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First good CUs of 2009. March 17th. Cloudbase is about 17,000. 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 – Apr 11th and May 9th. All club members are invited (encouraged) to attend. Board meetings are held in the HFSC Ops Trailer.

The **2009 Soaring Season** begin on Valentines day. That was the first day that showed good convective activity this year. We've had good flying during late February and March. We've logged 93 flights and over 35 hours. We began to see good CUs in mid-March and have had several cross country flights already this spring.

After many years **Marsha Hawk** has decided to resign from High Flights to devote her time to her many other interests.

We have 4 new members this month. **Pete Toups, Sam Frazier, Mark Buist,** and **Dave Elliott** have all joined us this month. Pete is a CFG and a Ventus 2 owner. Mark Buist currently a glider pilot and is the owner of a very nice KA-6E. Sam and Dave are both power transistion pilots. Sam has many hours in GA aircraft (and 500 tailwheel hrs!). Dave is an ATP. Please introduce yourself when you see them at the airport.

High Flights is proud of the fraternal nature of our club and our friendly atmosphere. With the many new members we should revisit some of the action we take to promote these aspects of our club. HFSC provides every member with a nametag when they are accepted. Members should always wear their nametags when they are at the club. This allows other members and visitors to greet them by name. Also, it is a club practice to shake the hand of each club member the first time you meet them each day when at the club. Let's make sure we continue these traditions and keep that "High Flights" feel to our club.

A SAFETY NOTE: Spring is "Morning Frost" season here. This is just a reminder that as innocuous as it appears to be, even a thin film of frost on wings is a major threat and we must never attempt to fly until the wings and tail surfaces are completely clear of it. I once saw the results of a barely perceptible film of frost on the wings of an 85HP Cub that attempted to take off on a 3500ft runway and ended upside down just off the end of the strip.

HFSC's pilot training is very dependant on our venerable SGS 2-33, **N2689H**. 89H is going to require recovering in the near future. We will need to do this as a club project to keep the costs down. In order to not be without a training glider while the work is done, the board decided to take advantage of an opportunity to aquire another SGS 2-33. We purchased **N2905H** from Sundance Aviation in Moriarty, NM. There is some minor work being done on the glider. We hope to pick it up and have it back at Meadowlake before the end of April. If you'd like to be part of the trip to pick it up, let John Scott know.

With the addition of N2905H to our fleet, HFSC now has 6 club owned ships. We also have 11 privately owned ships as well in our overall fleet.

With the resurgence of our training program, we have decided to start our operations as early as **0800** hrs on days when there is training scheduled. This allows student pilots to get their flights in before thermal activity really gets started. Also, with more members flying, we need to expect our duty day to extend to **1700** hrs in the evening. Line Crew Members and Tow Pilots need to plan accordingly. Any pilot who does not expect to be back at the field and secured by **1700** needs to make arrangements for their own support. They should not expect to return to the field after 1700 and find any one to help them tie down or disassemble unless they have made specific arrangements.

At the request of several members, the board has decided to conduct scheduled club **operations on Wednesday's** during May and June. We will not schedule ground crew, but will schedule a tow pilot. It will be imperative that you make a reservation on line if you expect to fly by Tuesday. This includes members with their own ships making a "Tow Only" reservation indicating when they expect to launch. If there are no reservations by Tuesday Evening at 1600, then we will cancel the tow pilot for the following day, Wednesday. Wednesday flying will only be available for rated pilots, no solo students, due to the requirement for an instructor on the field whenever a solo student is flying.

Glider Pilot Ground School has been a big success. We have 20 folks signed up and learning about soaring. The students range for folks who have never flown to experienced ATPs. We've been using the *FAA Glider Flying Handbook* as the basis for the class. We've been showing various soaring videos to generate enthusiasm. All members are welcome to sit in and participate.

HFSC Awards

HFSC has a number of areas in which we recognize the accomplishments of our members. In the recent past we have waited until December when preparing for the banquet to start determining who should be recognized for their accomplishment during the prior year. This year we decided to be better organized. Mark Huff has agreed to be our Awards Committee Chairman this year. Mark will be collecting information on the various recognition areas during the year. Mark will be assisting Randy and Lew on the A-B-C-Bronze badge program. He will be collecting the data for our recognition awards and data for our trophies selections at the end of the year.

HFSC will have the following awards and have the following recognitions areas for 2009:

Awards

- Eagle Trophy
- Pelican Trophy
- Roadrunner Trophy
- Founders Trophy
- Wombat (if recovered)

Recognition Areas

- All new Glider Ratings
- All A, B, C, and Bronze Badges

- All Silver, Gold, and Diamond Badge Legs and Badges
- All Lennie Badges
- Top 10 Pilots by Glider Hours, Glider Flights
- HFSC Club OLC Standing
- Top 3 Total OLC Pilots
- Hi Point Single Flight (handicapped by OLC)
- ** Total Altitude Gain off tow (honor system) – for season, for each month Apr - Oct
- ** Best Altitude Gain in 1 hr (by logger) for season

- Badge Camp Spot Landing Winner
- Badge Camp Duration Challenge Winner
- Badge Camp Hi Point Flight (handicapped by OLC)
- Badge Camp Total Altitude Gain off tow (honor system)
- Badge Camp Best Altitude Gain in 1 hr (by logger)

The items marked “***” are new this year and as such, may need to have the rules adjusted as we see how things develop. The purpose is to recognize members who are developing good climbing skills. Participation is voluntary. The goal is to have fun with your soaring.

Best Altitude Gain in 1 hr will be judge from log file submissions. The idea is to find a strong thermal, climb, come down and climb again. Best total altitude gain during 1 hr will be counted. Multiple attempts can be made during the year or during Badge Camp. We will keep a running posting of who has submitted flights for consideration and what the altitude gains were.

Total altitude gain will be based simply on max height gained off tow. Members wishing to participate will simply need to note their max altitude achieve during a flight on the daily log sheet. The tow pilot already supplies the release altitude. We will total the altitude gains for each month during the soaring season, April thru October, and post the totals for each month and for the season. Note that making more flights is a definite advantage.

All of these items are intended to be fun, to encourage flying, and to provide some bragging rights. Wagering is discouraged. However, incentives involving after hours refreshments are encouraged.

2009 Camps

This year’s camps will be:

22-25 May	Westcliffe Wave Camp	Silver West Airport
27 Jun – 5 Jul	Badge Camp	Meadowlake Airport
11- 13 Sep	Creede Fall Colors Camp	Mineral County Airport

We will pack for Westcliffe on 17 May. Marty Grove will be Camp Coordinator. We had a good turnout planned for last year, but had to cancel the camp at the last minute due to weather. This year we will have a contingency plan to conduct the camp the following weekend, 29-30 May, if we have weather problems again.

Badge Camp will be at Meadowlake again this year. We will operate for the entire week around the 4th of July. Soaring conditions should be good so this will be an excellent time to work on your badge segments, fly some cross country, or just enjoy

flying in the local area. Last years camp went very well. This year we hope to have much more activity. We will have family cookouts on the Jun 27th and on Jul 5th. We're planning a spot landing contest for the 27th and a duration challenge for the 5th.

The Duration Challenge will require you to declare the length of your flight in minutes prior to takeoff. Minimum allowable durations will be "B" badge flights, ie, 30 minutes from a 2000' tow, 45 minutes from a 3000' tow. Timing will be from the start of take off roll until touchdown.

The Creede camp this year is tentative. It's a long trip and has not been well attended in recent years. We'll make a final determination about going to Creede in August. If you plan to attend, you need to let the board know.

Do You Know What Airport This Is?

Last month's airports were Springs East, Kelly Airpark, Green Roof, and Calhan. How many folks figured them out?

Current Duty Schedule

Effective Date: 1-Apr-09

Day	Date	Chief	Line	Tow
Saturday	4-Apr	Gil Gildersleeve	TBD	
Sunday	5-Apr	John Scott	Boris Lenov	
Saturday	11-Apr	Mark Huff	Cannon Wille	
Sunday	12-Apr	Marty Grove	Bruce Mosier	
Saturday	18-Apr	Dub Wiltrout	John Browning	
Sunday	19-Apr	John Norton	Matt Neal	
Saturday	25-Apr	Marsha Hawk	Lloyd Cafran	
Sunday	26-Apr	Kevin Brooks	Dave Elliott	
Saturday	2-May	Frank Molli	Jim Van Namee	
Sunday	3-May	Steve Smith	Jennie Chiang	
Wednesday	6-May	n/a	n/a	
Saturday	9-May	Gil Gildersleeve	Mark Buist	
Sunday	10-May	John Scott	Boris Lenov	
Wednesday	13-May	n/a	n/a	
Saturday	16-May	Mark Huff	Cannon Wille	
Sunday	17-May	Marty Grove	Bruce Mosier	
Wednesday	20-May	n/a	n/a	
Saturday	23-May	Silverwest Camp		
Sunday	24-May	Silverwest Camp		
Wednesday	27-May	n/a	n/a	
Saturday	30-May	Dub Wiltrout	John Browning	
Sunday	31-May	John Norton	Dave Elliott	
Wednesday	3-Jun	n/a	n/a	
Saturday	6-Jun	Kevin Brooks	Lloyd Cafran	
Sunday	7-Jun	Frank Molli	Jim Van Namee	
Wednesday	10-Jun	n/a	n/a	
Saturday	13-Jun	Gil Gildersleeve	Mark Buist	
Sunday	14-Jun	John Scott	Boris Lenov	
Wednesday	17-Jun	n/a	n/a	
Saturday	20-Jun	Mark Huff	Cannon Wille	
Sunday	21-Jun	Marty Grove	Bruce Mosier	
Wednesday	24-Jun	n/a	n/a	
Saturday	27-Jun	Dub Wiltrout	John Browning	
Sunday	28-Jun	John Norton	Dave Elliott	
Monday	29-Jun	n/a	n/a	
Tuesday	30-Jun	n/a	n/a	
Wednesday	1-Jul	n/a	n/a	
Thursday	2-Jul	n/a	n/a	
Friday	3-Jul	n/a	n/a	
Saturday	4-Jul	Kevin Brooks	Lloyd Cafran	
Sunday	5-Jul	Frank Molli	Jim Van Namee	