



HIGH FLYER



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A clear sunny November day at Meadowlake. 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>

<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 –Dec 13th, Jan 10th, Feb 14th. All club members are invited (encouraged) to attend. Board meetings are held in the HFSC Ops Trailer (except the Jan meeting).

Flight Operations Canceled for the weekend following Christmas (27/28 Dec 2008) and New Years (3/4 Jan 2009). We will resume regular weekend operations on 10 Jan 2009. The past several years we have had no flight activity on those weekends, so we decided to not schedule line crew and tow pilots to avoid any conflicts.

In case you've wondered, it's 500 feet from the taxiway pavement to the north of the Ops Trailer to the Windsock flag pole! We have a chart in the Ops trailer now the distances along this path for significant locations. So, it will now be easier to determine just how long that tow rope really is.

We need volunteers for the awards committee and the nominating committee. The awards committee selects candidates and final winners for the annual club awards. The nominating committee recruits candidates for next years board and will conduct the election at the meeting. Please let John Scott know if you are will serve on either of these committees.

The FAA has changed the rules about **parachute repacks** time intervals. Parachutes now only need to be repacked within the last 180 days to be legal. Previously it was 120 days. The new interval becomes effective 19 Dec 2008.

Annual Meeting

Saturday, 10 Jan 2009, Marigolds, 6:00PM

By popular request, our annual meeting and banquet will be at Marigolds again this year. AS last year, you'll have a choice from 3 entrees and 2 desserts. Selections are below. There will be a cash bar. We'll start with the cocktail hour at 1800 hrs. followed by dinner at 1900 hrs.

Salad:	Caesar Salad
Entrees:	Flat Iron Steak Salmon Roulade Fettuccini Jambalaya
Deserts:	Raspberry Cheesecake Carrot Cake
Beverage:	Iced Tea, Hot Tea, Coffee, Soda

We will call everyone about mid-December to get a head count for attendance and to get your selections for Entrée and Desert.

During our cocktail hour this year we will be showing the video made by a guest during a ride in the Blanik at Creede. If you haven't been to Creede, this will give you a chance to see why we make the drive every year. Time permitting, we will also show the Disney film "The Boy who flew with Condors".

After dinner we will have our annual meeting including a review of the year's operations, current finances, election of next year's officers. We will also have several small Bylaws revisions to discuss and vote on this year. More information on the Bylaws will be in next month's newsletter and a separate email.

Interesting Soaring Statistics

The current issue of *Gliding International* has some interesting statistics about glider production and Glider Pilots worldwide. 2005 saw 334 new gliders built. By 2007 this had dropped to 274. The Ventus 2C is by far the most popular new glider, followed by the ASG-29 and the Duo Discuss. The Duo Discuss is by far the most popular 2 seat glider with 31 produced in 2007. Schempp-Hirth was the dominant builder, producing just about twice the number of gliders (116) of Schliecher, the 2nd largest producer.

The US pilot population grew from 2005 (30,186) to 2007 (31,523) while the glider pilot population in Germany dropped from 33,196 to 31,279. The US and Germany account for far more 60% of the worldwide glider pilots.

Current Duty Schedule - Nov,v3

Effective Date: 12-Nov-08

Day	Date	Chief	Line	Tow
Saturday	22-Nov	Jim Van Namee	Kevin Brooks	Joe Personett
Sunday	23-Nov	Marty Grove	Roger Wild	Jim Pirtle
Saturday	29-Nov	John Scott	Cannon Wille	Bob Reilman
Sunday	30-Nov	Steve Smith	Jennie Chiang	Paul Antoinette
Saturday	6-Dec	Dub Wiltrout	Matt Neal	Jim Densmore
Sunday	7-Dec	John Norton	John Browning	Jim Pirtle
Saturday	13-Dec	Frank Molli	Jim Van Namee	Paul Antoinette
Sunday	14-Dec	Gil Gildersleeve	Kevin Brooks	Bob Reilman
Saturday	20-Dec	John Scott	John Browning	Paul Antoinette
Sunday	21-Dec	Mark Huff	Roger Wild	Jim Densmore
Saturday	27-Dec	No Operations		
Sunday	28-Dec	No Operations		
Saturday	3-Jan	No Operations		
Sunday	4-Jan	No Operations		
Saturday	10-Jan	Bruce Mosier	Cannon Wille	JimPirtle
Sunday	11-Jan	Marty Grove	Marsha Hawk	Bob Reilman
Saturday	17-Jan	Dub Wiltrout	John Browning	Jim Densmore
Sunday	18-Jan	Steve Smith	Jennie Chiang	Paul Antoinette
Saturday	24-Jan	Frank Molli	Roger Wild	JimPirtle
Sunday	25-Jan	John Norton	Matt Neal	Bob Reilman
Saturday	31-Jan	Gil Gildersleeve	Jim Van Namee	Jim Densmore
Sunday	1-Feb	John Scott	Kevin Brooks	Paul Antoinette
Saturday	7-Feb	Mark Huff	Cannon Wille	JimPirtle
Sunday	8-Feb	Bruce Mosier	Marsha Hawk	Bob Reilman
Saturday	14-Feb	Marty Grove	John Browning	Jim Densmore
Sunday	15-Feb	Dub Wiltrout	Jennie Chiang	Paul Antoinette
Saturday	21-Feb	Steve Smith	Roger Wild	Joe Personett
Sunday	22-Feb	Frank Molli	Matt Neal	Jim Pirtle
Saturday	28-Feb	John Norton	Jim Van Namee	Bob Reilman
Sunday	1-Mar	Gil Gildersleeve	Kevin Brooks	Jim Densmore
Saturday	7-Mar	John Scott	Cannon Wille	Joe Personett
Sunday	8-Mar	Mark Huff	Marsha Hawk	Paul Antoinette
Saturday	14-Mar	Bruce Mosier	John Browning	JimPirtle
Sunday	15-Mar	Marty Grove	Jennie Chiang	Bob Reilman
Saturday	21-Mar	Dub Wiltrout	Roger Wild	Jim Densmore
Sunday	22-Mar	Steve Smith	Matt Neal	Paul Antoinette
Saturday	28-Mar	Frank Molli	Jim Van Namee	Joe Personett
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