



HIGH FLYER



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Winter comes to 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 – Jan 10th and 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.

Lew Neyland is available for BFRs in the 2-33, when it's not too cold. If you have a flight review coming up, check with Lew.

Jim VanNamee has received his A and B badges and has checked out in the 1-26.

John Scott passed his checkride and received his Commercial Rating at Sundance Aviation in Moriarty, NM.

Randy Rothe is interested in obtaining a good composite 2-seat glider. He is looking for partners who would be interested in sharing the glider. One of his goals is to have a glider that he can use for winch launch endorsements. Randy's Dutch Winch Partner is looking for a good value on a glider in Europe. If interested, contact Randy.

Tost Tow Ring Sets now cost over \$40. We've just ordered 2 spares. We use these rings on the tow plane end of the tow rope and for some of the private gliders. Please take care that we don't misplace them or leave the glider end weak link lying by the runway.

Our venerable **2-33** will need the fuselage **recovered** this winter. We are investigating options to getting the work done. One option is to rent a hanger and have club members do the majority of the work under supervision of an AP. This is likely to be the least expensive, but have the most timeline risk. We'd like to have the recovering done by mid March. Another option is to contract with someone to do it, but have club members do some of the work. In order to make a decision, the board needs to know which members would be interested in working on this project. If you are, please contact a board member to discuss it. We're guesstimating in the area of \$10,000 for the project, with no member participation.

High Flights has received \$28 to date from folks using the **GoodSearch** search engine. Thanks to those of you who are using it. If your not you should consider it and suggest it to friends.

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 in the next week or so 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, and election of next year's officers. We will also have several small Bylaws revisions to discuss and vote on this year.

Pilot Responsibilities

It has always been High Flights policy that it is each pilot's responsibility to assure they meet the requirements to fly legally. There are FAR requirements for flight reviews and currency. While there is no FAR requirement for any medical certification for glider pilots or for an documentation for self-certification, there is a FAR prohibition against flying with known medical impairment that does apply to glider pilots.

In addition to the FAR requirements for flight reviews and currency, High Flights insurance requires each member to "demonstrate to the named insured's appropriately certificated flight instructor the piloting skills required for the sailplane being flown". HFSC interprets this to mean the each member needs to be signed off for each glider and each position in the 2 seat gliders. Documentation of this "demonstration" is usually accomplished by having a club flight instructor sign off in the members log book. Members are responsible for maintaining the necessary documentation. High Flights does not keep records of a member's status.

If you cannot locate your sign-offs, you should talk with one of the club CFGIs about having you current logbook signed.

Current Duty Schedule

Effective Date: 14-Dec-08

Day	Date	Chief	Line	Tow
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 Wilttrout	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 Wilttrout	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 Wilttrout	Roger Wild	Jim Densmore
Sunday	22-Mar	Steve Smith	Matt Neal	Paul Antoinette
Saturday	28-Mar	Frank Molli	Jim Van Namee	Joe Personett
Sunday	29-Mar	John Norton	Kevin Brooks	Jim Pirtle