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**NEXT MEETING:**

**Winter Banquet (see below!)**

**You and your guests are invited!**

## **Central Indiana Soaring Society Annual Winter Banquet**

Cocktail Attire

**Saturday January 16th, 2010**

**The Marten House**

**1801 West 86<sup>th</sup> St**

**5:30 PM Cash Bar opens**

6:30 Introductions and program

6:35 Invocation

6:40 Banquet Begins! Salads, Main Course, Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soft drinks

7:00 Introduction of Officers and Board Members

7:15 Awards Program

New Licenses, Badges, Records

7:30 Guest Speakers –

***Jim Ross***

***One of the founders of the Soaring Club***

***Talks about soaring in the early 1960's***

***Mike Nelson***

***Owner of Indy Balloon Promotions.***

***Talks about riding balloons in Indiana.***

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8:30 Comments and questions. A look at last year – and looking forward to next year

8:45 Annual Banquet closes!

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**Please contact Mario.Lazaga**

E-mail: [Mario.Lazaga@att.net](mailto:Mario.Lazaga@att.net) to **make your reservations!**

You will be billed \$36 each seat in your CISS monthly billing for this dinner

*Reservation made is a reservation paid!*

LAST DAY FOR RESERVATIONS IS WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6th AT 6:00 PM!

Calendar -

December	17	7:00pm	Oard Meeting
	21	12:47pm EST	Winter Solstice
	25		Christmas Day
	26		Kwanzaa begins
	31		New Year's Eve
January 2010	1	All Day	New Year's Day
	16	6:30pm	Winter Banquet @ The Marten House

**From Scot Ortman:**

CISS members, just a reminder that we are in our annual lay-up period for the club aircraft. The only aircraft that have flight coverage for club insurance purposes are 303BA Blanik and the 87Z tow plane. Please use only these aircraft (or your own private ships)

The entire fleet will be back on full insurance as of 12:01 am 3/13/10.

**And from Nayl Williams :**

**You Must Get A Plastic Copy of Your Pilot's Licence**

[http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/airmen\\_certification/airmen\\_services/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/airmen_services/)

Pilots need to upgrade to a plastic pilot certificate by **March 31, 2010**.

This date is based on the 2 years after effective rule date. And it's easy and fast. 4 to 6 weeks if by mail, 6 to 10 days online. \$2 if you just request a replacement, free if you are requesting removal of SSAN.

Special notes: They will not put your original paper date of issue on the new one. It also states that you do not have to destroy the old one if you want to save it as a memento, just that you can not use it for flying.

Avoid the rush! Do it now if you are still depending on a paper certificate.

**Sent in by Pete Detore:**

A FREE resource from which you can download charts in PDF format. Check it out!

<http://pdfplates.com/Default.aspx>

## So you want to go Cross country in 2010?

The key to success of course is that you **must want** to go cross country . My observations are that right now there are about 6 solo pilots in our club who are ready to take up this new challenge . If you are one of them here are a few suggestions :

\* Make an early start this coming season - April / May can offer good thermal days and the fields are still unplanted so there are plenty of places to land if you have to .

\* Build hours in the glider in which you plan to make your first significant cross country flight, 5 -10 hours in a month would be very good .

\* Prepare some courses - Mark them on a current chart and study them carefully . This is really important especially if you don't have a GPS. And remember that more than 95 % of all Silver Badge flights to date were made without the use of a GPS ! Draw the course line on the map and mark off each 5 or 10 mile distance en route . Study the chart and note all the important features on the way ( airfields, roads , towns, rivers , power lines )  
Check the compass headings of the courses marked ( and the magnetic variation ) .

\* Consider making a flight in a 2 seater with an experienced cross country pilot along one of your chosen routes a week or so before you try it on your own .

You will be very excited on completion of your first solo cross country flight , and it can become addictive so be prepared for that !

Happy Landings,

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ps. If you missed the previous articles on this same subject go to the Wingtips archives and read up similar articles that appeared in June and July 2004 ( page 3 in both cases)

Got an idea for a Wing Tips article? Or a good photo from the field? Don't be shy! Write it up and send it to our Wing Tips editor, Chris Hall at [bestbrain@aol.com](mailto:bestbrain@aol.com). Deadline for our January issue is January 17. (Just enough time to email in good photos from the banquet. *Hint hint*)