

ChicagoLand Glider Council

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God Bless America

March 11th Meeting - GPS Gala!

John Harrison and Rich Carlson are going to do a talk on GPS data viewing and the *SeeYou* product at the March 11th meeting.



CLGC Seeking Nominations for Officers

The ChicagoLand Glider Council operates under its Organization By-Laws and General Operating Procedures (Revised April 1991) which state: "In odd years the President and Secretary will be nominated...."

So, this being an odd year by all counts, the Council is seeking nominations to replace the positions held by Curt Lewis (President) and Robert Rydin (Secretary). John DeRosa (Vice President) and John Harrison (Treasurer) will serve their respective offices through March 2004.

To be nominated, a member must have a current glider rating, and must have been a member of the council for at least one year.

As you consider potential nominees, a formal description of the Director Responsibilities as defined in the By-laws.... followed by my own albeit myopic perception of what the job *really* entails:

PRESIDENT

"Preside over each monthly meeting. Coordinate monthly meeting program.

Assist other officers in their respective responsibilities. Call Board of Directors meetings as necessary. Uphold Council's goals and Bylaws."

90% of this job is planning the monthly meetings—and 90% of that job is securing speakers and presentations. Curt has done a great job in coercing volunteers to bring forward some really interesting subject matter in the last couple of years—often in the face of last minute changes and cancellations. Curt has also taken on development and maintenance of the new Web site.

VICE PRESIDENT

"Preside over monthly meeting in President's absence. Attempt to maintain and increase Council membership. Bring refreshments to each monthly meeting."

Chuck Spreitzer has been kind enough to take on the refreshments obligations for as long as I can remember—one less "to-do" for the Veep. And Curt's attendance record has been very good at monthly meetings. John DeRosa serves as a good sounding board for many of the Board's action and activities. John has also taken on the un-official task of being the AV specialist at our meetings.

TREASURER

"Maintain Council checking account. Receive dues and disburse payments for Council authorized business. Provide new members and renewed members names to the person who is maintaining Council membership list."

I'm sure John Harrison gets more mail than any other CLGC board member—what with all those \$10 checks crammed in his mail box each January. John maintains an Excel spreadsheet with all sorts of interesting data about each of you—and sends the Secretary an updated version each month with current address, e-mail preferences, and dues payment information used in producing the Newsletter mailing list.

GLIDERS FOR SALE

Glasflugel 304CZ, 15-meter, 1999, S/N 8, 150 hours, MicroAir Radio, Borgelt B-40, half-clamshell trailer. Always put away in trailer and hangar. Ready to go now! \$45,000 OBO. 847-476-8628. IL

DG-101G 1982, 1200hrs, Borgelt B40, very good gelcoat, fiberglass trailer, solo rig, see website. Call John, 708-482-3894 IL Email: jharrison@enc.k12.il.us Website: http://www.wingsandwheels.com/want_ads.

Nominations Con't SECRETARY

“Make informal record of monthly meetings. Publish and mail monthly (October through April) to be in members hands on or about one week prior to scheduled monthly meetings. If possible, publish mid-summer edition of newsletter to be in member’s hands about the last week of June. Archive copies of all Council newsletters and other significant publications.”

My guess is that 75% of the CLGC membership does not regularly attend the monthly meetings—so the newsletter is indeed the “face” of the CLGC to most. 99% of this job is related to the compilation and production of the newsletter. I’ve been fortunate to have a core group of members who always come through with newsworthy material for the publication—reportage and editorials are not part of this job. A simple Microsoft desktop publishing program has enabled the use of color and visuals in the newsletter. The growth in e-mail distribution of the Newsletter has cut down the “production” time—and I have some ideas to pass on to the next Sec’y to further minimize or eliminate the “print, fold, stamp and lick” aspects of the job.

It’s really a great way to stay engaged in Soaring during those wintry off-season months. Honest!

...Robert Rydin

Clubs hold Spring Safety Seminars

Saturday morning, March 1st, members of Sky Soaring gathered for grub at Donley’s Wild West in Union, IL, and were privileged to participate in four hours of pertinent soaring safety instruction and discussion. Topics covered included:

- Launch Safety and procedures
- Towing Safety and procedures
- Landing Safety and procedures
- Airspace review
- Communications (air-air, air-ground)
- Student Training

Dates for other club safety seminars are:

Sylvania Soaring	March 3rd
Chicago Glider Club	March 22nd
Windy City Soaring	March 22nd

2 More Mgt's!

March 11, 2003

April 8, 2003

7:30 PM

Then we fly!

SSA Region 7 Contest

Saturday May 24 -

Sunday May 31



SSA Update

The CLGC works because of volunteerism. Similarly, volunteers work even harder to look after our sport on a regional, national, and international scope. Jim Short’s summary of recent SSA activities is reprinted here, with permission of Steve Wasilowski—our Region 7 Director.

From SSA Chairman Jim Short, what follows is a summary of SSA and Excom activities over the last three weeks:

Search Committee: The Search Committee has been formed consisting of: John Volkober, Steve Wasilowski, Tim Welles and Karol Hines along with Steve Northcraft as the responsible Excom member. The committee has had two phone meetings and some information is already up on the web page. This is a massive and important job, so please give this group your best cooperation. If you have questions, the focal point is Karol Hines.

WGC 2006. Although the news may not be posted by the time you read this, the SSA bid for the Internationals in 2006 was edged out by Sweden. Steve Northcraft worked very hard on the presentation as did the others at the meeting, Eric Moser (our primary delegate), Hannes Linke, Bernald Smith and Larry Sanderson.

Young Eagles Insurance Approved. After considerable research, on top of what had been done last year, SSA purchased insurance so SSA clubs, schools and individuals can participate in the EAA Young Eagles promotion this year. The insurance is a new requirement of which SSA just became aware last year. In order to continue as a partner with EAA on this program (SSA was the first such organization to partner with the EAA on the Young Eagles program several years ago) SSA must purchase special liability insurance, which this year cost \$2,000. John Campell of the Youth Committee has offered to publicize this program so as many local clubs, schools, sites and individuals as possible can continue with this program this year.

Trips to Hobbs. The week after Larry Sanderson's resignation, Chip Garner visited the staff at Hobbs in person to reassure them during this time of turmoil for them. His trip helped the office morale, especially at a time that was so close to Larry's departure. Last weekend, Jim Short also visited Hobbs for extended talks with Alan Gleason and Jim Kashner. This trip gave Jim the impression that Alan and his staff can handle the regular processes of the SSA in a very capable manner until candidates can be found for the Executive Director and the Director of Member Services and Relations jobs. Most of the regular staff functions are well organized, and with a little coaching from Directors when they need something, the Hobbs Staff should handle the current processes very well. Jim's assessment is that interim external help is definitely not necessary at this time.

Please work with the staff, especially if they may not be well briefed on projects on which you are working as a volunteer. Also, please remember that the staff is smaller now that it has been for decades, so be patient if your request is not handled immediately.

Bottom line: During this transition year, be patient and understanding with our staff and be careful about how much of their time you request. Work with your state governors and directors before calling Hobbs.
