



"WING NUTZ"

MAY, 2008

"We're Serious About Having Fun"

President's Ramblings

By Bryan Forsyth

The snow is finally melted around my yard and the flowers are starting to bloom here and there. The skis are all cleaned up, waxed and put away for the season and I'm thinking about soaring. The fun, summer kind of soaring where you can wear you shorts and a tee shirt and never even get cool. If you're subscribed to the Soar Truckee yahoo group then you get all of the Soaring weather outlooks from John Armstrong our local retired weatherman. This last week there was some amazing winds that produced challenging blue wave (no markers) if you get a chance be sure to read Gordo's account of landing out in Lee Vining in 40+ mph 90 degree cross winds. He was lucky that there were folks around to help secure the glider. <yikes>

The Silverado board met this week for our quarterly session and once again made good progress. As I mentioned last month we will be implementing a new cost structure to better align our income with the costs associated with operating the club. As you'll see in more detail in the meeting minutes we explored a number of approaches to assure that our new membership fees were able to cover the costs of operating the club while remaining very competitive, still no hourly fees and no equity buy in.

The new costs will be as follows:

Standard annual membership - \$1320 (\$110 if paid monthly) *Must be paid each month on time.

Standard membership fee - \$500 for new members - non-refundable

DG505 annual membership - \$1680 (\$140 if paid monthly) *Must be paid each month on time.

DG505 membership fee - \$1200 onetime non-refundable (over and above \$500 standard fee)

*see operations manual for minimum experience requirements for DG505

This represents a \$25 dollar per month increase for regular membership which at the rate of just over 4 hours per month still only costs \$25 per hour. Even with the tow this is still far less than half the cost of renting a 172 for an hour.

Gliders -

CC has been annualed and is ready to go, still in Minden but ready to move to Truckee soon after opening day.

1PS is scheduled to be annualed this month and should be in Truckee by late May. The radio issues that some have identified will be fully addressed as part of the annual.

7S is out of annual due to the issues with the canopy but we are planning to have one more IA look at it in hopes that the great repair work done late last season on the canopy will allow it to pass annual for another year.

Volunteerism

Silverado Soaring is and always has been a CLUB. The way that this works is that members have to participate in the cleaning, maintenance and management of our club or before long things begin to break down. I would encourage you all to be thinking about how you can make a difference in our club. Simple things like always taking the few extra minutes to get a bucket and wash the bugs off the wings when your flight is over, to staying late and waxing the wings. Our Grob trailer is badly in need of being rewired for example. Each season the trailers need to be cleaned out and made ready for use. The list goes on and on. Your monthly dues are only a part of the total cost of flying a glider so if you show up and the glider is not perfectly clean then grab a bucket and send a note to pilot that flew before you.

As you'll see in the minutes our VP Steve Merlan is putting together a framework of duties that all members will have a chance to participate in. This will also include a detailed set of expectations for the role of Ship

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-RECRUITING-

EQUIPMENT BASING MAY 1

7S & Trailer - Williams

CC - Minden

1PS & Trailer - Williams

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Captain. We plan to have at least a primary and assistance Captain assigned to each glider for each soaring site. Some folks live further from our flying sites so regular visits are not feasible so we plan to schedule some regular work parties so more of our members will have a chance to meet more often and hopefully fly together.

Have a great Season and we'll see you in Truckee!

Fly Safe

Bryan

Minutes of Silverado Soaring board meeting April 26, 2008.

Location: Truckee Tahoe airport terminal.

Attending: *Bryan Forsyth, Steve Merlan, Don Brown, Doug Lent, Mike Johnson.*

The minutes of the annual Silverado Soaring meeting were ammended and approved.

Don Brown presented a financial review. Silverado is in a better position at this time than the same time last year with \$3,500 in the bank. However, with three annuals to pay for and a potential canopy replacement for 75, there may not be enough money. Also, Silverado is not accumulating any money for aircraft upgrades (transponders, radios, refinish, etc.). Silverado's average annual outflow is \$30,000 and by adding 15% to accommodate normal annual cost increases and accumulate money for equipment improvements, Silverado needs to generate approximately \$35,000 per year. After reviewing many financial models to accomplish this goal, the following adjusted membership rates were adopted to be effective on June 1, 2008:

Regular Members - \$110/month and initiation of \$500.

Members flying the DG505 \$140/month and a buy-in of \$1200 non-refundable.

These iniation fees/buy-ins are for new members only.

There was discussion about Silverado being a volunteer club, but that some

members contribute nothing but dues. the outcome of the discussion was as follows:

Steve Merlan was tasked with coming up with a list of duties for the ship captains.

Bryan Forsyth will work on a list of member job assignments.

There will be some mandatory work parties from time to time to maintain the equipment

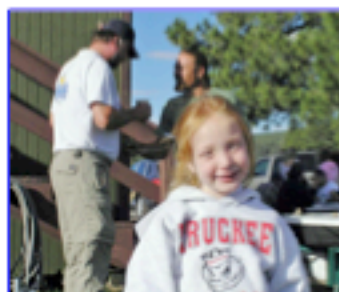
The flight hours will be kept on flight schedule pro to track when some of the maintenance work is necessary.

Ray Sanford had made a generous offer to buy a new radio for 1ps with several options for remuneration. It was decided to have the entire system checked at the annual (wiring, antenna, etc.) before purchasing a new radio.

After many, many years as editor of the "wing nuts", Marc Mott is retiring. We can't thank Marc enough for all the time, money and effort he has put into this classy newsletter. There was dicussion about whether to continue with the paper format or go to an electronic one. Bryan will get a quote from kinko's about doing the publishing. Doug Lent felt the paper version and getting something in the mail from the club was important and offered to pay for the paper version. Costs will be compared before a decision is made.

Silverado is in charge of the three club picnic at Soar Truckee this year. Byran volunteered to head that effort and will be looking for other members to help.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Johnson, Secretary, Silverado Soaring.



CFIG'S MUTTERINGS

By Doug Lent

My comments this month will be brief. The thrust of this short article is simple. I want to thank Marc Mott for everything he has done for Silverado. Marc was instrumental in taking our newsletter to a new height... appropriate for a bunch of glider guiders! This is the last month that Marc will create the Silverado Wing Nutz, and we will truly miss his touch.

Sometime about 1997, Bill Ludlow took over the Wing Nutz editorial duties and did a fine job. At that time the newsletter was a black & white version that went out about once a month or whenever Bill could squeeze it into his very busy schedule. Thanks for that, Bill.

Sometime around 2000, I think, Marc took over. Marc revised the newsletter and turned it into a real thing of beauty. The Wing Nutz started coming out every month without fail and in full color too. I happen to believe that a club newsletter is an essential and integral part of the club experience, and Marc is to be congratulated for doing such a great job for so many years.

Marc.... thanks a million!

Doug

WILLIAMS HAPPENINGS

By Noelle

Doc Mayes Memorial May 2-4

Regionals at Montague

Practice Date June 29

Competition Dates June 30-July 5

Williams will be closed during the Regionals/Nationals June 28 to July 11

