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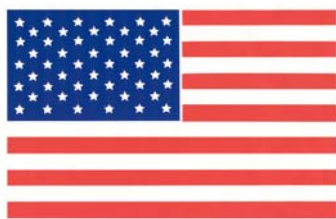
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God Bless America

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Happy Thanksgiving

First Meeting— Tuesday November 19th!

This season's CLGC Meeting schedule deviates from the normal "2nd Tuesday of each month" rule of thumb due to schedule conflicts with Herrick Jr. High—several meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday. The CLGC2002/2003 meeting schedule is on page 4—please mark these dates on your calendar.

Thanks to Ray Konrath for securing our arrangements once again!

Topics for November 19 Meeting

John Cochran and Neal Ridenour will review the 2002 NISC (Northern Illinois Soaring Championships) and.....

Sky Soaring's own Larry Case will share with us the success of the club's CAP program.

CLGC On-Line

CLGC President Curt Lewis has undertaken the design and deployment of a new website for CLGC—expected to be found at :
www.chicagolandglidercouncil.com

The go live date for the new website is anticipated to be December 1, 2002.



Save a Stamp Are you "e-enabled?"

The CLGC board is undertaking an imitative to make the monthly newsletter available via the internet for those members who are appropriately "wired".

While the production and printing of this newsletter is done on a volunteer basis, the cost of materials is significant—with the largest expense being that of postage.

On the dues portion of the this newsletter you will find a box to be checked if you are able and willing to receive you monthly newsletter electronically. While the delivery mechanism and target "go live" date is yet to be finalized—you will be notified either by e-mail or by this publication how and when this option will be enabled.

The council wants to assure all members that we will continue to print and mail this newsletter indefinitely—we have no expectation of going "paperless" in the foreseeable future.

Member organizations offer reports on the 2002 soaring season

2002 Sky Soaring Season Report

Sky Soaring Inc (SSI) had a busy flying year with over 1,200 flights to date. Our flying season always begins on January 1st for the annual "First Flight of the Year and Chili Contest." The main season got "off the ground" in late March with the assembly of the club ships. Over the winter quite a bit of repair work had been performed on several of the club ships, with recovering work and other repairs including the return of the club's L13 to operation after a year long hiatus for a major overhaul.

During the season Sky Soaring gained about 10 new members (and some new private ships!) along with the greatly increased activity of the Illinois Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). A CAP 2-33 and L-23 Super Blanik are based at Sky Soaring and several hundred orientation flights were given. Many members of SSI joined CAP including several of our flight instructors. They gave 100's of orientation flights and instruction to the CAP cadets and enjoy the benefits of having the CAP ships on the field. There have been 3 first solos along with 2 private ratings given to CAP cadets. Additionally one SSI member attained his private rating and a new CFIG rating was given.



During the Memorial Day weekend, Sky Soaring and the Vintage Aero Association held their second bi-annual ride sharing and cookout party. This fun event hosted 100+ flyers and family members along with a host of vintage airplanes including a squadron of Stearmans. Pictures of this event can be found at <http://skysoaring.com/gallery/2002memorialday>.



During the winter months Sky Soaring was contacted by WTTW, the Chicago PBS TV station, about the possibility of filming a segment for "Wild Chicago". On July 7th, a VERY hot day, a crew of 3 (host, cameraman and producer) showed up and spent 8 hours shooting from the club's L23 and the "Bird Dog" tow plane, a member's Super Cub chase plane along with interviewing SSI members, family and bystanders. The segment should air in early 2003 and again in the spring. We will try to get the word out to the council when we know more. Pictures of this event can be found at <http://skysoaring.com/gallery/wttwchicago>.

Miscellaneous

- * A Safety Committee is now in place and is providing reports in the newsletter and at the monthly meetings. The committee will also be organizing the spring safety meeting and doing a self evaluation based on Soaring Safety Foundation's checklist.
- * Sky Soaring hosted an uncomplicated little handicapped soaring contest for Sky Soaring members with best times posted each month.
- * There was one major accident this year resulting in a totaled glider and an injured pilot. Fortunately the pilot is recovering nicely and is back flying again.
- * Sky Soaring is planning our annual Christmas party for December 15th.
- * Steve Wasilowski (WAZ), a former club president and past Illinois SSA governor, was elected as the SSA Region 7 Director.

Finally, and sadly, three members of Sky Soaring were lost to us in 2002. Marianne Niebur, Joe Sedy and Tony Brey entered their Final Glide and will be missed by the soaring community.

Information about Sky Soaring Inc can be found at <http://skysoaring.com>, by sending email to info@skysoaring.com,

or by calling 847-683-SOAR. Information compiled and submitted by John DeRosa. Many thanks to; Skip Atwell, Ed Hoffmann, Mike Hurd, Larry Kase, Larry Kregel, Paul LeTourneau, David Peterson, Ed Stokes and Steve Wasilowski for their help with this article.

Chicago Glider Club Summer

The CGC started the season with an annual safety seminar on March 23. On April 6 private gliders were moved out of the winter hanger storage. In spite of a soggy field we were able to fly by utilizing our paved road until conditions improved. We normally fly on weekends unless you could get an available and cooperative tow pilot during the week. Last year and again this year volunteer tow pilots made themselves available every Wednesday and Friday for those of us lucky enough to take advantage of it.

We had some expected and unexpected expenses this summer. Early in the season our Pawnee had to have the engine replaced. An ongoing problem with drainage from our hanger and trailer tie down area was resolved by laying drainage tile. Plans are in the works for painting our south hanger. We did the usual grass cutting, plane maintenance, club house cleaning, etc; all of this was of course made possible by club members who contributed their labor and expertise.

The spirit of competition is alive and well at CGC. We have several pilots involved in the Northern Illinois Soaring Contest as well as Regional and National level competition. If you have not discovered the contest section of the SSA web page then you need to check it out. You will probably see some names you recognize.

Our Blanik L23, ASK-21, Pegasus, and DuoDiscus have been fully utilized by club members this summer. We have some shiny new planes on the field thanks to John Cochrane, Rich Carlson, and Duane Eisen-

beiss. John has a new ASW-27 and Rich and Duane have new Ventus 2bx sailplanes.

Congratulations go to Dale Gustafson's son Darren and Gary Reuter's daughter Alison who accomplished their first solo flights in our Blanik L23. If you haven't visited our website [HTTP://aerotow.evl.uic.edu/cgc](http://aerotow.evl.uic.edu/cgc) I highly recommend some of the articles found there in our newsletters. In the May newsletter Jeff Russell does an excellent job of describing competition soaring from a rookie's perspective. And in the August newsletter former member Nigel Cripps tells of his flight to the Grand Canyon from his new field in Arizona.

One of the low points of the summer was the loss of long time member Paul Hauser. He was a skilled pilot and a true gentleman. Paul will be missed.

We are presently looking forward to our annual Pig Loin Roast and Boom-a-rang contest scheduled for September 28. A spot landing contest using the Blanik L23 will be added this year. Hopefully this late August early September good weather we have been experiencing will last for the rest of the season. And then we just have to hope for a short winter.....

Courtesy of John Harrison

Hinckley Soaring

Hinckley Soaring is open on weekends through the end of November. We have our newly acquired Pawnee certified in the Normal category and actively towing. A high school group is scheduled to fly on the first of November. We look forward to good fall weather.

Holiday time is approaching. Consider giving a unique gift! Give an introductory flight lesson or ride to that special friend. See our web page to purchase on line.

www.hinckleysoaring.com

Mark your Calendar

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

- November 19 February 18
- December 10 March 11
- January 14 April 8

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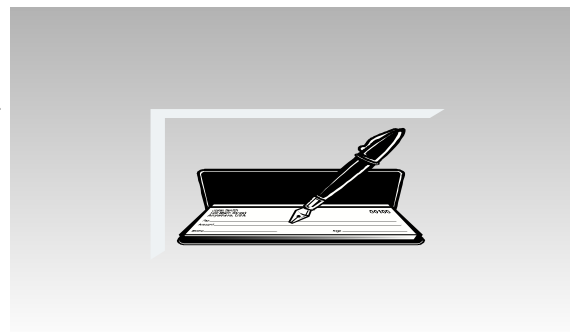
For Sale

Is the state of the economy keeping you from purchasing that set of wing stands you've had your eye on? Can't find any use for that old tail dolly? Forget E-Bay—send a note to rydin@attglobal.net We'll get your item in the next newsletter—no fees—and we keep the asset in the CLGC family!

Dues News

First the good news: The ChicagoLand Glider Council now has 203 members! **Now the bad news:** It's time to renew your membership.

Check the mailing label on the envelope containing this newsletter. If it shows 2002 after your name then time is running out (unless you are a CGC or Sky Soaring member in which case your dues are paid automatically). Please make sure you renew soon. Cut out the renewal form below, and send a check for \$10.00.



2002/2003

Membership/Renewal Application—ChicagoLand Glider Council

Mail To: John Harrison 827 Homestead Road LaGrange Park, IL 60526
Please include \$10 for annual dues payable to ChicagoLand Glider Council

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Pilot Certificate Ratings _____

Type of Glider(s) owned, if any _____

Primary airport where member flies _____

Check if applies: New Member Change of Address Change of E-Mail Address Change of telephone

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