



HIGH FLYER



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Camp tie down at La Veta. Photo by John Scott

Club and Member Notes

The club roster and duty schedule are available on-line at the club website. **Members are responsible for knowing when they have duty!**

<http://www.highlights.com/members/roster/roster.html>

You access the glider reservations thru the roster link.

<http://www.highlights.com/members/sched/currentsched.html>

Next Board Meetings - August 12th and September 16th (Meeting delayed one week due to conflict with camp at Creede). All club members are invited (encouraged) to attend.

Thanks to Bob Reilman for passing on the following web site. This is a NWS soaring forecast for the Pueblo area. This is probably closer to what we see at Meadowlake than the Denver/Boulder forecast:

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/product.php?site=PUB&product=SRG&issuedby=PUB>

The digital voltmeter in **47S** has been replaced. The same type of meter has also been installed in **22S**. Now all gliders have an installed voltmeter. Thanks **Lew**.

The Microair 760 radios (the radio in **22S**) are sensitive to battery voltage. If the voltage drops much below 11.5v, transmissions become very garbled. The new voltmeter installed in **22S** will be a big help in avoiding this problem.

Both 1-26s, **22S** & **47S**, now have boom mics. Velrco has been placed on the cockpit side rail near the top of the boom and around the boom. This is to allow the mic to be secured for transport. Make sure the boom has enough curve in when secured to the side rail it to hold the head away from the side rail so it doesn't rattle against it.

7AS has been grounded to have the tail wheel mounting rebuilt. The poor runway at La Veta (major crosswise cracks, 3" to 4" wide) finally did it in. Once repaired we will need to take more care during ground handling of the Blanik to not stress the tail wheel, particularly side to side.

John Browning soloed on 8 Jul and received his A badge. Congratulations John.

We have several new members this month. Please introduce yourself when you meet them.

Dub Wilttrout is a experienced power pilot transistioning to glides. Dub also flys a RV-6.

Dylan Hrkach is a brand new student pilot training with **Jim Pirtle**. Dylan is 15.

Cannon Willie is 12, and eager to get started. He hopes to solo as soon as he turns 14. He is certainly getting a head start on his training.

Along with new members, we have several members leaving. Bill Creech and Alex Vasconcelos have resigned. Both were out-of-state members. Bill is working on his ASEL Private Pilot Rating in his Pacer. Bill will be moving to Alabama this fall when he retires.

Joe Personett has gotten FAA signoff on his SZD-54 and has flown it several times. It's a very good looking glider. Joe has the original SZD-54 built by SZD just before the company failed in the early 90's. PZL bought the assets of SZD. PZL has just announced they will be building more SZD-54s.

As of this past weekend we have a new windsock at the field. After much wishing for the good fairy to come and put the new sock up, we broke down and borrowed **Frank Molli's** ladder. Much thanks (and admiration) to **Gil Gildersleeve** for being brave enough to climb to the top of the pole, twice, to get the new sock installed. Hopefully we won't need to do this again for 3 or 4 years.

Recently folks have been missing their assigned crew duty days. This puts a burden on the other folks at the field that day to cover for the missing person. Members are responsible for checking the duty rooster and making **firm** arrangements with other members to swap duty days in the event they have a conflict. The current duty rooster is always attached to the newsletter. It is always available on line at the HfSc website. It will be posted in the Ops Trailer in the future. If you have specific days you would prefer to be scheduled, please contact Jim Pirtle in advance and let him know.

Civil Air Patrol Summer Encampment Glider Experience at HFSC

On June 20th, HFSC hosted the CAP at Meadowlake for some introductory flights for their cadets. We had 15 cadets there helping to assemble and dis-assembled one of the CAP's ASK-21s. All total they were able to get 11 flights completed during the day. The CAP even brought their own tow plane down from Boulder. It was a good experience for the cadets.



CAP Cadets assembling ASK-21.



Cadets making effective use of 2-33.

La Veta Camp

We traveled to Camp on Saturday this year due to folks availability to do the ferry flights. We stayed thru Wednesday, July 4th. Camp was reasonably well attended thru Monday, with some folks returning on the 4th. We had a problem with the Blanik when the runway cracks conspired to remove the tail wheel. A good samaritan came to our rescue and fabricated a makeshift wheel mount from wood that we were able to clamp to the lower fuselage seam. This sufficed to allow us to get several more flights in as well as get the Blanik back to Meadowlake on Thursday.

Bob Herndon towed his ASW-20L from Mississippi to fly with us.

We had an east wind for the entire camp. This kept fairly stable air in the valley. Lift would develop by mid-afternoon, but would usually shut down by late afternoon. Cloudbase was usually 13K, but would rise during the afternoon to about 15K. Most lift was west of the field near La Veta pass. Several folks were trying to complete badge segments, Silver and Gold distance, but nobody was able to get away from the field.

Creede Camp

Creede Camp will be the second weekend of September this year, Sept 8th, 9th, and 10th. Marty Grove will be the camp coordinator. Please let us know your plans to attend and your availability to either fly ferry or tow a glider to camp. More information will be forthcoming in August as plans firm up.

2007 OLC Update

High Flights continues to have a good year in the OLC with 2360 points and 38 submitted flights. However we have slipped in the club standings this past month. HFSC is currently ranked 77th of 101 clubs in the US with a total of 1756 points. During the La Veta camp we scored 452 OLC points with Steve Smith scoring 215 points. Here are the current OLC stats for our club members (Note: Dan Daly has continued to submit his flights for High Flights).

Name	Flights	Km	OLC Pts
Marty Grove	3	448.40	513.86
Steven Smith	10	292.32	448.44
John Scott	6	228.06	344.15
Gil Gildersleeve	5	288.33	334.50
Frank Molli	4	175.02	211.60
Dan Daly	3	158.99	166.99
Matt Neal	1	72.25	111.19
Jim Densmore	2	68.24	77.50
Bob Herndon	1	69.52	61.75
John Galbraith	1	50.09	58.56
Jim Pirtle	2	23.34	30.72
HFSC Total	38	1874.56	2359.26

Dan Daly's Austria

I received an email from Dan the other day. After several years, he has his Austria back in the air. The picture on the right is Dan standing beside his plane waiting his turn for tow.



The picture on the right is of the instrument panel while in flight (Note the clouds visible in the upper left corner. Dan, as usual, is thermaling in a left turn.

Dan has generously been submitting his OLC points so far this year as part of High flights.

Articles and submissions for the High Flyer are ALWAYS welcome. If you have a interesting flight, or even a boring flight for a badge attempt, send a few paragraphs on the flight to the editor. Anything of interest on Soaring or High Flights gladly accepted. Photos of High Flights activities both past and present are also needed. I'm runing out of photos from the website to recycle. New photos are needed!

Current Duty Schedule

<http://www.highlights.com/members/sched/currentsched.html>

		Chief	Line	Towing
Saturday	Jul 14	John Norton	John Browning	<td>
Sunday	Jul 15	Marty Grove	<td>	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Jul 21	Matt Neal	Dub Wilttrout	Joe Personett
Sunday	Jul 22	Frank Molli	Dylan Hrkach	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Jul 28	John Browning	Kevin Brooks	Joe Personett
Sunday	Jul 29	Frank Molli	Marsha Hawk	Jim Pirtle
Saturday	Aug 04	Mary Hoddinott	Matt Sheldon	Lee Hatstrup
Sunday	Aug 05	Gilles Marty	Matt Neal	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Aug 11	Marty Grove	John Norton	Jim Pirtle
Sunday	Aug 12	John Scott	Dub Wilttrout	Jim Densmore
Saturday	Aug 18	<td>	<td>	Jim Densmore
Sunday	Aug 19	<td>	<td>	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Aug 25	<td>	<td>	Jim Pirtle
Sunday	Aug 26	<td>	<td>	Lee Hatstrup
Saturday	Sep 01	<td>	<td>	Jim Densmore
Sunday	Sep 02	<td>	<td>	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Sep 08	camp	camp	camp
Sunday	Sep 09	camp	camp	camp