



The Air Bubble

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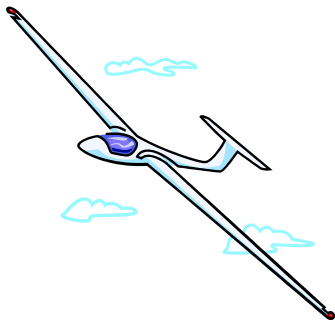
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March CLGC Meeting

"Safety Briefing"

With Ron Ridenour

Don't Miss It!!

Tue, April 17th, 7:30PM - Herrick JHS

Synopsis: Ron Ridenour will give us a Safety Talk at the beginning of the new flying season. Ron will share his wisdom, as he has done before with many organizations, about how to be safe when you are flying or soaring. He will reflect on what we can learn from the above average number of accidents - too many of them fatal - that our sport had to record during the 2011 season. Ron is an FAA Examiner and has made a living for many years now as a United Captain flying Boeing 757 airplanes. He is also a very active competition glider pilot and owns a warbird. Ron writes regular columns in "Soaring" magazine as the Trustee for the Soaring Safety Foundation.



2012 NISC Mini-Contest

**Sky Soaring Gliderport
Hampshire, IL**

May 19-20 (practice day May 18)

Entry fee is \$50 (Sky Soaring members \$25)
plus tows, 2,000 ft = \$25 ea

Two (2) tasks (Advanced and Beginner) each day
Cookout on Saturday evening (cost TBD)

Contact Geoff Weck at weck@mc.net
or 815-354-4611



“What Soaring Means to Me”

By Megan Hart

2012 CLGC Youth Grant Awardee

From the exhilarating tow to the challenging touch down, soaring is a thrill that will last a life time! Beyond the thrill however, I have learned flying heightens responsibility, elevates discipline, improves focus, and grants me the chance to reach out to others. To me, soaring is an overall character builder, and has helped mold me into the person I am today.

My name is Megan Hart. I am 15 years old and a freshman at McHenry West High School. I am an honor student, a member of the Student Council, a member of the Key Club (Community Service), active in my church, and starting guard on the freshman basketball team. Being involved with my school, community and church are all top priorities in my life, along with learning to soar.

I soloed on September 24, 2011 at Sky Soaring Glider Club in Hampshire, Illinois. We continue to work on my Private Pilot ground school and I fully intend to finish my license. My future goals include positioning myself for a possible appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

When soaring, it seems there is much more to the experience than the pure enjoyment of flying, including the safety of myself, passengers (someday), and of those on the ground. I had assumed there would be responsibilities for the technical aspects of flight, but I am also beginning to appreciate my responsibility for the mental and physical readiness as a pilot.

Attributes essential to flying also involve discipline and dedication. From the academic requirements of learning something new, to paying close attention to weather and the condition of your aircraft, soaring demands I exercise careful planning and preparation. It takes great effort to keep up with all the tasks one faces when in the air and on the ground.

I have learned that gliding takes focus and the ability to react quickly and calmly in different situations. It requires me to be aware and alert at all times because it takes place in a constantly changing environment. I enjoy the fact that you always have to be ready with a “plan B” and that it takes concentration to keep your mind thinking of multiple things at the same time.

One of the most important experiences I have enjoyed in soaring is the making of new friendships and having the opportunity to “give back” by volunteering in something I love. Chipping in for a day at the glider field is hardly like work! I get to spend time with new friends and my instructors have become true mentors. Through my involvement with Sky Soaring, I had the opportunity to spend a week at the EAA’s Airventure/Kidventure, volunteering on behalf of the Soaring Society of America. I worked with Scott Manley teaching other kids to fly the Condor Flight Simulator. It was amazing to see their reactions when they learned to control the aircraft on their own and knowing I might have influenced someone’s life in a positive way. The feeling was priceless and I am looking forward to participating again this coming year.



Megan Hart at the 2011 EAA Airventure/Kidventure teaching Condor flight Simulator

Gliding through the vast blue sky, looking down on the quilted landscape below, watching the breathtaking white clouds float by like weightless pieces of cotton, and the soft sound of air flowing by the canopy, is what stands out most in soaring. Additionally, flying provides so much more such as responsibility, discipline, focus, and the opportunity to influence other young flying enthusiasts. To me, soaring is much more than an activity; it is a way of life.



**Megan Hart
being Presented
with the 2012 Youth Grant Check
by CLGC President Herb Kilian**

A Trip Through Memory Lane

Soaring Magazine - 1941

ILLINOIS- CHICAGOLAND

From the February issue of the *Air Bubble*.

The "Oh's" and "Ah's" were loud when the glorious color transparencies of Chicagoland gliders and pilots were shown at last meeting. Rose Marie Smith captured the beauty of Joe Steinhauser's Schweizer and the Gage Park Baby "Alby." Excellent color shots reminded us all of the American Open Soaring Contest last summer . . . Full color movies are being collected for a big open-to-the-public *movie night* on soaring.

Recently cinematographers have been doing real justice to soaring and the Council will see to it that all our interested friends can have a chance to see their work. It will show soaring activity in many parts of the country . . . Nearly 28% of the entire Aviation Exhibition space at the International Outdoor Sports Show, just closing at the Stock Yards Amphitheater, was taken by sail-planes! Frankfort showed a complete single-place Cinema and one uncovered. Motorless Flying Institute showed the new red and cream two-place Schweizer. Both Smiley and Steinhauser report surprisingly keen interest in student instruction and ship purchases by clubs being formed. The exhibit attracted tremendous crowds and your editor could not help but notice that nearly 30% was "motorless flying appeal."

BUILD your own government approved Utility Glider. Learn to glide and soar in this simple to build "BG 6." Start actual construction for only \$28.00. Pay as you build. Complete kits as low as \$25.00. Ready to fly "BG 6" \$595.00. Send 10c for illustrated circular. Briegleb Aircraft Company, Van Nuys, California.

FOR SALE—High performance licensed Minimoa sailplane. Approved for airplane towing. Complete with instruments and special trailer. Open to offers. Ted Bellak, Chelsea, Michigan.

Motorless Flight Institute, Inc. Gliderport, Chicago:

From Joe Steinhauser we hear that he has trained Lt. E. M. Mallory ("H Mal!") the first marine to take up gliding. Already an ace enthusiast he has hopes that there will be more to follow in his footsteps (wing swishes) and that the Marines will develop a real motorless unit. Elmira, N. Y.

From Bill Putnam we hear that all goes well with the fourth group of U. S. Army boys to be trained at Harris Hill. They are proving to be very apt students (as usual). Due to Jay Buxton and Parker Leonard having tooted off on a glider building project there is a lot of new personnel at the school. Maurice Waters, Dick McGrath, Pat McHenry, and Larry Creighton are all helping John Robinson, Bill Putnam and Ray Parker push the boys through in record time. Of course, Lt. Floyd Sweet is commanding officer in official charge of the Army students, and doing a very good job of it, too. There is talk of the whole works, ships, and personnel moving to 29 Palms, California, for the winter. This is a desert site back over the hills east from San Bernardino. Some fun riding desert thermals in February. Let's go.

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

Directions to the CLGC Meeting Location

At Herrick Junior High School located at

4435 Middaugh Rd, Downers Grove, IL.

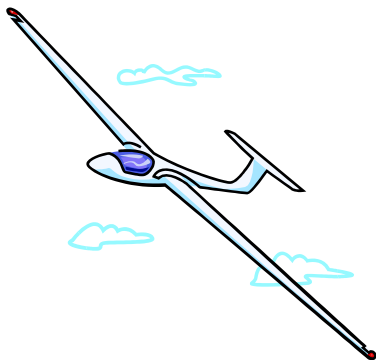
Detailed directions are available at;

<http://tinyurl.com/CLGCDIRECTIONS>

~ Contest Time ~ Who is this Famous Aviator?



Hint: Happy Bottom!



Upcoming Aviation Events

- ❖ April 17 – CLGC Meeting – Soaring Safety with Ron Ridenour
 - ❖ May 19/20 – Sky Soaring Mini-Contest
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Newsletter Contributions?

Pictures? Accomplishments? Suggestions? Articles? Speaker Topics? Please let us know! If you have anything that you would like to have included in future newsletters or meetings. **PLEASE** send them to JOHN@DEROSAWEB.COM or call 847-844-8776.

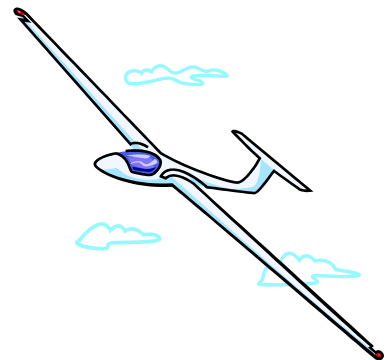
CLGC Newsletter Archive Old CLGC Newsletters Needed!!

Did you know that there is an archive of CLGC newsletters dating back to 2001 on the CLGC web site? Take a look. <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/newsletter.htm>.

Do you have any old CLGC newsletters? We would love to scan them in for the archives. Contact John DeRosa at john@derosaweb.com.

Contest Time Answers from Previous Newsletters

- March – Neil Armstrong →
- February – Samuel Cody
- January - Manfred von Richthofen
- December – Octave Chanute
- November – Glenn Curtis





**2012 ChicagoLand Glider Council
Membership/Renewal Application & Change of Information Form**

Membership Renewal Due Date: January 1, 2012
(Members of CGC, SSI and WCSA have already paid dues)

Please Mail this form and \$10 check or money order to:

**ChicagoLand Glider Council
c/o John O'Brien
6538 N. Nordica
Chicago, IL 60631**

Please remit \$10 via check or money order for annual dues - payable to "ChicagoLand Glider Council"

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address (**please print very clearly**) _____

Phone Number(s) Home _____ Work _____ Cellular _____

Primary Airport and/or Club where you fly _____

Pilot ratings that you hold (student, private, commercial, instructor, etc) _____

Type of Glider(s) that you own _____

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 Information