

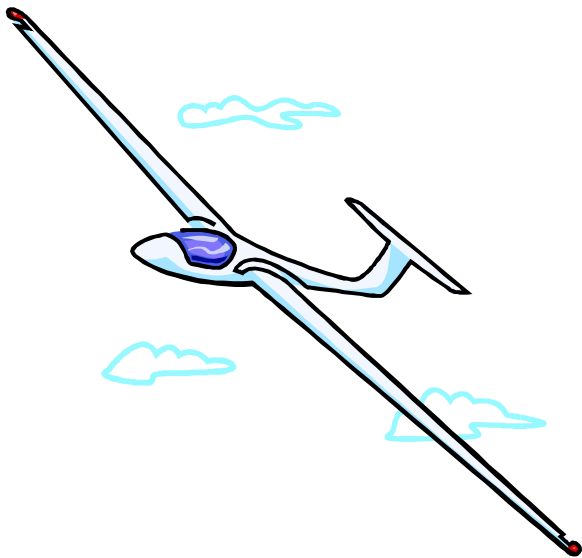


# ChicagoLand Glider Council Newsletter

March, 2005

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<http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com>



## It Isn't Too Late!!

Saturday, March 19th, 2005

It's not too late to sign up for the CLGC seminar on March 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a day long spring soaring and safety seminar open to all soaring pilots and include breakfast, lunch and breaks. Safety, medicine, racing, competition, gear, gliders and gab will be on the agenda.

The cost of this event is being underwritten in part by the ChicagoLand Glider Council and is being kept as reasonably priced as possible to allow as many pilots to attend. Cost of the seminar will be \$25 for CLGC members and \$40 for non-members. Non-member cost will also include a free one year membership in the CLGC. An optional social dinner is being planned and is available for \$30 additional per person.

The location of the seminar is Elgin, Illinois at the Business Conference Center of Elgin Community College's impressive and modern Seigle Auditorium (pictured).

### Confirmed speakers at this event;

**Dennis Wright** Executive Director, Soaring Society of America  
**George Thelen** Soaring magazine's "Safety Corner" columnist  
**Dr Dan Johnson** Five time past SSA convention speaker on aviation medicine  
**Herb Killian & Mike Shakman**  
Experienced Racing Pilots

There will be recognition of local glider pilot achievements including a special recognition of Rudy Kunda, his life in soaring, and his magnificent bequest to the Soaring Society of America.



**You should definitely NOT miss this event.** Sign up soon! Registration deadline is March 12<sup>th</sup> but day-of registrations will be most likely available. Watch <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com> for late breaking news. Registration forms can be found at the <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com> web site.

There are many CLGC members and significant others who have volunteered to help during the event or have been part of the Seminar committee. Many thanks to; Jim Short, John Harrison, Steve Wolf, Logan Weck, Herb Killian, Greg Palmer, Curt Lewis, Trace Lewis, Rebecca Gilmore, Steve Wasilowski and Mike Shakman.

We still need other volunteers, please give John DeRosa a call if you can help out. 847-844-8776.

# ChicagoLand Glider Council Youth Scholarships

Each year the CLGC presents one or more youth Scholarships. We all know that the youth is the future of soaring and we must foster their efforts as often as we can. This scholarship is your CLGC dues in action in a direct and positive way.

The requirements to apply for the scholarship are;

- Be a member in good standing of the ChicagoLand Glider Council,
- Be between the ages of 14 and 21 (inclusive as of March 19th, 2005),
- Provide proof of a private glider pilot rating (or higher) or solo log book endorsement,
- Obtain a written recommendation from a Certified Flight Instructor Glider (CFIG) who is familiar with the applicant's qualifications and,
- Write an original typed essay of 500-1000 words on "What Soaring Means to Me....".

Application forms are available on the CLGC web site  
<http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com>.



**Previous CLGC Youth Scholarship awardee Logan Weck shown giving a ride to a young eagle**

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## Volunteers

The ChicagoLand Glider Council is in need of volunteers as we get ready for the Spring Seminar and the 2005-2006 board nominations. Here is a list. Why don't you volunteer and add your time and skills to CLGC's efforts.

- CLGC President
  - CLGC Secretary
  - CLGC Treasurer
  - Seminar registration desk staff (2-3 people)  
**NEED ONE MORE!**
  - Seminar registration packet copying and stuffing (2-3 people) **FILLED by the Curt and Trace Lewis**
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## Your Dues Are Due!

Dues are the way that the ChicagoLand Glider Council does it work. Without you, your volunteerism and your dues the Council cannot bring speakers and seminars to the area and reach out with youth scholarships, etc. Please use the form included in this newsletter to pay your dues and update our records. Stay current and stay informed.

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## 2005 SSA Convention Report

By John DeRosa – The SSA convention was held in Ontario California and was well worth the trip. Before the first day of the convention I spend the day at the Wings of Fame Museum and the Yank's Museum in nearby Chino. What a fantastic sight to see all that historic aviation hardware.

The convention hall had many, many gliders, motor gliders and light sport aircraft on display along with 30 vendors. There was a Silent



sailplane with a pair of jet engines for thrust. As I can attest, it wasn't so "silent" anymore.

For the historic glider buffs there was a Bowlus Baby Albatross on display that was nearly 100% rebuilt and shines like a diamond. I

was told during the Vintage Sailplane Association breakfast that it took 2 years to complete the restoration.

During the general membership meeting several local pilots were recognized. Duane Eisenbeiss was applauded for his work resurrecting the World Distance Award program. Judy Rupreck was given an award for her "Badge Lady" efforts. Also, Geoff Weck was recognized for awarding the most soaring badges in Region 7. Finally Gunter Voltz, Mgr. of Thermal Sniffer Soaring at Hartford, WI, was inducted into the SOARING HALL OF FAME. Congratulations to everyone.

What I find most informative are the many speeches that I attended. The speech about the Perlan project to soar to 100K feet - with Einar Enevoldson (pilot), Dr Elizabeth Austin (project meteorologist) and the renowned Steve Fossett - was one of the many highlights. Another key speech for me was intended for beginner competition pilots entitled "Somebody Has to Lose, and I'm Ready".

The finale of any SSA convention is the Annual Awards Banquet. The keynote speaker was Mike Melville, the pilot of the first Space Ship One flight. Mike gave a riveting and fascinating technical talk on his flight complete with many pictures and videos.

Additional pictures from the convention along with panorama shots of the convention floor are available at;  
<http://skysoaring.com/modules/gallery/ssaconvention2005>.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 8<sup>th</sup> **Regular CLGC Meeting CANCELED see Mar 19<sup>th</sup> CLGC event**
- Mar 19<sup>th</sup> **CLGC Spring Soaring & Safety Seminar All day long event!**
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup> Regular CLGC Meeting – “Glider Electronic and Electrical Wiring for Dummies” – John DeRosa
- May 28/ Jun 4 Region 7 Contest, Albert Lea, MN. See <http://www.soarnm.com> for details.

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## CLGC Member at 2005 Senior Contest Report

The 2005 Senior Nationals is being held the week of March 6 to 11 at Seminole Lake Gliderport, Florida. Duane Eisenbeiss is flying his Ventus 2BX (93). As of the second day of competition Duane is one step ahead of the legendary George Moffat in his Discus 2B (XX). Way to go Duane. Follow along with Duane at <http://www.ssa.org/contestresults2.asp>.

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## Newsletter Contributions Anyone?

Please let us know what achievements are taking place at your club or with yourself can include them in future newsletters. If you have any information or photos and advertisement that you would like to have included in future newsletters please send them to [captainlogan\\_cal7576@yahoo.com](mailto:captainlogan_cal7576@yahoo.com), [john@derosaweb.com](mailto:john@derosaweb.com) or 847-844-8776. Also if you have any articles you would like to write that are soaring related, please send them as well. Any suggestions at all are very welcome!



# AVIATION CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Do you have something to buy, sell or trade? Free listings to all CLGC members. \$10 per listed item per month for non-members. Drop us a line at: [captainlogan\\_cal7576@yahoo.com](mailto:captainlogan_cal7576@yahoo.com).

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## No advertisements this month

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### Directions to the CLGC Meeting Hall

at the Herrick Junior High School located in Downers Grove, IL.



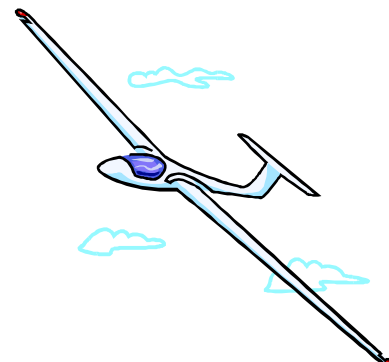
Detailed directions are available at: <http://skysoaring.com/modules/gallery/directions>

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## Who's the CLGC Webmaster?

Curt Lewis is the webmaster extraordinaire who has created and maintains the Chicagoland Glider Council's web site. Nice job! Please give Curt a warm thank for all his hard work.





# 2005 ChicagoLand Glider Council Membership/Renewal Application & Change of Information Form

Mail to: John DeRosa, 35W529 Parsons Rd, West Dundee, IL 60118  
Please remit \$10 for annual dues via check payable to "ChicagoLand Glider Council"

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (please print very clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Glider(s) you own, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Airport /Club where you fly \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot ratings that you hold \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate box(es) below

New Member  Membership Renewal  Change of Street Address  Change of E-Mail Address

Change of Telephone  Change of Glider/Airport  I am able to receive the CLGC Newsletter via E-Mail

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