



February 2013
NEXT MEETING

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TBD

Calender

February	10th	Chinese New Year	So why not buy them a CISS gift certificate?
	13th	Ash Wednesday	Lent begins (40 days before soaring season begins, approximately)
	14th	Valentine's Day	A CISS gift certificate would be the perfect gift
	18th	President's Day	Why buy a mattress when you can get a CISS gift certificate?
March	30th*	2013 Soaring Season Opens	THIS is why they need all those CISS gift certificates!

* Dates are subject to change since I'm just making my best assumption.

The Club annual dinner was held on January 19th. What follows is a synopsis of the proceedings.

Outgoing President Nichols lead off followed by Todd Rutledge, John Earlywine and then our keynote speaker Dan Tannus.

Nichols

As we have watched the screen behind me with Dick Hutch's pictures covering our first 50 years or so, I am reminded that every season has it's ups and downs, good times and bad.

Tonight we are here to celebrate the good times of our 2012 season.

First we will point out a few changes to our leadership for 2013. Would you guys please stand when I call your name.

President - Mark Rottler

Vice President - Mark Sorg

Director of operations - Duke Koelsch

Two new trustees: Rich Smith and Mark Guay

Thank you gentleman for stepping up.

When we purchased the airport some 5 or 6 years ago we knew we were taking on a huge responsibility. The amount of work required to run our club at least doubled. CISS really had no choice but to do what we did to insure the club's long term survival. I know I am preaching to the choir but I would like to remind us all of a few people who really work hard to make CISS what it is today.

Ed Escallon maintenance...told me the only way he would stop being the maintenance chief was if we fired him.

Dave Colclasure...airport manager

Scot Ortman...treasure/CFO

Dan and Carolyn DeWitt...Saturday cookouts

John Day...grass cutting

Jack Hensel.....tow ropes

Ken Liles...plumbing, welding and painting.

Rick Hansen...major work on golf carts

All of our instructors, crew chiefs and tow pilots.

I apologize to those I missed.

Our Special achievement award for 2012 goes to Brad Hays for all his work on the Grob

The financial well being of our club is maintained primarily by the number of tows we do. Our history has shown that 1000 tows per season is the magic number or tipping point for long term financial stability.

Our 2012 statistics look like this:

1. 1043 tows reported over 92 soaring days for 11.3 tows per soaring day.
2. 846, or 81.1%, were on the weekend over 56 tow days for 15.1 tows per weekend soaring day.
3. 197, or 18.9%, were on weekdays over 36 tow days for 5.5 tows per weekday soaring day.

Weekday flights, training flights and guest flights, make up a large majority of the total, so we can see their importance.

The large number of guest flights overcame the \$1.00 per gallon fuel increase last year.

Many people contribute to these 1043 tows so I would also like to present a couple more awards at this time.

Most tows given for 2012 - Lynn Joyce, 171

Most tows in a single day for 2012 - Kris Maynard, 24

CISS 2012 CROSS COUNTRY SOARING SEASON

Monday, January 21, 13

SUMMARY

- PILOTS: 14
- CONTEST DAYS: 19
- TOTAL FLIGHTS: 81
- MILES FLOWN: 10350
- BEST DAY: JUNE 7TH

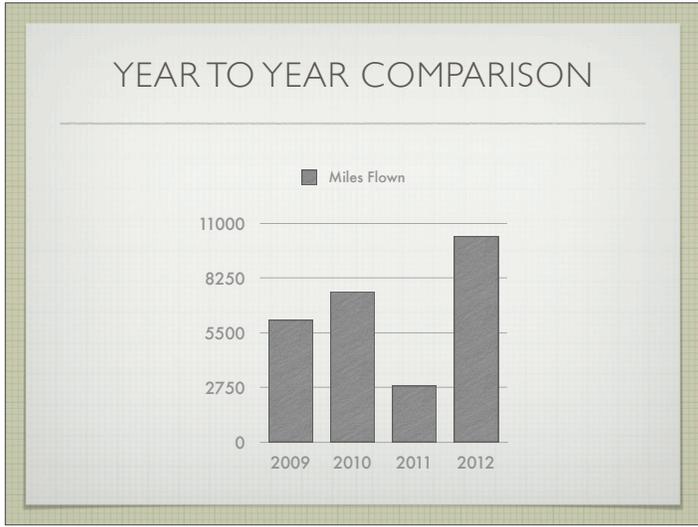
Average flight 127 miles

Monday, January 21, 13

BEST DAY OF THE YEAR JUNE 7TH

- 5 PILOTS FLEW
- 1378 TOTAL MILES
- THREE 500 KM TASKS COMPLETED
 - RON CLARKE
 - DAVE STANLEY
 - GERRY SIMPSON

Monday, January 21, 13



WINTER SOARING RELATED ACTIVITIES

With the days getting longer each week now some may begin to focus on the upcoming Soaring Season 2013 and what it may bring - lots of great soaring we hope. Besides waiting for warm weather however there are a number of gliding related activities that can be FUN and prepare you for the season ahead even in Winter .

Consider some of the following opportunities :

* Each February The Chicago Glider Council put on an excellent one day seminar and club members have in the past banded together to attend - consider doing that - it's on a weekend and not too far to travel.

Check out the web site for more info : <http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/seminar>.

* Also in February there is a Wave Camp down in the Carolinas - really an interesting experience for those who have not tried high altitude soaring . More info by contacting Jay Campbell at campbelljd@truvista.net

By the way plenty of Wave Flying is always possible "out west" in Minden Nevada if your are serious about getting that Diamond Altitude .

* If you are down in the Orlando area in March you might like to stop in at Seminole Lake Gliderport and experience one of the largest Glider Contests in the country . The "Senior " Nationals takes place there Mar 9 -16 - followed by a Cross Country camp the week after .

* Consider joining the "Round the Year Fliers " group in our club at Alex and set a goal of making at least one flight each month of the year . Keep a look out for good weather on a weekend day and help set up some club flying that day . So far I believe around 10 pilots have made flights in the Blanik in January (If you make a start in February and keep flying each month through January 2014 you will have achieved the goal too !)

* Reading books on Soaring - Many good books are available on loan from the club either upstairs above the office or in the cabinets in the club office. Hold Fast to your dreams " - A new book by World Champion George Lee has just reached the bookstands if you are looking for the latest .

* Help us finishing up preparing the club aircraft for this Spring by coming on out to Alex on good weather Saturdays and helping in the hangar - and sometimes we fly too !

Ron (ZA).

(More info about the Chicago Glider Council seminar below)

Description: Annual Aviation Expo for pilots, student pilots, passengers, followed by monthly Chicago Area Chapter Meeting.

Registration, Refreshments, Vendor Exhibits begin at 8:00 a.m.

The Chicago Area Chapter 99s invite you to participate in this FREE SAFETY SEMINAR.

These seminars qualify for WINGS.

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IFR Charts and procedures

Accident causal factors

VFR

Tower operations update-
avoiding runway incursions

Owner/operator maintenance--what can you do?

Operation/maintenance of Continental and Lycoming engines

GLIDERS

Transitioning to gliders

How to have fun with your glider rating

Using Skew T weather charts to locate thermal activity

Glider accident causal factors

FLYING COMPANION AND ASPIRING PILOTS

This seminar runs concurrently with the other seminars. Topics include: Why does it fly?; Aviation charts; Helping your pilot and dealing with emergencies; and Planning a trip.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 - 8:45 REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS, VENDOR EXHIBITS

8:45 - 9:05 Opening remarks/getting WINGS credit

9:15 - 12:05 Morning seminars

12:05- 1:30 Lunch break (buffet lunch available for purchase)

1:30 - 3:30 Afternoon seminars

ENJOY YOURSELF!!!!

And finally ...

A special thanks goes to Don Taylor, another of our silent contributors.

Don has gone through our Glider radio systems.

He has replaced all connectors on both aircraft and batteries. Checked out the chargers and batteries.

I am not sure what else.

Mike Nichols

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 WingTips editor, Chris Hall at bestbrain@aol.com. Deadline for our January issue is March 3rd..