



The Air Bubble

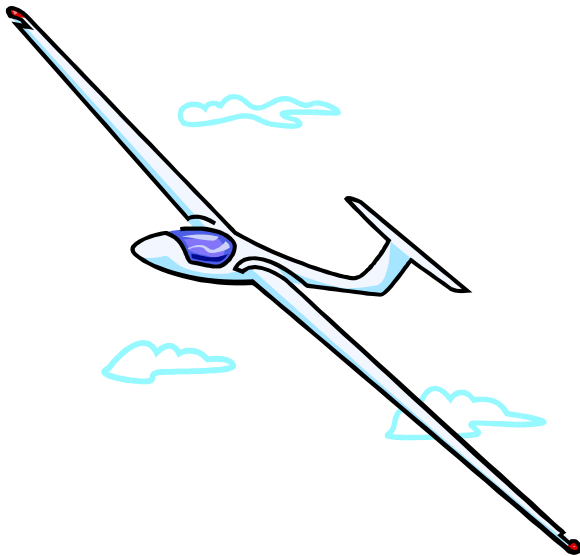
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January CLGC Meeting

Keynote Speaker will be

Curt Lewis:

“What I learned from that”

Don't Miss It!!

January 8, 2007 – 7:30 PM

What I learned From That - Severe Weather Turbulence and the Contest Safety Finish Rule"
An in-depth look at a day from the 2007 Sports Class Nationals in which a sudden storm system over the finish area produced seven damaged gliders from turbulence and forced off-field landings.

Chicago Airspace Grab Contemplated

The FAA invited all interested airspace users in Chicago to unveil a plan to increase substantially the current shape and boundaries of the B-airspace. Their proposal is essentially to push to outer limits to the 30 NM transponder veil circle with a floor of 4,000'. A number of CLGC members were present at the meeting, John DeRosa wrote the following note afterwards:

All,

Jim Short, Geoff Weck, Gene Hammond, Steve Snyder and myself attended a Chicago Aviation Department meeting with the O'Hare Tracon controllers. At the meeting the FAA presented a proposal for the expansion of the ORD Class B airspace.

The reason for the expansion is to keep ORD approach traffic within controlled airspace. The FAA presented some historic data which showed how inbound traffic, particularly runway 09, was in uncontrolled airspace.

Geoff Weck or Gene Hammond can probably provide a better insight into this.

The expansion would increase ORD class B airspace to 30nm (the current Mode C veil limit). The floor of this expanded airspace would be 4000 feet. The known Chicago area soaring issues are;

** Sky Soaring is within 30nm of ORD. SSI typically tows to 3,900 ft. SSI pilots would need to immediately fly NW about*

inm to be able to go above tow release altitude.

* Windy City would loose access to two nearby turn points.

* Loss of the N-S corridor from Windy City towards Sky Soaring and at least one turnpoint (Olson).

* Limits Windy City operations towards the east.

I have attached a PowerPoint presentation (in native and PDF formats) which shows the current Class B airspace, the current proposed expansion and two alternatives which I think are viable.

Herb Kilian (CLGC Vice President) has volunteered to host a meeting at his home on Jan 3. Meeting details are to follow. The purpose of the meeting is to create a letter of alternate proposals which do not impact Chicago soaring operations. The response should include;

- * Our concerns
- * Metrics on our operations, such as flight totals and membership, to highlight Chicago area
- * Bring in the SSA and AOPA for help.
- * Have the letter signed by the key (glider) players with their titles. Include mine.

Mark Zakula (Klein Tools Aviation Department Manager and Chief Pilot) has volunteered to bring together all of the issues and the alternate proposals. He is also a board member with CABAA (<http://cabaa.com>). The deadline is Jan 12 to reply to Chicago Aviation Dept as I remember it.

Thanks to all that are working together to bring forth and resolve our issues.

Regards,
John DeRosa
President, ChicagoLand Glider Council

Attached to the note that is sending out this newsletter, please find the PowerPoint presentation that John is referring to. We will discuss this FAA proposal at the membership meeting on January 9.

Please start thinking about other hardships this change would impose on the glider operations around Chicago and what alternative proposals we could make to the FAA.

Herb Kilian

Repeat Announcement: A Note From the President

Just a very short note to say that I will be traveling on business out of the country to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for 6-8 months starting on January 1, 2008. I guess I will be missing the best part of the soaring season here in Illinois but I hope to make it down to Omarama during my travels. During my absence, Herb Kilian will be stepping in to run our meetings. You can write to me with your glorious Illinois soaring stories at john@deroasweb.com. Thanks, John DeRosa

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Please let us know to keep our database up to date. Send an email to JOHN@DEROSAWEBCOM or call 847-844-8776 Thanks!!

Larry Krengel, Glider Ground School

The following was submitted by Larry Krengel regarding a Glider Ground School course planned at McHenry Co. College

The hawks soar over McHenry County. It looks like they are having great fun. A glider pilot does the same. No fuel, no noise, just whoosh and the challenge of staying aloft in Mother Nature's lift.

In eight weeks prepare yourself for the new soaring season - learn the fine points of gliding needed to complete the FAA glider pilot written exam. The class will discuss the theory of flight and weather, the FAA regulations and airspace, as well as considering the options for flight instruction in gliders. Have you wanted to fly, but didn't know where to start? This is where to start. (Minimum age to solo a glider is 14 years of age. There is no maximum!) The Wright Brothers did it 100 years ago. Isn't this your time to fly? Join us for eight fun and exciting weeks.

Classes will be Thursday from 7-9:30 pm at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, IL beginning February 7. The final meeting will be Saturday March 29 at the Sky Soaring Airport.

To register, call McHenry County College - 815 455 8588. For more information, contact info@skysoaring.com

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 JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM or call 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!

ChicagoLand Glider Council Youth Grant

Each year the CLGC presents at least one youth grant to a lucky member of the CLGC. We all know that youth are 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.

Note that this year the CLGC board wanted to open the door to more youth applicants and has chosen to remove the requirement from previous years for the applicant to have a private glider pilot rating or solo log book endorsement.

The requirements to apply for the 2008 grant are;

- Be a member in good standing of the ChicagoLand Glider Council as of January 1st, 2008
- Be between the ages of 14 and 21 (inclusive) as of January 1st, 2007
- Reside within 150 miles of Chicago
- Did not receive the previous year's primary \$500 grant
- 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...."

Please see the attached CLGC Grant application form. The application deadline is March 11th, 2008.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ 01/08/08 CLGC Meeting - Lewis – "Sports class nationals, thunderstorms and the safety finish rule"
- ❖ 02/14/08 – SSA Convention
- ❖ 2/16/08 CLGC Meeting – Kilian – "OLC and NISC"
- ❖ 03/11/08 CLGC Meeting - Mike Greenwald – "Kites and Paper Airplanes"
- ❖ 04/15/08 Short/Schuur - "Joys and Intricacies of Vintage Gliders"

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Directions to the CLGC Meeting Hall

At Herrick Junior High School located in Downers Grove, IL.

Detailed directions are available at;

<http://skysoaring.com/modules/gallery/directions>

