



# HIGH FLYER



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**Final glide, Day 4 (12/23/07), at World GP Soaring Championships in Oamaru, New Zealand.**

## 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>

**Next Board Meetings** - Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and Mar 8<sup>th</sup>. All club members are invited (encouraged) to attend. Board meetings are held in the HFSC Ops Trailer (unless it's really cold, then you can find the meeting at Frankie's II in Falcon).

### Annual Meeting and Banquet

**Our annual meeting this year will be at Marigold's in Colorado Springs, 1800 hrs, 5 Jan 08. Responses so far indicate we're going to have a good turnout this year. Please try to attend if possible. If you've told us you can't make it and your plans change – Call John Scott up until Friday, 4 Jan 08.**

Planning has started for another **Bob Wander** CFGI 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. Email [tom@serkowski.com](mailto:tom@serkowski.com) if you are interested in attending so he can make appropriate arrangements. Details will probably be available in late February.

HFSC received a Christmas Card from **Frank** and **Judi Surhigh**:

*Greetings to all of you at High Flights! We think of you often and watch the weather reports to see if you're having good soaring weather – especially on the weekends. We are retired here on Galveston Island – less than a mile walk to the beach, so it's a beautiful area full of palm trees and sea birds. (We watch the pelicans riding the thermals). Keep hoping to make it to one of your camps and see you all again – until then have a Merry Christmas & a great 2008.*

[Editor's Note: It is also fascinating to watch the sea gulls ride the "ridge lift" along the Galveston Seawall when there is an on-shore breeze.]

**7AS** goes into the shop on 7 Jan for the annual and to have the canopies replaced. We hope to have it back and flying by the end of January.

## **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. So far in addition to Kathy and I, I believe Joe Personett, Steve Smith and Jennie Chiang are planning to attend.

## Current Duty Schedule

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

		<b>Chief</b>	<b>Line</b>	<b>Towing</b>
Saturday	Jan 5	Mary Hoddinott	Matt Sheldon	Jim Densmore
Sunday	Jan 6	Marsha Hawk	Dub Wilttrout	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Jan 12	Matt Neil	Roger Wild	Joe Personett
Sunday	Jan 13	John Scott	John Browning	Jim Pirtle
Saturday	Jan 19	John Norton	Dylan Hyrkach	Jim Densmore
Sunday	Jan 20	Steve Smith	Jennie Chang	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Jan 26	Frank Molli	Susan Personett	Joe Personett
Sunday	Jan 27	Keven Brooks	Cannon Willie	Jim Pirtle
Saturday	Feb 2	Marty Grove	Dylan Hyrkach	Jim Densmore
Sunday	Feb 3	Mary Hoddinott	Matt Sheldon	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Feb 9	Marsha Hawk	Dub Wilttrout	Joe Personett
Sunday	Feb 10	Matt Neil	Roger Wild	Jim Pirtle
Saturday	Feb 16	John Scott	John Browning	Jim Densmore
Sunday	Feb 17	John Norton	Dylan Hyrkach	Gil Gildersleeve
Saturday	Feb 23	Steve Smith	Jennie Chang	Joe Personett
Sunday	Feb 24	Matt Neil	Roger Wild	Jim Pirtle