



HIGH FLYER



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Photo of a FEW of the P-51s at the "Gathering of Mustangs and Ledgens" in Columbus, Ohio, in September 2007.

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>

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

You can now access the Glider Reservation page directly:

<http://www.mcsi.com/hfsc/reservations.dll/EXEC/0/05s5zjx0jkzuuf1foa20n0a913pc>

Next Board Meetings - Dec 8th and Feb 9th. All club members are invited (encouraged) to attend. Board meetings are held in the HFSC Ops Trailer.

Note: Board Meetings are now normally the 2nd Saturday of each month.

After some polling of members, this year's **Annual Meeting and Banquet** will be held on Saturday, **5 Jan 08**, at **Marigold's** in Colorado Springs. Marigold's is one of Colorado Springs top restaurants. It is owned by Elaine and Dominique Chavanon. They met at Disney's Epcot Center. Dominique is a French born, French trained chef who came to the US to open the French Restaurant at Disney's Epcot Center. Elaine taught pastry at the Culinary Institute of America (the other CIA) and helped open the French Pastry shop at Epcot center. The food is outstanding. We are still working out the menu. You will have a entree choice of either beef, chicken, or seafood and choice of several desserts. The menu will be published in next month's High Flyer. The price for dinner will be about \$35 per person. There will be a cash bar. Please mark your calendars. We'd like to have a really good turnout this year.

We have received the insurance settlement from this summer's hail storm. **47S** remains grounded until the tail surfaces are recovered. This will happen over the winter. **7AS** is flying with a patched canopy. Plans are to replace the entire canopy sometime this winter.

There is a new clipboard hanging by the Ops trailer front door, under the radio. This is our current **Squawk List** for the club aircraft fleet. It lists the pending maintenance items needed for each aircraft. If you note a problem with an aircraft, add it to the list, and discuss it with a board member. If you're at the airport and not flying, review the list and see if there is anything you might be able to help fix. Remember, this is an entirely volunteer club and that includes most of the maintenance on the grounds and aircraft. Pitch in and help out when you can.

Early next year the board will be planning the schedule for next summer's camps. In recent years, camp participation has been declining. The board is still interested in member's thoughts and ideas on the camp schedule and locations. To date, we've had very little comment from the membership. What would make camps more inviting for you to attend? If you have thoughts or suggestions, please discuss them with a board member and/or send an email with your input.

Planning has started for another **Bob Wander** CFGIF refresher clinic this spring. This is an offering from the Soaring Safety Foundation. It is open to all glider pilots. I've been to the last 2 and found both very worthwhile. Let me know if you would be interested in attending this year.

2008 SSA Convention

The last Annual SSA convention will be in Albuquerque, NM, in Feb, 2008. Kathy and I have attended the last 2 conventions and found them very worthwhile and most enjoyable. This one is close to home, so I encourage folks to try to attend. After this year, the SSA convention will be held every other year. The following convention will be in 2010.

2007 OLC Summary

The 2007 OLC season finished in mid-October. We're now in the 2008 season. WE didn't so as well this year as the previous year. With more clubs participating, we were lower in the club standings. Our final standings were:

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| Total 2007 OLC Points | 2271.77 pts |
| Total 2007 OLC Kilometers | 1784.04 km |
| Total submitted flights | 37 submitted flights |
| Final ranking among US Clubs | 83 rd of 103 clubs |

Without Dan Daly's points, our total points were lower (2006 – 3893 pts). However our non-Dan Daly points were higher (2006 – 1738 non-Dan Daly pts.) Total flights submitted increased (2006 – 30) and we had more members, 10, participate (2006 – 8 members). Here are the final standings for HFSC members participating:

| | Flights | Kilometers | Points |
|------------------|---------|------------|--------|
| Marty Grove | 3 | 448.4 | 513.86 |
| Steven Smith | 10 | 292.32 | 448.44 |
| Gil Gildersleeve | 6 | 356.14 | 412.95 |
| John Scott | 7 | 228.74 | 345.2 |
| Frank Molli | 4 | 175.02 | 211.6 |
| Matt Neal | 1 | 72.25 | 111.19 |
| Jim Densmore | 2 | 68.24 | 77.5 |
| Robert Herndon | 1 | 69.52 | 61.75 |
| John Galbraith | 1 | 50.09 | 58.56 |
| Jim Pirtle | 2 | 23.34 | 30.72 |

The 2008 OLC contest is now in full swing. We have 3 flights submitted already. The unexpectedly good soaring weather in October and November allowed us to get in some long duration flights from Meadowlake. It appears the OLC website and procedures will not be changing this year. Let's see if we can get more folks participating this year.

Google Earth Flight Simulator

Looking for something interesting to do this winter to prepare for next season? How about practicing flying some tasks or badge legs? The latest version of Google earth includes a flight simulator. Download the latest version of Google Earth (v4.2. was what I just installed on my system) from their website, it's free:

<http://earth.google.com/>

After starting it up, select "Enter Flight Simulator" from the Tools pull down menu. It will work with a joystick, if installed. You have your choice of a Cirrus SR22 or an F-16. Sorry, no gliders, but then you won't have to try to find thermals either. I find it best to

pre-position the display to one of the local airports, then select “Start Position” to be “Current Display”. You can select HELP on the Flight Simulator dialog box to get a page with all of the keyboard commands.

You’ll do best with a broadband connection as a lot of data is downloaded to provide the best resolution. Enjoy.

Current Duty Schedule

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

| | | Chief | Line | Towing |
|----------|--------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Saturday | Dec 1 | Frank Molli | Susan Personett | Joe Personett |
| Sunday | Dec 2 | Matt Neal | Cannon Willie | Gil Gildersleeve |
| Saturday | Dec 8 | Marty Grove | Dylan Hyrkach | Jim Pirtle |
| Sunday | Dec 9 | Mary Hoddinott | Matt Sheldon | Jim Densmore |
| Saturday | Dec 15 | Marsha Hawk | Dub Wiltout | Joe Personett |
| Sunday | Dec 16 | Matt Neil | Roger Wild | Gil Gildersleeve |
| Saturday | Dec 22 | John Scott | John Browning | Jim Densmore |
| Sunday | Dec 23 | John Norton | Lee Hatrip | Jim Pirtle |
| Saturday | Dec 29 | Steve Smith | Jennie Chang | Joe Personett |
| Sunday | Dec 30 | Frank Molli | Cannon Willie | Gil Gildersleeve |