



HIGH FLYER



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High Flights relocated operating area setup and ready for operations.

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!** Here are the direct links to key pages on the club website:

[HFSC Rooster and Member Accounts](#)

[Current Duty Schedule](#)

[Glider/Tow reservations](#)

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.

Next Board Meetings – Jun 12th and July 10th. All club members are invited (encouraged) to attend. Board meetings are held in the HFSC Ops Trailer.

89H will return to the field this coming Saturday. We will be starting at 0900 to begin reassembly followed by doing a weight and balance. Weather permitting; we will get some test flights in, before tying down at our new location.

Some progress is being made on repairs to **7AS**, but we're not sure how soon we will have it returned to flying status.

Jim Pilkington has resigned from High Flights.

We have 2 new club members. **Mike Bratlein** is a licensed pilot and is joining to explore soaring during retirement. **Dave Dykhoff** relocated to Colorado Springs from the east coast this winter. Dave's is a current glider pilot and has a Jantar Standard 3 glider (SZD 48-3). Make sure you introduce yourself when you see them at the field and welcome them to High Flights.

There is a new soaring club at Meadowlake Airport, the **FROG Flyers!** This club was formed by members of High Flights for the purpose of leasing a high performance 2 place glider, Randy Rothe's Grob Twin Astir. The club has elected officers. Bruce Mosier is President; Dub Wiltrout is Treasurer; Kevin Brooks is secretary. They currently have 8 members. They are in the process of getting all paperwork in place and completing the lease agreement with the Rotheres. After that members will be anxious to start getting signed off in the Grob.

We are again flying on **Wednesdays**. The first Wednesday was May 5th. This will work same as last year. No assigned crew. We will have an assigned tow pilot, However, if no one is signed up on the schedule to fly by Tuesday evening at 2000 hrs the Tow Pilot is not required to come out to the field.

High Flights has been asked to participate in this year's **COS Aviation Day** at the Colorado Springs Airport on **June 5th**. We are hoping to display 2 gliders – Randy Rothe's Grob and John Scott's APIS. We will also have a small booth to talk with visitors about the sport of soaring. We'll need some volunteers to help staff the booth. More information will be forthcoming shortly via email, but please consider helping at the booth.

We have again had a lot of **wind** this spring. If winds are above 15 kts, a person on each wingtip is required when ground towing a plane. If conditions are gusty, error on the side of caution. If winds are above 15 kts, the pilot is required to remain in the glider until the ground crew arrives. Finally, when tying a glider down at the end of the day, 3 knots should be used in the tie down rope, if possible, with the first knot within 2" of the tie down ring. Double the rope if possible. On the 2 place gliders, only the inner tie downs should be snug. The wing tip tiedowns should have just a little slack. This is to minimize the chances of bending the wings.

We're still hoping to have the **Silverwest camp** on Memorial day weekend, but so far we have only had a few folks (4) indicate they were coming. We definitely need another tow pilot and a few more members to make it worth the effort. At this time, we are in danger of cancelling the camp.

So far we have 4 folks going on the **Moriarty Safari**, 13-18 June. If you're interested, please let John Scott know. We will be taking both the **643** and **22S**.

The **Meadowlake Badge Camp** is still planned for June 26 – July 4. We will be having our annual **Family Potluck and Cookout** on June 26th. Hopefully we'll have both the grill and refrigerator back in operation by then.

With the relocation to the new area and some dubious construction on the Johnston property, we need to adopt some new operations rules. If you have any questions, talk with one of the board members or flight instructors.

- We will start takeoffs on the glider strip at the 400' mark, just south of the property line.
- The glider strip will only be used for takeoffs to the south and **never** for downwind takeoffs.
- On high density altitude days, we'll need to use the turf strip.
- On north wind days, we'll need to use the turf strip.
- We will no longer attempt north takeoffs from next to the main runway.
- When operating from the turf strip, never operate from the same place twice. We need to preserve the turf.
- When driving on the turf strip, if it looks like you are following in someone else's tire tracks, drive someplace else, ie, a few feet one way or the other. We need to preserve the turf and not make ruts.
- **We will no longer land on the paved glider strip. Either direction.**
- When landing on the grass area in front of the Ops trailer:
 - To the south, land past the windsock
 - To the north, land half way between the gravel road and the first orange cones.
 - Once on the ground, try to taxi to the edge of the runway to make room for others who may be landing
- Tow patterns to the south is runway heading until turn west over Falcon Highway.
- Tow Pattern to the north is runway heading until over the Johnston hanger, then turn west.

We are proceeding with getting the **Turf Strip** area recognized by the FAA as our glider operations area. It is currently mowed to near it's expected final size of 200' wide by 5500' long. Winch launching will be done exclusively from the turf strip this year.

We will need to have a couple of work parties to improve the **Turf Strip**. There are some gopher (or rabbit) holes to be filled. We need to dig out the cactus to save tires. We have dirt to fill the holes, given to us by MLAA, but it is north of the Johnston hanger. We'll need folks with shovels and a pick up or 2. Watch your email for announcements.

The board has adjusted the **fee schedule** to reflect the increases passed last month. A copy of the new fee schedule is below. It has also been posted on the bulletin board in the Ops Trailer. There are copies in the brochure rack, behind the brochures. The new fee schedule has been posted on the club website.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Regular Member Initiation	\$200
Family Member Initiation	\$100
Regular Member Monthly Dues ⁽¹⁾	\$35/month
Family Member Monthly Dues	\$20/month
Associate Member	\$50/weekend or camp
Non-resident Member	\$40/year
Tow Plane Hook-up Fee	\$9
Glider Tow Fee	\$5/1000 feet on tow
Glider Rental Fee ⁽²⁾	\$15/hour
Tow Plane Hook-up Fee At Away Camps	\$10
Glider Tow Fee At Away Camps	\$6/1000 feet on tow
Glider Rental Fee At Away Camps ⁽²⁾	\$15/hour
Aero Retrieve or Wave Tow ⁽³⁾	\$52/hr
Associate Member O2 Bottle Fill	\$20
Private Glider Tie-down Fee	\$12/month
Introductory Ride Of approximately 30 minutes	\$95
Introductory Instructional Flights – 3 Flights	\$200
Introductory Ride At Away Camps	\$100

(1) \$10/mo Flight Proficiency Credit if member flies with the club during the month (glider, towing, or instructing)

HFSC Relocation

This spring, after many years of operating from the Penkus/Johnston property, we were asked to relocate our operations so that the property might be developed. After consideration of various options, we moved about south, about 500' south of the windsock. This will be our home for the next few years while we work with MLAA to develop the turf strip area further south for our long term operations area. We're now fully operational at the new location with the exception of electrical power. We hope to have power restored in the next few weeks. Below are a few pictures of the move.



Disassembling things for the move.



Ops Trailer on the way, revealing damage from the deck collapse a few years ago.



Ops trailer on it's way to new home.



Crew preparing to raise deck and load on trailer for trip to new location.



Ops trailer damage repaired.



Siding reinstalled.



Deck on trailer moving to new location.



Deck back in place at new location.

Access to the new Ops area should be along a roadway easement at the west side of the Johnston property. However, there is some discussion about this with MLAA and the property owners. Under no circumstance should you drive on the 100' taxiway easement immediately east of the homes to the west. If nothing else, you can continue on Piper lane, beside the Johnston taxi way until you can turn right on the glider strip. Turn right off the glider strip at the 400' line and go due west across the grass runway until you can turn left to the parking area. **Watch for gliders landing if you go this route.** We hope to have this resolved shortly.

Current Duty Schedule

Effective Date: 14-May-10

Day	Date	Chief	Line	Tow
Saturday	15-May	Jim Van Namee	Benjamin Bookman	Paul Antoinette
Sunday	16-May	Frank Molli	Mark Buist	Bob Reilman
Wednesday	19-May	n/a	n/a	Bill Bowman
Saturday	22-May	Dub Wiltrout	Kevin Williams	Jim Densmore
Sunday	23-May	John Scott	Boris Lenov	Mike Donnelly
Wednesday	26-May	n/a	n/a	Mike Donnelly
Saturday	29-May	Silverwest Camp		
Sunday	30-May	Silverwest Camp		
Wednesday	2-Jun	n/a	n/a	Bill Bowman
Saturday	5-Jun	Mark Huff	John Browning	Mike Donnelly
Sunday	6-Jun	Marty Grove	Mike Bratlien	Bob Reilman
Wednesday	9-Jun	n/a	n/a	Bruce Mosier
Saturday	12-Jun	John Norton	Mike Gallops	Bill Bowman
Sunday	13-Jun	Kevin Brooks	Karl Gordon	Paul Antoinette
Wednesday	16-Jun	n/a	n/a	Mike Donnelly
Saturday	19-Jun	Dub Wiltrout	Benjamin Bookman	Bob Reilman
Sunday	20-Jun	Frank Molli	Kevin Williams	Bruce Mosier
Wednesday	23-Jun	n/a	n/a	Mike Donnelly
Saturday	26-Jun	John Norton	Mark Buist	Paul Antoinette
Sunday	27-Jun	John Scott	Dave Dykhoff	Bob Reilman
Monday	28-Jun	n/a	n/a	Mike Donnelly
Tuesday	29-Jun	n/a	n/a	Bruce Mosier
Wednesday	30-Jun	n/a	n/a	Mike Donnelly
Thursday	1-Jul	n/a	n/a	Bruce Mosier
Friday	2-Jul	n/a	n/a	Mike Donnelly
Saturday	3-Jul	Mark Huff	John Browning	Bill Bowman
Sunday	4-Jul	Marty Grove	Mike Bratlien	Bob Reilman
Wednesday	7-Jul	n/a	n/a	Bruce Mosier
Saturday	10-Jul	Jim Van Namee	Mike Gallops	Jim Densmore
Sunday	11-Jul	Kevin Brooks	Karl Gordon	Bill Bowman
Wednesday	14-Jul	n/a	n/a	Bruce Mosier
Saturday	17-Jul	Dub Wiltrout	Benjamin Bookman	Jim Densmore
Sunday	18-Jul	Frank Molli	Kevin Williams	Paul Antoinette
Wednesday	14-Jul	n/a	n/a	Bill Bowman
Saturday	17-Jul	Jim Van Namee	Mark Buist	Jim Densmore
Sunday	18-Jul	John Scott	Dave Dykhoff	Paul Antoinette