

From the President

Winter Business



1. The board of directors for 2012 was voted in at our annual meeting November 17th and they are:

President Mike Nichols
Vice President Mark Rottler
Secretary Rick Hansen
Treasurer Scot Ortman
Operations Director George Saunders
Maintenance Director Ed Escallon
Facilities Director David Colclasure
Chief Instructor John Earlywine
Chief Tow Pilot Lynn Joyce

Trustees, term ending 12/2013

Tom Beckenbauer
Duke Koelsch
Dan DeWitt

Trustees, term ending 12/2012

Gerry Simpson
R. Mark Sorg
John Day

2. CISS Banquet Saturday January 21st at the Mansion at Oak Hill (same place as last year: <http://www.oakhillmansion.com>). We are still looking for a speaker. The cost will be \$40 per seat and will show up on your CISS monthly statement. Please email Mark Rottler (mark@rottler.org) with your reservations.
3. Our website will be revamped this winter allowing for more direct input from officers. Mark Rottler will be doing this but could use help. If you have desire and some expertise please let Mark know.
4. We have started a gift certificate drive for the holiday season (you should have received an email) and are hopeful of the results.



5. At a recent Saturday lunch Nyal Williams was given a Plaque as a token of appreciation for his outstanding contributions to the club during his many years as a member. I believe the number was 1,534 glider instructional flights given!

6. The board will be looking for two people to fill two positions for 2012.

1. Director of Social activities
 2. Director of Membership Promotion and Public Relations
- Please tell any board member of your interest.

7. We are all looking forward to and working toward another great year at "our" glider port. Please work toward taking full advantage of the opportunities that will present themselves.

Mike Nichols

Calender

December	20-28th		Hanukkah
	22nd	12:30am EST	Winter Solstice
	25th		Christmas
	31st		New Year's Eve
January	1st		New Year's/College Bowl Game Day
	21st		CISS Winter Banquet

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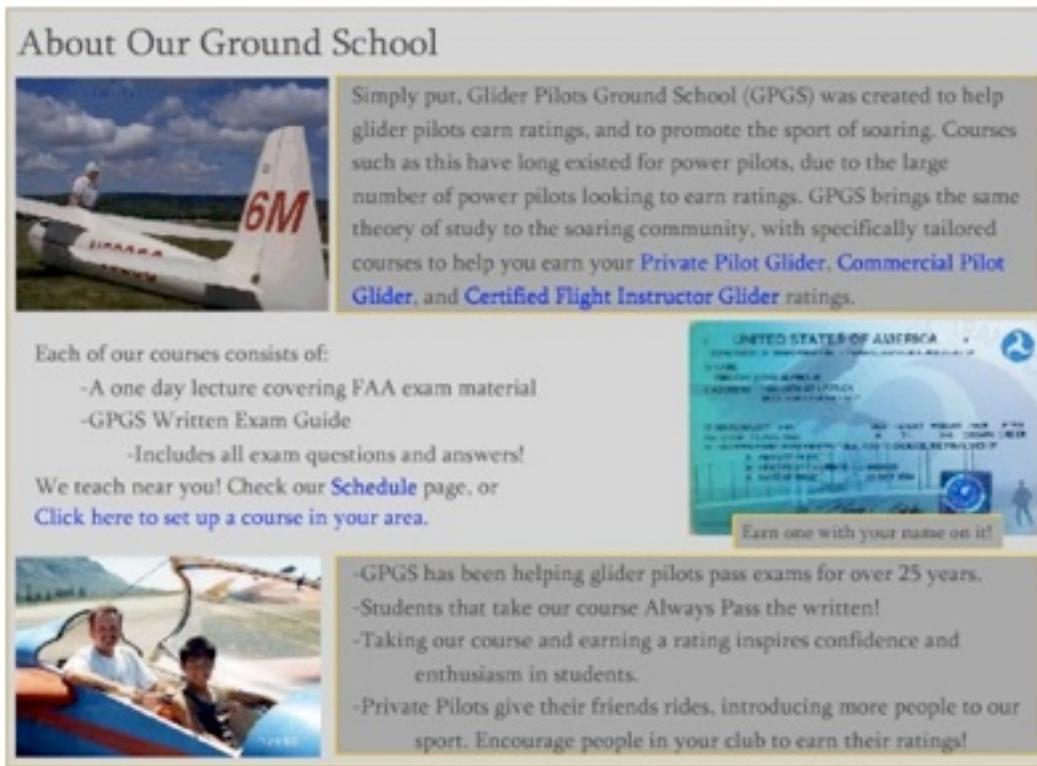
John Earlywine wants to encourage all our student pilots to take care of their ground school requirements during the winter. What else are you gonna do? Fly? :))

Instructors Corner

The Knowledge Test seems to be a major obstacle for pilots in preparing for their check ride. Most pilots after taking the test say it was not as bad as they thought. After all, you have all of the questions and answers before the exam. Here is an opportunity to get a last minute cram session with an expert.

Anyone who wants to earn their glider pilots license in the next two seasons should seriously getting this exam behind them before we start flying next spring.

John Seymour who runs the Glider Pilots Ground School, has indicated he will come to Indiana and offer a 1 day course which has received high ratings from people who have used it.



About Our Ground School

Simply put, Glider Pilots Ground School (GPGS) was created to help glider pilots earn ratings, and to promote the sport of soaring. Courses such as this have long existed for power pilots, due to the large number of power pilots looking to earn ratings. GPGS brings the same theory of study to the soaring community, with specifically tailored courses to help you earn your **Private Pilot Glider**, **Commercial Pilot Glider**, and **Certified Flight Instructor Glider** ratings.

Each of our courses consists of:

- A one day lecture covering FAA exam material
- GPGS Written Exam Guide
 - Includes all exam questions and answers!

We teach near you! Check our [Schedule](#) page, or [Click here to set up a course in your area.](#)

Earn one with your name on it!

-GPGS has been helping glider pilots pass exams for over 25 years.
-Students that take our course Always Pass the written!
-Taking our course and earning a rating inspires confidence and enthusiasm in students.
-Private Pilots give their friends rides, introducing more people to our sport. Encourage people in your club to earn their ratings!

You are expected to take and pass the test the Monday following the Saturday session. Details are available at:

<http://www.gliderpilotsgroundschool.com>

It is a 1 day cram course designed to help you pass the Knowledge Test and some preparation in advance is highly recommended. The cost is \$180. In order for him to come to our location, we will need a minimum of 10 students. There is a possibility we could get some from other soaring clubs in the area.

If you would be interested in scheduling the course and participating on a Saturday in the spring, please email me at jke4034@aol.com. If would like to participate please indicate if you would prefer a mid February Saturday, or a Saturday in the spring just after school is out.

John Earlywine

Got an idea for a Wing Tips article? Send it in! Did you take a good photo at/above the field? Show it off! Found an interesting soaring-related link while web-surfing? Share it with the rest of us! Send your submissions to our Wing Tips editor, Chris Hall at bestbrain@aol.com. Deadline for our January issue is January 7th.