



# *The Air Bubble*

## The Newsletter of The Chicagoland Glider Council

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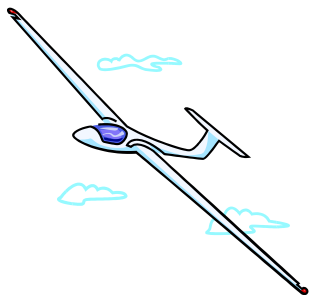
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## January CLGC Meeting "Soaring 100 at Kitty Hawk" With Larry Kregel Don't Miss It!!

Tue, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM - Herrick JHS

Larry is the President of Sky Soaring, tow pilot and the resident bee keeper. As Larry says, "In moving to the country, I found myself developing an association not only with gliders, but also with *apis mellifera*... the honeybee, that is. They first came to me in a swarm. I was fascinated by them and now, years later, have continued to husband the bees. The bees and I have a camaraderie. I enjoy their company. Sometimes they enjoy mine." Larry has been bee keeping for decades and has taught bee keeping for 10 years. Thus far he has convinced two other Sky Soaring members to start keeping bees. Come and enjoy Larry's talk about this fascinating airborne hobby.



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## 2012 CLGC Youth Grant!!

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<http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/grant>

# Trips Through Memory Lane

Soaring – May 1937

## SOARING IN CHICAGOLAND

by Clemens W. Luebker

Photos by Joe Steinhauser and the author

The first major step in the coordination of gliding and soaring activity in this section of the midwest was made in the organization of the Chicagoland Glider Council on January 17th in Chicago. Seven different glider clubs already are represented.

The following members of the Chicagoland Glider Council, as its organizers, recently signed papers for its incorporation and will serve as directors: Joe Steinhauser, Joseph Smith



The Clay Cliffs at Benton Harbor

Heading Toward St. Joseph

and Wayne Thomis, all of Chicago, and two members of South Bend Glider Club—Guy C. Weber, and the author of this article.

Thomis, aviation editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, has already written several interesting articles on soaring and soaring weather.

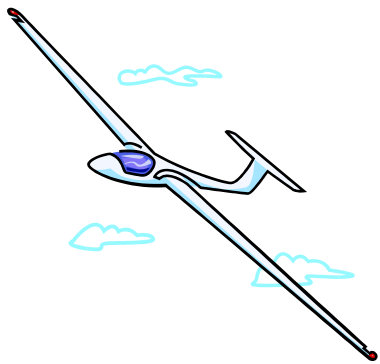
Joe Steinhauser has done much to create interest in gliding and soaring. An indication of real progress was shown a short time ago when 17 F.A.I. "B" certificates were issued at one time to members of his group. In 1935 and 1936, Steinhauser made several thermal soaring flights from airplane tow over Chicago in his Wolf Hirth sailplane "D-Chicago". Incidentally, Joe earned his "C" certificate at the famous Wasserkuppe Soaring School in Germany.

Members of South Bend Glider Club with their Franklin utility since July 1935 have renewed interest in soaring along the lower shoreline of Lake Michigan.

In 1935, upon invitation of Col. Fishback, director of Indiana Dunes State Park, the members made an expedition to the park to test the dunes there for soaring. Pilots on this expedition soared over sand hills within ten miles of the location used by Octave Chanute in his early glider experiments. In the spring of 1936 the Purdue Glider Club joined the South Bend club in another expedition to the park.

Those residing in Chicago have found that one-day expeditions to the Benton Harbor bluffs can be carried out successfully, the soaring site being approximately 90 miles from Chicago.

At the First Informal Soaring Meet at Benton Harbor last October 11th, two 40 mile distance flights, and also a 4 hour and 35 minute duration record for the site were set. Two "C" certificates have been earned at the Benton Harbor bluffs, and now many more pilots are planning to qualify for theirs. With real enthusiasm in our council membership, and with favorable soaring terrain in our very "front yard", we are all looking forward to real activity in 1937.



# Trips Through Memory Lane

Soaring - July 1937

First ever Reference to the Chicagoland Glider Council! -Ed



## FIRST CHICAGOLAND SOARING AND GLIDING CONTEST

The Contest which was held at Benton Harbor, Michigan, May 29-31, with entries of 9 ships, 8 clubs, and 28 pilots, met with no more luck in soaring weather than the meets at Elmira and Ellenville. The longest flight was one made by Bill Sherman who kept his Franklin up 10 minutes with the help of weak thermals. With the use of the Purdue Glider Club's winch, the utilities were towed to 1,200 feet altitude.

Although it was not possible to award the cup and prize money made available through the fine cooperation in Benton Harbor, the honors for spot landings were won on the 29th by Montgomery of the U. of M. Club, 1st place; and Chapman of the L.I.T. Glider Club, 2nd place. The following day 1st place was won by Guy Weber of the South Bend Glider Club with Montgomery of the U. of M. Club second.

As luck would have it, five days of the week following the Contest provided perfect soaring conditions. An informal meet is planned sometime in June to qualify a number of new "C" pilots.

Soaring – December 1940

## ILLINOIS Chicagoland Glider Council, Inc.

**Alfred Marchev, a No. One Glider Pioneer, Accepts Council President Nomination.**

Mr. Alfred Marchev, an executive with Signode Steel Strapping Co., and an ardent believer in motorless flying as a sport and as a defense measure, has accepted the nomination for President of the Chicagoland Glider Council, Inc. "Fred" believing in the Council's future, outlines a platform of accomplishments for which he will stand if elected president.

All of us remember the fascinating story he told in Council meeting last season about his early experiments with "hang" gliders in Switzerland at the opening of the century. "Fred" is practical in his views on soaring and his platform for the Council's accomplishments calls for (1) new club formation, (2) contest, (3) building assistance and counsel, (4) publicity, and (5) actual flying at a specified airport (probably Rubinkam).

# Tom Knauff Safety Webinar Conference

Saturday, January 14, 11AM EST

Flying gliders is more dangerous than any other large-scale activity. This is the first of three - first of its kind, glider safety webinar clinics. The date is Saturday, January 14 at 11 AM EST USA start time. Subscribers will receive an email with the web site address and special code used to participate. Participants will be able to log in at 10:45 EST (USA). This start time was selected so participants in Europe as well as the West coast of USA can participate. Questions or comments can be sent in during the event via email, or telephone. Subject matter for the three clinics will target the major safety problems occurring in the sport which has made soaring one of the most dangerous of all activities. Money back guarantee: It is recognized that safety is a hard sell. If you are not satisfied that any of these clinics are well worth the price of admission, we will give your money back! The obvious idea is just one idea that saves an accident is well worth the price.

Cost: \$20. See <http://tinyurl.com/knauffconf> for details.

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## 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>

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## Moved? New Email?

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

## Upcoming Aviation Events

- ❖ January 10 – CLGC Meeting - Bees and Flight
- ❖ February 14 – CLGC Meeting - Motorgliders
- ❖ March 13 – CLGC Meeting – Simine Short Octave Chanute and “Locomotive to Automotive”
- ❖ April 17 – CLGC Meeting - Safety Briefing

## New Transponder Code For Gliders → 1202

By Herb Kilian

The FAA has issued a new order regarding dedicated transponder codes. Starting February 9th 2012 gliders should squawk code 1202 rather than the 1201 code that was dedicated last year. The document for this new rule can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/glider1202>

It is highly recommended by the SSA that gliders carry and use a Mode C or better transponder, especially when operating in high traffic environments - and the airspace around the Chicago B area certainly qualifies. Please note that this code only applies to gliders, not to towplanes. In the past some clubs had arrangements for dedicated transponder codes that also allowed towplanes to use when not in contact with ATC.

The 1201 code that we used had been also authorized by the Chicago Tracon and I will send a note to them to make sure they are aware of this change and that they approve of it (not sure if they have to). From personal experience I can tell you that controllers seem to know about glider codes. I was recently flying back from Hinckley skirting or flying a little above the Aurora D-Airspace. I was on the Aurora Tower frequency and heard them advise a departing twin that a glider was at 4,200' SW of the field. They obviously identified me from the transponder code I was sending. I briefly spoke to them on the radio the acknowledge that I was no factor for the departing traffic.

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August 2011 - Sky Soaring Safari to Crandon, Wisconsin



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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.

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## 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>.

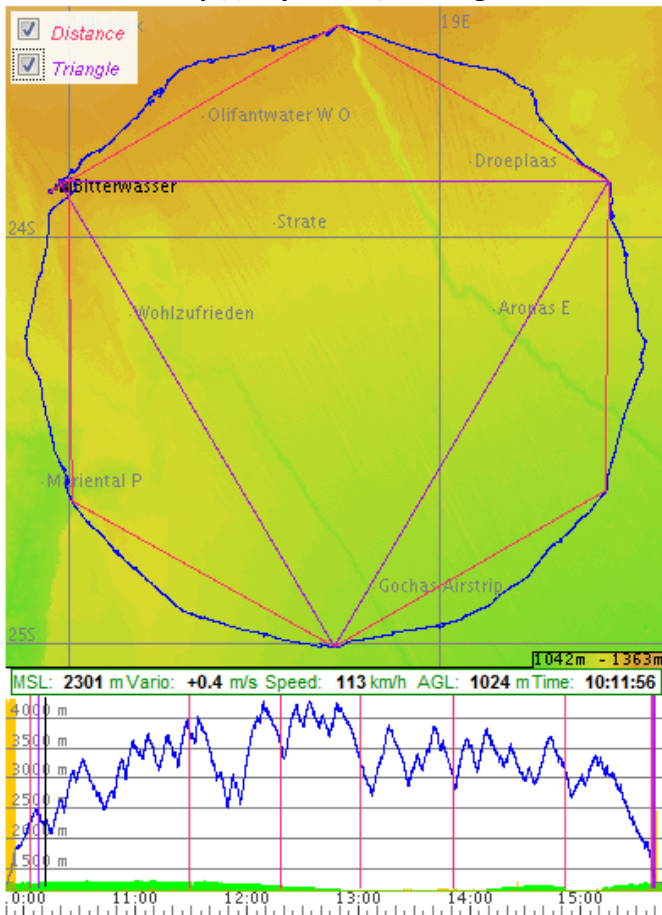
Do you have any old CLGC newsletters? We would love to scan them in for the archives. Contact John DeRosa at [john@derosaweb.com](mailto:john@derosaweb.com).

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## Is this a Circular, Hexagonal or a Triangular Flight? 519km!

The pilot said he had one airbrake partially open!  
<http://tinyurl.com/circleflight>



## ~ Contest Time ~ Who is this Famous Aviator?



**Hint: I ain't no commie!**

**Contest Time Answers from  
Previous Newsletters**  
December – Octave Chanute →  
November – Glenn Curtis



**Karl Landl in his PIK-20**



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

Membership Renewal Due Date: January 1, 2012

Please Mail Form and \$10 Check to:

**ChicagoLand Glider Council  
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

# ChicagoLand Glider Council

## 2012 Soaring Youth Grant

The ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant program is hosted under the auspices of the membership of the council and is paid by their dues. A primary grant of **\$500** is awarded each year. Other secondary grant(s) may be awarded based on merit. This grant will be paid directly to the recipient's home soaring operation and placed "on account" for use by the recipient for their continuing soaring education.

**Application Requirements:** The applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

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### Applicant Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Soaring Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this application and all required documentation to the ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant Committee via the email address listed below (required) or via the surface mail address below. The application and documentation must be received **no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.**

The ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant Committee consists of the board of the ChicagoLand Glider Council. Decisions of the committee are final. Grantee(s) will be announced at the regular CLGC meeting during April.

Applications and other information is available at <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/grant>. Good luck!

Email to: [john@derosaweb.com](mailto:john@derosaweb.com)

Surface Mail to;

<p><b>ChicagoLand Glider Council Grant Committee</b> c/o John DeRosa 35W529 Parsons Rd West Dundee, IL 60118</p>
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