



# HIGH FLYER



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**High Flights Contingent at the 2010 SSA Convention in Little Rock.  
Randy Rothe, John Scott, Kathy Scott, Dan Daly**

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> and Mar 20<sup>th</sup>. All club members are invited (encouraged) to attend. Board meetings are held in the HFSC Ops Trailer.

**Please remember** to **check the online reservation** the evening before your duty assignments to see if we will have early training activity scheduled. If we do, then you will need to be at the field early, 0800, otherwise, you can arrive by 0930 as usual.

### **Annual Mandatory Spring Safety Meeting**

**13 Mar 2010 (Saturday)  
0900-1200 hrs  
MLAA Hanger 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

The Board has decided to hold **Annual Spring Safety Seminars**. Attendance at this seminar will be mandatory to continue to operate with the club as a PIC (club aircraft or private aircraft). The syllabus is still being developed. If you have suggested topics to cover, please discuss them with Randy Rothe. For those unable to attend, there will be makeup material that will need to be completed and signed off by a club instructor prior to being able fly with the club.

The **HFSC Shirts** have been received and distributed. We also ordered extras for inventory. Thanks to **Jim VanNamee** for leading this project.

Per the cover photo, **89H** is in the process of being recovered and restored. Pete Holbany is doing the work. He's finishing up the interior work and expects to put the covering on next week. He's estimating it will be ready to return to Meadowlake by mid-March.

**7AS** has been disassembled and is at Kelly Airpark in Doug Curry's hanger to have the rudder and tail section problems repaired. We're still waiting on parts from Blanik before Doug can start the work.

**2010 Colorado Performance Soaring Seminar** is Feb 27<sup>th</sup> in Boulder. Several club members are planning to attend. If interested you need to RSVP to Bob Caldwell ([rcaldwell@ponderosa-assoc.com](mailto:rcaldwell@ponderosa-assoc.com)). Let John Scott know so we can arrange some ride sharing where possible.\_

## Annual Meeting and Banquet

We held our Annual Meeting and Banquet this year at Giuseppe's Depot Restaurant. We had a more room than in recent past years as well as being able to make our dinner choices that evening. It's highly likely we'll go back again next year.



During dinner we watched the new DVD of "The Sunship Game". This is a documentary about the 1970 National Soaring Championships at Marfa, TX. Geroge Moffat and Gleb Derujinsky. Gleb has lived in the Durango area for the last 30 yrs. The local paper just did an article on him. You can read it here:

[http://durangoherald.com/sections/Features/Columnists/John\\_Peel/2010/01/25/Local\\_Renaissance\\_man\\_tells\\_all/](http://durangoherald.com/sections/Features/Columnists/John_Peel/2010/01/25/Local_Renaissance_man_tells_all/)

After dinner we held the business meeting. Frank reviewed our financial position. The current board was re-elected unanimously. We lost 5 members last year, but gained 10 new members. In 2009 we had 474 glider flight operations for a total of 183.5 hrs. This was a significant increase in operations over recent years. Our top members in flights and in hours were:

| Top 10 - Flight Time |      | Top 10 - Flights |    |
|----------------------|------|------------------|----|
| Bruce Mosier         | 18.4 | Benjamin Bookman | 44 |
| John Scott           | 16.4 | Bruce Mosier     | 43 |
| Gil Gildersleeve     | 14.1 | Karl Gordon      | 34 |
| Mark Huff            | 11.3 | Dub Wiltrot      | 27 |
| Karl Gordon          | 10.9 | John Scott       | 26 |
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| Benjamin Bookman     | 9    | Jim Densmore     | 26 |
| Marty Grove          | 8.3  | Gil Gildersleeve | 25 |
| John Norton          | 7.4  | Boris Leonov     | 25 |
| Jim Vannamee         | 5.8  | John Norton      | 18 |

Mark Huff completed his C badge and Bronze Badge. Kevin Brooks completed his C Badge. Karl Gordon completed both his A and B badges.

We started an Altitude Gain contest this past year to encourage folks to fly. All you need to do on any flight is record your highest altitude achieved on the daily log sheet at the end of the flight. We will then calculate your gain for that flight and tabulate all the results. You can rank high in the contest by either climbing high, or flying often, or both! The final rankings were:

|              | <u>Total Gain</u> | <u>Flts</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bruce Mosier | 11,700            | 3           |
| John Scott   | 9,200             | 2           |
| Marty Grove  | 6,300             | 2           |
| Cannon Wille | 4,700             | 1           |
| Lew Neyland  | 3,700             | 1           |
| Mark Huff    | 3,200             | 1           |
| Mark Buist   | 3,100             | 1           |
| Frank Molli  | 2,300             | 1           |

Finally OLC results were:

|                  | <u>Points</u> | <u>KMs</u> | <u>Flts</u> |
|------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Peter Toups      | 771.56        | 877.74     | 5           |
| John D Scott     | 467.36        | 446.77     | 5           |
| Bruce Mosier     | 238.37        | 147.71     | 3           |
| Gil Gildersleeve | 198.41        | 173.9      | 3           |
| Marty Grove      | 177.62        | 151.89     | 1           |
| Kevin Brooks     | 82.57         | 51.39      | 1           |
| Mark Huff        | 40.33         | 26.15      | 1           |

Our Trophy Winners were:

**2009 Road Runner Trophy** – for the retrieval of Bruce Mosier

Karl Gordon  
John Scott

**2009 Pelican Trophy** – for his many attempts at Silver Distance

Bruce Mosier

**2009 Eagle Trophy** – for 30 Jun 2009 152km flight

Marty Grove

### **First Operations from the Meadowlake Turf Runway – Randy Rothe**

Saturday, 6 Feb., was a wonderful day to fly! No lift but a great day to get some training in and brush up on procedures. We were able to fly off the new turf strip! It's going to be a great thing for the club! If nothing else, we'll be able to do north operations!!! I'm sure you've all felt the frustration of having a beautiful soaring day with 10 kt winds out of the north. Here are a couple pictures of the turf operation. Special thanks to John Scott for mowing, Jim Densmore for flying and Bruce Mosier/Mark Huff for testing the 1-26.



Which brings me to my bigger point. We have a GREAT group of members, with lots of talent and varied skills. I'd like for each of you to think about how you can help get our new turf runway and clubhouse going in the right direction. We have the opportunity to build a great infrastructure to match our great people. I think the trailer we have now is adequate, but we're not going to want to move it when operations shift. Let's all think of how we can help the club with the move and building of a great turf strip and clubhouse. Random thoughts on building the new operation: Does anyone have access to large mowers, rollers, surveying equipment, etc to design the runway? Who has design skills and the ability to donate time/materials/etc to the clubhouse?

After flying yesterday, I saw our GREAT group of members in action. We have the potential to improve on the best operation in Colorado and make it even better! I'm excited about our future, and hope you all are, too!

**From Matt Neal:**

Here's a few pictures from the club at Hofgeismar near Kassel. A friend and I drove up here yesterday for the winter flying camp this week. The club here has a Duo Discus, a DG-1000, an LS-4, an LS-8, and one of the new ASG-29s.



The airfield is situated on top of a pretty good sized hill, and it's snowing pretty hard outside right now, so we're sticking around the clubhouse tonight instead of playing with our ridiculous potato cannon that we made last night. We also made a mortar along the same lines that launches beer bottles. (Since sunset is around 1630, we've got alot of time on our hands.)

Here's the link to the video from our winter flying camp at Hofgeismar. I've got the starring role at 3:25 taking off in the duo discus and then running the wing in the next sequence.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2\\_drrDv6p4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2_drrDv6p4)

-Matt

## Current Duty Schedule

Effective Date: 11-Feb-10

| Day      | Date   | Chief         | Line             | Tow             |
|----------|--------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Saturday | 13-Feb | John Norton   | Mike Gallops     | Mike Donnelly   |
| Sunday   | 14-Feb | Kevin Brooks  | Karl Gordon      | Bruce Mosier    |
| Saturday | 20-Feb | Dub Wilttrout | Benjamin Bookman | Bob Reilman     |
| Sunday   | 21-Feb | Frank Molli   | Kevin Williams   | Jim Pilkington  |
| Saturday | 27-Feb | Jim Van Namee | Mark Buist       | Paul Antoinette |
| Sunday   | 28-Feb | John Scott    | Boris Lenov      | Bill Bowman     |
| Saturday | 6-Mar  | John Scott    | John Browning    | Jim Densmore    |
| Sunday   | 7-Mar  | Marty Grove   | Sam Frazier      | Mike Donnelly   |
| Saturday | 13-Mar | John Norton   | Mike Gallops     | Bruce Mosier    |
| Sunday   | 14-Mar | Kevin Brooks  | Karl Gordon      | Bob Reilman     |
| Saturday | 20-Mar | Dub Wilttrout | Benjamin Bookman | Paul Antoinette |
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