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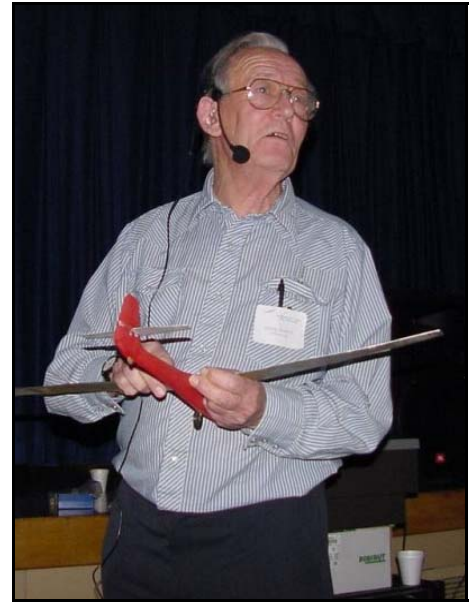
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Winter Soaring Seminar 2002

The opportunities to have a renowned soaring expert such as Derek Piggott speak at a local safety seminar are rare. Two years ago the Council tried it but a vicious winter storm managed to change our plans. This year we were able to have Derek stop here before making his way home to London after the SSA Convention. He bracketed the Saturday speaker schedule with a soaring safety presentation first thing in the morning and a regale of his movie flying experiences later in the afternoon. It was a rare treat to share his experiences at all levels of our sport. Watching movies in which he flew and his recounting how they were actually made changes the way you view those movies.



Jim Short and Tim Gossfeld followed Piggott's morning session with an update of the aviation security situation now that some time has passed since the September 11th terrorist attacks. While many of us feel that the FAA has been unfair to general aviation with restrictions and their timing, Jim reminded us that we now have an additional agency to deal with that is concerned with national security. Educating this new agency so they understand our role in aviation has been important to maintaining our flying privileges. Besides coffee being available all day an excellent lunch was catered by Berto's Deli consist-

ing of three types of sub sandwiches, lettuce salad, fruit salad, Italian cookies, soda, chocolate sheet cake (thanks to my wife), and pretzels to munch on in the afternoon. During the lunch we were fortunate to see an impromptu slide show on the six-year restoration of the Pfenninger Elfe PM-3 by Graham McLean of Cheshire, UK. We tend to think that L/Ds of 40+ to 1 are recent but here was a wooden ship from 1951 that was 43/1!

After lunch Curt Lewis presented his thoughts on introducing cross-country glider flying. Curt recently got his CFG and brings a new and humorous approach to an age-old problem; how to get glider pilots to leave the security of the home field. Everyone in the audience has been or is at that point as evidenced by the comments as Curt made his points. John Cochrane also presented, for him, a new program. We have all read his articles in SOARING regarding how and where to fly fast cross-country

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speeds. But this time his emphasis was on final glides and low energy situations, high stress and our reaction to it, and conscious and unconscious control inputs in flying situations. John reviewed contest-related accidents and the events that produced them to support his feeling that we need to understand how and why we make our flying decisions.

Every one of these speakers had relevant and interesting things to say. I cannot recall a seminar I have attended where the speakers and their subject matter have held the audience so tightly. The day was full for the 92 registered attendees. Sky Soaring used this day as their annual safety meeting so they were there in force at 28 members. A gaggle of 24 pilots represented Hinckley. Eleven members of the Wisconsin Soaring Society managed to find the school auditorium, which speaks well for their cross-country skills. Park Forest South Aviation Group had four members present, Chicago Glider members numbered around ten, Hartford Wisconsin five, Illini Glider Club one, Caesar Creek Soaring Club one, and the remaining attendees were unaffiliated. Fi-

nally, its new owner, Steve Stauber, and two of that sites' regulars represented Sylvania Soaring Adventures. I think all would concur that our \$25 day gave everyone a huge bang for their buck.

Afterwards, twenty-four attendees who didn't want the day to end, continued on to a private room at the Downers Grove Founders Hill Mini-Brewery where they enjoyed dinner, drinks, and more stories with the irrepressible Derek. Congratulations go to John Phelan who did a masterful job organizing the day along with the best audio/visual equipment one can imagine, Steve Wasilowski for finding the largest breakfast, calorie laden muffins we have ever seen (plus a dozen other important things), Agass Baumgartner for helping with the morning registration crunch, and Jim Short whose idea sparked this seminar and who graciously shared his home with our guest speaker.

Ray Konrath - Treasurer and Registration

2003 Region 7 Soaring Contest Call for Contest Organization Committee

The Chicagoland Glider Council is scheduled to sponsor the region 7 soaring contest in 2003. In order to plan for this event, the council has put together a contest organizing committee. Council members who wish to participate in this committee should contact Rich Carlson (630) 971-8736 or RACarlson@anl.gov for details.

The SSA regional contests are designed to bring new pilots into the contest arena. Contests run for 5 to 7 days with 1 to 2 practice days preceding the start of the contest. A contest's success is measured by several factors. These include 1) the weather. Having good weather that challenges the pilots skills is always a plus; 2) the organization. Having a strong organization means that few, if any, problems impact the contestants or their crews; and 3) the social events. Having something for the crews and support staff to do is what makes contests memorable.

To make this contest a success CLGC will need to find people willing to fill the following positions.

- **Contest Manager:** The contest manager is in overall charge of the contest. They are responsible for ensuring that the contest site is usable and that day-to-day operational problems are

dealt with. The contest manager does not need to have any flying experience.

- **Social Director:** The social director's task is to organize the non-flying activities to keep the crews and support staff happy. These non-flying activities can include BBQ cook-outs, pot-luck dinners, or group outings to movies on rain days. The social director does not need to have any flying experience.
- **Banquet Coordinator:** One of the typical contest social events is an evening Banquet to allow folks to catch up with each other. The banquet coordinator's task is to manage this important event. The banquet coordinator does not need to have any flying experience.
- **Community Liaison:** With pilots and crews coming from around the region 7 area, there is a great need for motel's, dinning, laundry services, and other non-flying support services. The community liaison's task is to survey the local contest area and to highlight the gems. The community liaison does not need to have any flying experience.
- **Scorer:** The scorer's task is to operate the scoring computer program. The use of GPS flight recorders and computerized scoring programs have greatly simplified this task. The scorer does not need to have any flying experience.

- **Weatherman:** The weatherman is responsible for gathering the days soaring forecast and presenting this information at the daily pilots meeting. This task has been greatly simplified due to the abundance of data available on the Internet and from FSS. The weatherman does not need to have any flying experience.
- **Competition Director:** The competition director is responsible for evaluating the days soaring conditions and assigning the flying task to each competition class. The competition director works with a small committee of pilots who are flying in the contest to make the final task selection. The competition director must be an experienced X-C pilot, who is not allowed to fly in the contest.
- **Chief Operations Officer:** The chief operations offi-

cer is responsible for the flight operations during launch. They ensure that glider pilots, tow pilots, and wing runners operate in a safe manner. The operations office should be a pilot and must be familiar with soaring ground operations.

As you can see, a regional contest needs many more non-pilots than pilots to fill these critical positions. This is the first in a series of articles that the council will be publishing about the upcoming region 7 contest. Future articles will cover other topics including the benefits this contest will provide to the council and the sport of soaring. If you would like more details, or you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, then contact Rich Carlson as described above.

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Subject: News from Silvercreek Glider Club

Mark your calendars!

SGC and SLSA will be hosting a Cross-Country Weekend on Friday June 7th, Saturday June 8th and Sunday June 9th. Things will be slightly less formal than last year's Camp. We intend to spend most of the time flying. A couple of experienced contest pilots will lead a discussion each morning on different topics, to be announced. We will have BBQs and social activities, just like last year.

Last year's Camp gave our novice pilots a chance to catch the "cross-country bug." It gave our student pilots a chance to learn and hear fascinating stories from the "pros." It gave SGC and SLSA folks a chance to work together, to meet other pilots and to make new friends. Our friends from Indy and Minnesota enjoyed our facilities and hospitality. Everyone had a great time and we had requests for another Cross-Country event in 2002!

This year's event is being organized/coordinated by Keith Mary (kmary55@hotmail.com). You can also send an e-mail to info@silvercreekgliderclub.com or simply reply to this e-mail.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, suggestions, etc. Please go to www.silvercreekgliderclub.com and visit our link to the XC page. We will update it regularly as more information becomes available. We will send another e-mail in a few days outlining the duties/jobs available.

Thanks!

Comrades to the South to hold Cross Country Camp! CLCG members have graciously been invited to participate. Be advised—"seats" are limited. Early registration is encouraged !



Region 7 South Cross-Country Weekend

June 7-9, 2002

- Object:** To give participants with little or no cross-country experience the chance to fly with experienced contest pilots on a daily task to develop and sharpen their cross-country soaring skills.
- Date:** Friday June 7 thru Sunday June 9, 2002, starting at 9:00 am each day.
- Place:** Silvercreek Glider Port, New Douglas, Illinois. (approx 40 minutes N.E. of St. Louis MO.) [Waypoint Database](#)
- Sponsors:** Silvercreek Glider Club & St. Louis Soaring Association
- Qualifications:** Private Glider Rating, 20+ Hrs Solo Time, Bronze badge skills, Radio equipped glider w/trailer, Proof of liability insurance, Current St. Louis Sectional.
- Costs:** \$25 per person, + \$25 per Aero Tow.
On site camping is available @ \$5 per day. (Hot showers available)
- Other details:** The terrain is very hospitable for first time cross-country pilots. If Mother Nature does not cooperate with soarable weather on any day, we plan to make winch towing available to those who would like the opportunity. Evening BBQs and socials are also planned.

Please complete the [REGISTRATION FORM](#) and mail it in, to reserve your place.
Registration due by 1 May 2002

Mark your Calendar

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at Herrick Jr. High School, Downers Grove, IL. The meeting schedule is:

March 12 April 9

CLGC 2001-02 Meeting Calendar						
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Join us at Herrick Jr. High School for our March (12th) meeting. Our primary speaker will be Pat Knight — on the subject of Motor Gliders — and specifically her experience flying the KatanaExtreme (pictured below)!

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When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.

Leonardo da Vinci

