the wind in his ears
Gaily he sings as the heavens he nears
He shall grow younger along with the years
For him there shall never be fears.
He is blazing a trail for the whole world to see
That we may be safe in the air
He's the man of the hour, a leader is he
His name shall be heard everywhere.

THIRD CHORUS

Daring young glider, our hat's off to you
With flying colors we know you'll come thru
Here's to your future, your purpose so true
Sail On as we bid you adieu.

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