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Camping at Oshkosk. 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>

The FAA is having a public meeting at Colorado Springs Airport on Sept. 15th to discuss airspace issues in the Colorado Springs Area. This is an important topic for High Flights.

All local members are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend.

HFSC will not conduct Flight Operations on Saturday, Sept. 15th, until after the FAA meeting.

This is being done so everyone possible can attend the FAA Meeting.
More information on exact time and place will be forthcoming.

Next Board Meetings - Sept 16th and Oct 14th. All club members are invited (encouraged) to attend. Board meetings are held in the HFSC Ops Trailer

We have a new member this month, **Duane Hubler**. Duane will be Darrold's student. Introduce yourself and welcome our new member when you see him at the field.

Kevin Brooks received his Commercial Glider Pilot rating.

Jennie Chiang had a successful check ride for her Private Pilot license.

The tail wheel on **7AS** has been repaired and should now be better than new. However, we want to do everything possible prevent a reoccurrence of tail wheel problems. Blanik are know for weak tailwheels. So, from now on, when ever the Blanik is being pivoted we need to lift the tailwheel off the ground. Also if there is any obstruction of the tail wheel (rut, runway edges, etc.) the tail of the Blanik needs to be picked up and the wheel lifted over the obstruction

Our landlord, Gene Johnston, is putting in a self-serve fuel pump next to his hanger, behind the Ops Trailer. He will also be widening his ramp and putting in some tiedowns. This will result in more airplane traffic along the west side taxiway and on the ramp to Gene's hanger. HFSC will be adjusting some of our operating procedures to assure safe operations with this increased traffic. The key item for glider pilots when landing to the south is to make sure you are high enough to clear any traffic on the taxiway. Our standard procedure calls for us to **pass the Ops Trailer at TWICE the height of the trailer**. We need to strictly adhere to this in the future.

2007 Creede Camp – Sep 7th thru Sep 10th (Friday – Monday)

This year the Creede camp will be the first weekend after Labor Day. We'll setup camp

Friday morning, Sep 7th and pack up Monday morning, Sep 10th. Marty Grove is this year's Creede camp coordinator. He can be reached at 590-2427 (work), 685-1472 (home) or by e-mail marty_grove@comcast.net.

The area: Creede was a silver mining town that is now a tourist town. The airport is situated in a beautiful valley that runs along the Rio Grande River. The surrounding mountains are laced with aspen trees that turn golden yellow and red in September. The airport is surrounded by ridges to the North, South and West. The South and North ridges are only about two miles from the airport. Seven miles to the West is the famous Bristol Head ridge which peaks at 12700 feet (about 4000 feet above the runway). Winds are typically from the West and can be strong in the afternoon. This is a great place for ridge soaring.

Things To Do: Other than soaring there are lots of things to do near Creede. The Bachelor Historic Tour is a 17-mile driving tour that loops through Creede's historic silver mining district and ghost towns. There is a great repertory theater in town and you don't usually need advanced reservations after Labor Day. Chanterelle mushrooms are plentiful and fun to pick. Contact Marty if you are interested in gathering mushrooms. Wheeler Geologic area is about an hours drive from town and has awesome rock formations. Creede is surrounded by national forest and wilderness areas with many hiking trails. Fishing is available on the Rio Grande River and in near-by high mountain lakes. There are several good restaurants in town. More information on activities and lodging is available at <http://www.creede.com>.

The airport: The Mineral County Memorial airport is located 2 miles east of Creede off Highway 149. The airport elevation is 8680 feet. The UNICOM frequency is 122.9. No fuel is available at the airport. The runway, 7/25, is 6880 feet long by 60 feet wide. The normal traffic pattern is left. The magnetic variation is 12E. More information is available at <http://www.airnav.com/airport/C24>.

Directions: From Colorado Springs, take I-25 south to Walsenburg, approx. 90 miles. Take the CO-10 E exit- EXIT 50- toward LA JUNTA, go 0.1 miles. Turn LEFT onto US-160 / CO-10. Continue to follow US-160 0.8 miles. Turn LEFT onto MAIN ST / I-25 BL / US-87 / US-85 / US-160, go 0.1 miles. Turn RIGHT onto US 160, go 119 miles to South Fork. Turn RIGHT onto CO-149. Follow CO-149 21 miles to Creede. The airport is 2 miles further off of CO-149.

Camp Details: Please let Marty Grove know if you plan or don't plan to attend this campout. If you do plan to attend, let him know if you can help with any of the following:

- ferry a glider down and back
- fly the tow plane down and back
- tow a glider trailer
- perform tow pilot duties at the camp
- carry HFSC gear to and from the camp

If you have never flown at Creede, orientation flights in the Blanik will be available in the mornings. We will have a short meeting each morning at 9:00 am to discuss airport details, weather, safety issues, and to determine the flying sequence. Normally, flights in the club gliders should be held to 1 hour. If no other members are waiting to fly, the flights can continue beyond 1 hour. One of the 1-26 gliders may be reserved for badge work. The sign-up list for the camp will determine the type and number of club gliders we bring.

Camps require a great deal of teamwork to be successful and there is a lot of opportunity to help. Prior to the camp on Sunday Sep 2nd, we'll pack up the camp gear and trailer the gliders. We will assemble gliders and screw/hammer in tie downs on Friday morning. We will pack up camp and trailer gliders on Monday morning.

TOW RELEASE by Darrold Gray

It has come to my attention that some of our glider pilots are rushing the turn and climb after release. Sometimes just seeing some slack line and thinking they have a release, then rush into a turn. If you are in control of your airplane, this is not the time to rush. The plan is to clear right, pull a few feet to the right, climb slightly above the normal tow position, Clear right again, then release and fly straight ahead until you can plainly see the end of the toe rope and know you did get a positive release. the tow plane has an engine, it will pull away from you in all but extreme weather circumstances, so you have plenty of time since he will fly straight ahead and check on you in the mirror before starting his left turn and decent. Please endeavor to follow this procedure. Again, clear right, pull right, climb to a bit above normal tow, clear right again, release, watch for end of toe rope. Then do a climbing right turn for spacing from tow plane.

Pictures from the trip to Oshkosk by John Scott

Jim Densmore, Gil Gildersleeve, and I went to the EAA Airventure in Oshkosk this year.



Gil's Thrope T-18 under Jim's wing on the way up.



Jim's Cessna 180 on the way back.



Jim, Gil, and John after flight in Ford Tri-Motor.



F-22, F-86, P-38 formation fly-by.

Current Duty Schedule

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

		Chief	Line	Towing
Saturday	Sep 01	Mary Hoddinott	Matt Sheldon	Joe Personett
Sunday	Sep 02	Marsha Hawk	Dub Wiltrout	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Sep 08	camp	camp	camp
Sunday	Sep 09	camp	camp	camp
Saturday	Sep 15	John Scott	Gilles Marty	Jim Pirtle
Sunday	Sep 16	Steve Smith	Jennie Chang	Lee Hattrup
Saturday	Sep 22	John Norton	Matt Neal	Jim Densmore
Sunday	Sep 23	John Browning	Susan Personett	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Sep 29	Keven Brooks	Cannon Willie	Jim Pirtle
Sunday	Sep 30	Marty Grove	Dylan Hyrkach	Lee Hattrup
Saturday	Oct 06	<tbd>	<tbd>	Jim Densmore
Sunday	Oct 07	<tbd>	<tbd>	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Oct 13	<tbd>	<tbd>	Jim Pirtle
Sunday	Oct 14	<tbd>	<tbd>	Lee Hattrup
Saturday	Oct 20	<tbd>	<tbd>	Jim Densmore
Sunday	Oct 21	<tbd>	<tbd>	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Oct 27	<tbd>	<tbd>	Jim Pirtle
Sunday	Oct 28	<tbd>	<tbd>	Lee Hattrup