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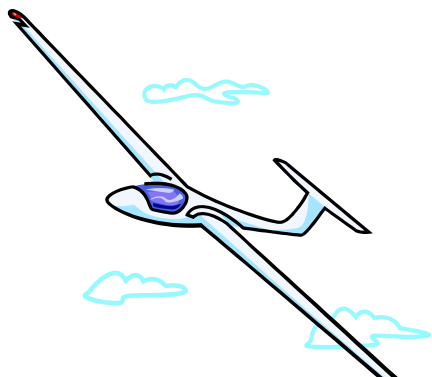
**The Newsletter of The
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March CLGC Meeting

“Octave Chanute”

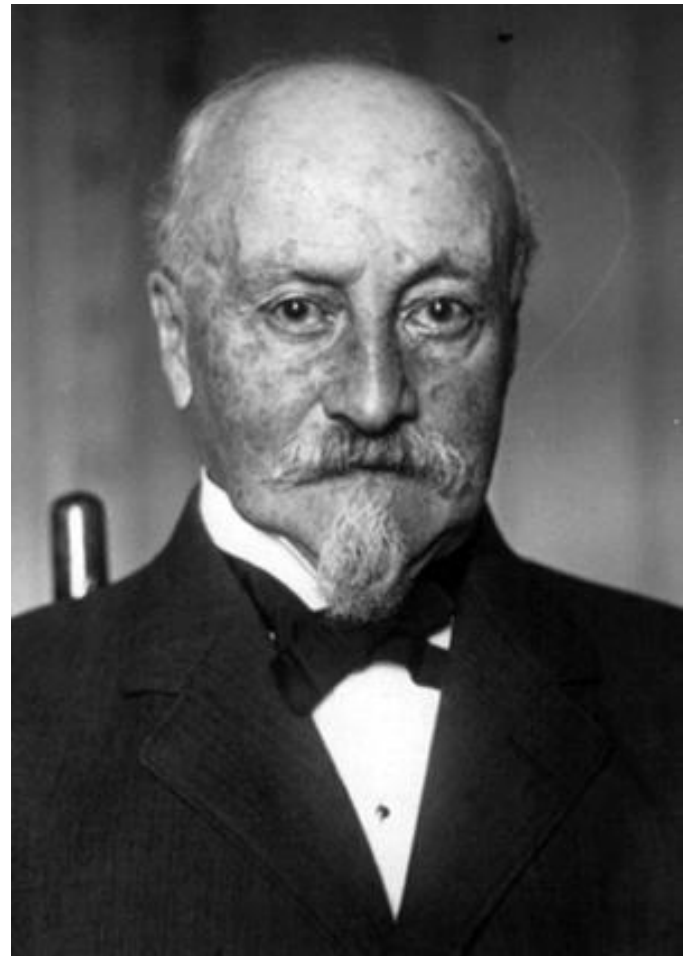
With Simine Short

Don't Miss It!!

Tue, March 13th, 7:30PM - Herrick JHS

Synopsis: Simine Short will speak about Octave Chanute which is the subject of her new book "Locomotive to Aeromotive: Octave Chanute and the Transportation Revolution" (University of Illinois Press, 2011). Simine brings to light in colorful detail many previously overlooked facets of Chanute's professional and personal life. Though best known for his aviation work, he became a key figure in the opening of the American continent by laying railroad tracks and building bridges, experiences that later gave him the engineering knowledge to build the first stable aircraft structure. This biography cements Chanute's place as a preeminent engineer and mentor in the history of U.S. transportation and the development of the airplane.

Simine is an aviation historian who has researched and written extensively on the history of motorless flight. Her first book, "Glider Mail: An Aerophilatelic Handbook," received numerous research awards worldwide and is considered a standard reference by aerophilatelists and aviation researchers. She has/will present her research on Octave Chanute at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 29, at the Library of Congress, Washington DC. See this link for more details.



A Trip Through Memory Lane

Soaring Magazine - 1940

ILLINOIS Chicagoland

Two officers of the Chicagoland Glider Council have shown a wonderful spirit in handing in their resignations as officers of that organization.

Joseph Steinhauser, President of the Council, which he founded in 1936, has resigned because, "I believe that the presidency or any other official position of the Chicagoland Glider Council should not be held by a person who is personally engaged in any business pertaining to gliding and soaring."

The Secretary and editor of the "Air-bubble," Robert F. Blaine, likewise has tendered his resignation, since he is now employed as Registrar of the Lewis School of Aeronautics at Lockport, Illinois.

Both have pledged their continuous support to the Council and should be commended for the splendid jobs they have performed.

Joseph Steinhauser is very busy with the organization of his new school which he is operating at the Rubinkam Airport 20 miles south of downtown Chicago. His equipment consists of a "Wolf," a "Sperber" and a two-place Schweizer. Training methods will include automobile, winch and airplane towing.

The Schweizer will be equipped with blind flight instruments in both front and rear seats with curtains in the rear seat which will completely cover the pilot during blind flying instruction.

All of the gliders being used carry full airworthiness certificates.

During the past few months Joe has carried over 70 passengers in the Schweizer. Among these, 27 had never flown in any aircraft before.

Joe likes the airport from which he is operating very much and he says it is a real "thermal spreader."

FOR SALE—\$650.00—Bowlus Albatross Single-place Sailplane. Excellent condition. Equipped with altimeter, air speed indicator and bank indicator. Complete with Trailer. Write M. T. Whittier, VB2, Naval Air Station, San Diego, California.

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).

With sincere hard work by committees and a central (Chicago city) office location as headquarters, Marchev says that the potential interest and participation in gliding and soaring in Chicagoland can be brought to real accomplishment.

Nominated with Marchev are the following: For President: Art Hoffman, formerly an officer of the famous Airhoppers of New York; Harold Krueger, formerly of Glen Ellyn, and Wayne Thomis, Aviation Editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. For Vice President and Secretary: Art Hoffman, Clem Leubeker, a founder of the Chicagoland Glider Council, and Fred Eade of Purdue Glider Club, a director and restless worker for the Council. For Treasurer: Mr. John Ferdinandsen, of Air Associates, whose sincere interest in Council affairs has been demonstrated time and again; Galen Asher, an active Council member and glider pilot for many years. Also nominated for Treasurer were Stan Corcoran, who needs no introduction, and Herman Schocke, a relatively new member whose enthusiasm and eagerness to assist in Council work have singled him out.

VARIOMETERS

JOHN ROBINSON,
National Soaring Champion

is now manufacturing commercially his famous

Super Sensitive Pellet Type Vertical Speed Indicator

The Instrument of Champions
Starts "popping" at less than 1' per second.

Used by Robinson at Arvin, Texas, Elmira, Chicago, and Sun Valley.

\$15.25 Postpaid

John Robinson 2820 El Cajon Blvd.
San Diego, Calif.

ILLINOIS Chicago

Joe Steinhauser, Chicagoland's most energetic glider pilot, is doing a wonderful job of selling motorless flight to John Q. Public. Joe recently purchased the two-place Schweizer which holds the American distance and altitude records. He is now trying to figure out how he can keep the ship in the air long enough to establish a new duration record.

During the last six week-ends he has carried 267 people aloft in the two-place, of whom 60 had never flown in any aircraft before and of whom 53 were certificated pilots. On November 10th he made 50 flights in one day between 9 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. His total flying time during this period has been over 32 hours.

In his spare evenings he has been giving lectures to interested groups in and about Chicago, using the SSA films. To date he has completed 7 of these lectures.

What a real job of selling! More power to Joe and his M. F. I.

Write for latest details

Record breaking two-place Sailplane
Famous All-Metal Utility

Instruments—Books—Equipment

Used Glider Bargains

Lawrence High Performance
Sailplane

Bowlus Utility (Model XI)

Goppingen "Wolf" Sailplane

Preuffling Secondary Glider

Bowlus-DuPont Albatross Sailplane

Briegleb Utility Glider

Rhonbussard Sailplane

Plan to attend our exhibit at the National Sportsman Show in New York
February 15 to February 23

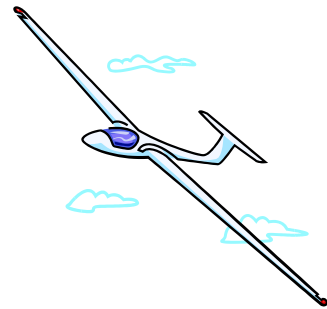
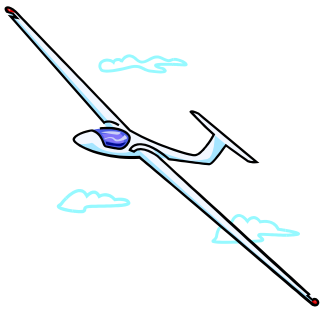
Schweizer Aircraft Corporation
Elmira New York



By Pete Rosedale – Sky Soaring



By Trace Lewis - Beloit



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>

Transponder Code For Gliders → 1202

From Gordon Boettger

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Folks,

Just spent the day at OAK ARTCC. They keep emphasizing that for safety reasons all gliders "should" (highly recommended) squawk around the RNO area. They said that chunk of airspace still scares the hell out of them. They mentioned that they're still seeing a lot of non-squawkers out there. When they're dealing with non-squawking targets that suddenly disappear from their screen near an arriving aircraft, it not only makes them really nervous, but their workload goes up and makes their job much harder.

Although I wasn't dealing with NORCAL, OAK ARTCC handles all arrivals in/out of RNO above FL190. The approach plates for all the approaches into RNO have a large note saying "EXTENSIVE GLIDER OPERATIONS UP TO FL180" but that doesn't guarantee anything. I CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEED TO SQUAWK WITH MODE C WHENEVER AIRBORNE when flying from airports around the Reno area. It's pretty simple. Turn the bloody transponder on before takeoff just as one would the radio and leave it on. That way you won't forget it airborne. Plus, that will allow us glider guys that have a PCAS device or FLARM to see those that don't have FLARM or PCAS. There's no excuse anymore for not having and using a transponder. It doesn't matter if you're flying a 1-26 or an ASW-27.

If you don't have a transponder yet, GET ONE. If we have another glider swapping paint with someone, we'll be having some major problems with soaring in our future. I'm not sure what's going on with the squawk code issue, but whether it's 1202 or 0440, whatever you have dialed in they'll see you. My routine is to always call NORCAL on the radio too and make sure I'm in radar contact. After all, although I have my transponder on doesn't mean that they necessarily see me or my altitude. It might not be working properly. I usually get a mode C check while I'm talking to them. I'm always aware of their arrivals (north/south) into RNO and if I ever get near their departure/arrival corridor, I state my intentions. They seem to really like that.

Please pass this on to as many people that you know.

Thanks,
Gordo

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!!

2012 NISC Mini-Contest

Sky Soaring Gliderport Hampshire, IL

May 19-20 (practice day May 18)

Entry fee is \$50 (SSI members \$25)

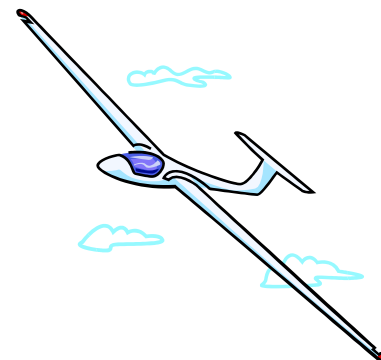
plus tows, 2,000 ft = \$25 ea

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



Upcoming Aviation Events

- ❖ December 13 – CLGC Meeting – Soaring 100
- ❖ January 10 – CLGC Meeting
- ❖ February 14 – CLGC Meeting
- ❖ March 13 – CLGC Meeting – Simone Short Octave Chanute and “Locomotive to Automotive”
- ❖ April 17 – CLGC Meeting

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

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



~ Contest Time ~ Who is this Famous Aviator?



Hint: He flew an F-101, F-104A, Bell X-1B, Bell X-5, X-15, F-105 F-106, B-47, KC-135 and one other rather important ship



Always trust your instruments, son



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

Membership Renewal Due Date: January 1, 2012

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