

Chicago Land Glider Council Newsletter

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January Meeting Highlights

With President Scott Wolf out of town and Vice-president John DeRosa down with the flu, Treasurer John Harrison chaired a thinly attended January meeting on a bone-chilling night. It was low-key evening. Not only was Chuck's Café closed, but the raffle tickets for door prizes were unavailable (meaning more door prizes for February!). Reports from the floor were interesting, however. **Sky Soaring** is running a winter ground school at McHenry College, as is **Sylvania Soaring** at their own facility. Contact these folks for further information.

Chicago Glider noted that their Duo-Discus is back in service and has flown. Also, Pawnee repairs are underway. The **American-Polish Club** is hosting their annual Pilot Ball on February 1st, tickets \$75. They are looking forward to hosting another Region 7 contest on Memorial Day weekend. They will be reaching into Minnesota, St. Louis and Iowa for attendees,

promoting the contest as a good X-country clinic, and networking at the SSA Convention via the Diana booth. A Contest Director is needed, applications welcomed...great for your resume!

Windy City Soaring and **Hinckley Soaring** reported that a transfer of assets is in progress. WCSA will pick up two Pawnees and two 2-33s to add to their fleet of an ASK-21 and PW-5, plus about 20 private ships.

Tributes to Rudy
Rising one at a time at the meeting, long-time friends together offered a moving eulogy for Rudy Kunda:

Excerpts...Rudy's military service as a B-17 instructor...how he left IBM to become a financial advisor ...how he taught at Clow Airport mid-week, drawing people, making Wednesdays like a weekend...how "magical" it was to work with him..."a fount of knowledge"...the vast assortment of gliders Rudy had owned and flown—Pilatus, HP, ASW, Pega-

sus, etc...how he flew open class in his HP, figuring out how he could win on points by not finishing...the classic tale of Rudy and Rich Carlson flying tandem, each thinking the other had the controls and was practicing stalls...and more

It was proposed that the CLGC consider a Rudy Kunda memorial. Suggestions included re-naming the Northern Illinois trophy in Rudy's name, since he and Neil Ridenour were its originators, and a scholarship fund.

Everything you wanted to know about hang gliding!
Don't miss the February 10th meeting, where Octavio Guitierrez, ranking hang glider pilot in Mexico, will demo his glider and talk about this huge soaring sport.

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Note to Members:

Please notify John Harrison of all changes to your email or home addresses. Without your current data, we can't send you the newsletter, or lottery prizes!

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CLGC Meeting Schedule

Tentative Events (subject to change)

Oct 14, 2003 —Celebrating the 2003 Season and the Cubs' Victory! (Revised Oct 15, 9:00 PM)

Nov 18, 2003 —Dave Voggasser discusses airspace and TFR. Is Class G "Glider Only?"

Dec 16, 2003 —Dave Voggasser returns! Part II of "Skies Through the Eyes of ATC"

Jan 13, 2004 —in memory of Rudy Kunda

Feb 10, 2004 —Octavio Guitierrez on hang gliding...glider on display...don't miss it!

Mar 09, 2004 —Curt Lewis on competition/racing as the best way to learn X-country

Apr 13, 2004—To be announced

Door prizes at every meeting! Plan to attend!!

**Infomercial from Bob Quas
(and daughter):**

Sequatchie Soaring

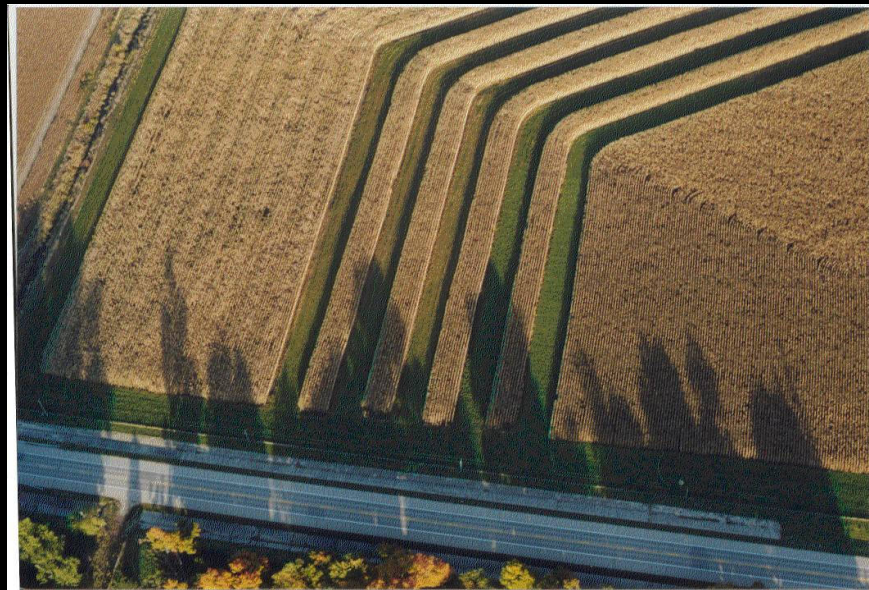
Schedule your trip to the Ridge this spring. Sequatchie Soaring is beckoning you to participate in the most awesome glider flying available. Spring ridge flying is best in April. Plan that vacation for the second or third week of April and experience the thrill of flying at speeds ranging from minimum sink through red line in cross winds from 15 to 30 miles per hour, never losing your flying position at tree top level or higher! Flying at tree top level yields a roller coaster ride. 100' higher smoothes out the bumps caused by thermals.

Either flying position equals non-stop (for thermals) flying for the 50 mile length of the Ridge. For additional excitement, fly down wind to the Look Out Mountain Ridge and ridge soar an additional 40 miles into Alabama. Getting back to the Sequatchie Ridge is always the ultimate challenge. Fighting a head wind in a glass ship is tough enough, try it in 20-1 1-26 for real excitement!

Meeting these challenges could mean accomplishing that 300 or 500K cross country badge flight you've been dreaming about this off season. Make your plan to attend. Hope to see you there!



Newly re-engineered Cumulus motorglider nears completion in Illinois factory. CEO Dave Ekstrom promises maiden flight in Spring of '04. The single-place aircraft will be offered as a kit for less than \$18,000 complete with engine. Ekstrom claims he has orders for over 20.



ROUTE 30, LOOKING FOR LIFT

Great Aviation Quotes, from Dave English

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to the society. The optimist invents the aeroplane, the pessimist the parachute.

George Bernard Shaw

I learned that danger is relative, and the inexperience can be a magnifying glass.

Charles A. Lindbergh

Accuracy means something to me. It's vital to my sense of values. I've learned not to trust people who are inaccurate. Every aviator knows that if mechanics are inaccurate, they get lost -- sometimes killed. In my profession life itself depends on accuracy.

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We who fly do so for the love of flying. We are alive in the air with this miracle that lies in our hands and beneath our feet.

Cecil Day Lewis

A plane is a bad place for an all-out sleep, but a good place to begin rest and recovery from the trip to the faraway places you've been, a decompression chamber between Here and There. Though a plane is not the ideal place really to think, reassess or reevaluate things, it is a great place to have the illusion of doing so, and often the illusion will suffice.

Shana Alexander, 'The Feminine Eye, 1970.

A pilot's business is with the wind, and with the stars, with night, with sand, with the sea. He strives to outwit the forces of nature. He stares with expectancy for the coming of the dawn the way a gardener awaits the coming of spring. He looks forward to port as a promised land, and truth for him is what lives in the stars.

Antoine de Saint Exupry, 'Wind, Sand, and Stars,' 1939

For all professional pilots there exists a kind of guild, without charter and without by-laws. it demands no requirements for inclusion save an understanding of the wind, the compass, the rudder, and fair fellowship.

Beryl Markham, 'West With the Night,' 1942.

Birds in flight, claims the architect Vincenzo Volentieri, are not between places -- they carry their places with them. We never wonder where they live: they are at home in the sky, in flight. Flight is their way of being in the world.

Geoff Dyer

One: There is a low limit of weight [of about] 50 pounds beyond which it is impossible for an animal to fly. Two: The animal machine is far more effective than any we can hope to make. Three: The weight of any machine constructed for flying, including fuel and engineer, cannot be less than three or four hundred pounds. Is it not demonstrated that a true flying machine, self-raising, self-sustaining, self-propelling, is physically impossible?

Professor Joseph Le Conte, University of California, 1888.

Of all investments into the future, the conquest of space demands the greatest efforts and the longest-term commitment . . . but it also offers the greatest reward: none less than a universe.

Daniel Christlein

Railroad carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of fifteen miles per hour by engines which, in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, setting fire to the crops, scaring the livestock, and frightening women and children. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such break-neck speed.

President Martin Van Buren, 1829

Aerial flight is one of that class of problems with which man will never be able to cope.

Simon Newcomb, circa 1900.

A time will come when men will stretch out their eyes. They should see planets like our Earth.

Christopher Wren, 1657

Pilots are a rare kind of human. They leave the ordinary surface of the world, to purify their soul in the sky, and they come down to earth, only after receiving the communion of the infinite.

Jos Maria Velasco Ibarra, President of Ecuador

Classified Ads

L33 Solo, 1995, 350TT, excellent condition, stored in trailer, radio, audio vario, full tow-out gear, more... \$25,000. Chicago. IL
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...where the rubber meets the grass

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