



September 2010  
NEXT MEETING

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Lots of Solo announcements to get caught up on

A look at what the Board has been talking about

What's up with the club computers

And it's Back To School Time! (Ground school, that is.)

## What's this about "School"?

Mark Rottler explains"

A few CISS members have talked about various ways to learn about soaring. These discussions coalesced into an informal study group. The group's goal is to have interactive learning sessions about specific soaring topics lead by an experienced pilot.

The first session was in August. John Earlywine lead a great discussion about cross country flight planning. At the end of the discussion, we talked about ways to expand the group and gain additional member participation. The group came up with a schedule for the rest of the year and all CISS members are invited to participate. The schedule will be included in the Newsletter Calender below.

Sessions will be held at Alexandria starting at 11am and should last an hour or so. All CISS members are welcome to join us for any (or all) of the discussions. We think interactive sessions are a great way to learn more about soaring. The more people who participate, the greater the opportunity to gain from collective experience.

We've been very fortunate to have three experienced pilots volunteer as discussion leaders for upcoming sessions. We would love it if a couple more experienced CISS pilots would be willing to lead either of the last two sessions. If you're interested in volunteering, please drop me a line.

We hope you find one of the scheduled topics interesting. If so, please join us.

## Calender

September	12	11:00am	Ground School	Radio Procedures with Nyal Williams
	18	8:00am	Airport Workday/ Cookout	
	26	11:00am	Ground School	Thermaling & Speed-to-Fly with Mario Lazaga
October	16	9:00am	Board Meeting	
	16		End of Year Clean-Up Day/ Family Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner/ Slide Show	
	17	11:00am	Ground School	Glider Instrumentation
	31	11:00am	Ground School	Off-Season Exercises & Resources

## Weekend Workday

The CISS Club work day is scheduled for September 18, 2010 starting at 8am. Please arrive and be ready to get started at 8am. Flight Operations will be delayed until the work is completed, hopefully between Noon and 1300. Once your crew has completed the task, please pitch in, and help the other crews complete their tasks. There will be two tow pilots available once flight ops start and everyone should be able to get the flights in. The club will sponsor a cookout later in the day. Remember we need everyone's help to keep our club airport and equipment maintained and in flying order. The list below is the crew leaders assigned for specific tasks. Please email me at [d.colclasure@att.net](mailto:d.colclasure@att.net) if you want to be on a certain work crew, this will be first come basis, and the more workers that show up the better.

<u>Team Leader</u>	<u>(# of workers)</u>	<u>Task</u>
1) Mike Nichols	(4)	T Hangar Door Preventative maintenance.
2) Ron Clarke	(3)	Weed Control spraying & weed eater work.
3) John Day & Dick Hutchison		Mowing
4) Mark Rottler	(2)	Cleaning Office & repair. Vacuum office & second floor. Clean windows and replace ceiling lights as needed. Repair toilets and cleaning restrooms.
5) John Earlywine	(1)	East Hangar – Cleanout – empty trash containers, move storage items to maintenance bay for storage, sweep as needed, pressure washer available. Replace light bulbs as needed.
6) Gerry Simpson	(1)	Maintenance Bay – Cleanout – empty trash containers, move storage items to maintenance bay for storage, sweep as needed, pressure washer available. Replace light bulbs as needed.
7) Larry Miller	(1)	West Hangar – Cleanout – empty trash containers, move storage items to maintenance bay for storage, sweep as needed, pressure washer available. Replace light bulbs as needed. Inventory runway lights for sale.
8) Tod Herli	(2)	Repair of culvert at East end of airport and placement of new culvert for drive entrance for east end.
9) Don Taylor	(3)	Lime runway as needed.
10) Dave Colclasure Terry Wools		Gravel & Lime for culverts driveway and parking lot.
11) Brad Hays John Day		Red mower cleaning and maintenance.
12) Josh Daisey	(1)	Cookout & Crew Chief duties.
13) George Saunders	(1)	Level Fuel tank and gravel under tank.

Team leaders and workers need to consider what supplies/equipment will be needed and send a reminder to Dave Coclosure.

And to help motivate/guilt us all to come out and help ...

## **The Tragedy of the Commons**

Mike Nichols

The “tragedy of the commons” refers to a dilemma described in an influential article by that name written by Garrett Hardin and first published in the journal *Science* in 1968. The article describes a situation in which multiple individuals, acting independently, and solely and rationally consulting their own self-interest, will ultimately deplete a shared limited resource even when it is clear that it is not in anyone's long-term interest for this to happen.

I know this will seem like a stretch to many but I believe this “tragedy” could strike our glider club (commons) and needs to be guarded against.

Our club consists of people, property, and our club’s membership in the outside communities it is a part of, local, national and international. We all use the club in our own self-interest but we do not own it. Could we deplete it?

If you deliberately fail to follow club rules.....you deplete it.

If you fail at your crew duties.....you deplete it.

If you abuse the equipment.....you deplete it.

If you present a bad image to the outside community.....you deplete it.

If you treat the club as a “rental’ .....you deplete it.

I think we need to work harder to find ways to keep this whole airport/club operation working for the benefit of all for the long term.

## Airport Clubhouse Computer Upgrades

Significant upgrades to the computers and networks in the office have been made by interested members.

Nyal Williams donated a computer. David Newell donated a power supply to keep it running. supply. Jim Robertson has donated a copy of Condor Flight Simulator software for use in training and later racing. The donation of the flat screen monitor has been lost in the fog, but a big thanks to the person responsible. George Saunders has loaned CISS a joy stick and a set of rudder pedals for use with condor. Mark Rottler has donated some hardware and a wireless router along with some Ethernet wiring to connect things together. Mark and Jacob Johnson spend the better part of a day wiring things up for the Ethernet connections. If anyone has been inadvertently missed in this list thanks to them also.

Plans are to try to schedule some Alexandria terminal glider races Using Condor when the weather turns rough this fall. The flight simulator is also being used now with students and prospective students, members and visitors to let them see what it is like to fly a glider.

The computer is presently accessing the internet through a nearby wireless connection. This is far from ideal, but at least allows some connectivity. In addition to the Condor flight simulator, also available is Dale Kramers BMapper program which provides a different display format for Dr. Jack's forecasts. Dr. Jack's Forecasts are also now available. There is also a Weight and Balance calculator for the Blaniks and the Grob. These programs are available for use by any CISS members and additional programs will be added as appropriate.

The internet connection is a bit slow and unreliable. Mark Rottler has been working with some of his business vendors to try to negotiate a bargain basement deal for CISS. Discussions are still preliminary, but it would help Mark to know of the level of interest by CISS members in having a more reliable connection available. The Board will have to decide if this is something the club might want to do. Another alternative is for interested members to make a small donation to support a new private internet connection.

Anyone who might have unused computer hardware or software they would be willing to donate should contact Mark Rottler. Also, if the member donation option is necessary and you would be willing to donate \$20/yr for clubhouse internet access, please let Mark know. It will take in the neighborhood of 20 to 30 interested members to make this project a go based on present estimates.

Mark Rottler's email is: [mark@rottler.org](mailto:mark@rottler.org)

## How Solo Can you Go?

It's the season for soloing, and plenty of students have done just that. So let's get caught up with these achievements!



Mark Rottler gets congratulated by Larry Miller



Brandon Folsom get dumped on following a successful solo flight.



Lindsay Sorg gets the same treatment on a perfectly hot day for it.

Not wanting to be shown up by some upstart teen, John Day shows it's not just the young that can solo.



And finally, refusing to let his daughter have all the fun, Mark Sorg receives his own celebratory shower. And yes, he soloed for it.

My apologies to anyone that I may have missed mentioning, but you have only your instructors to blame for not alerting me or sending me photos of the occasion.



CISS board meeting August 21, 2010  
Meeting called to order 9:00am by Gerry Simpson  
Treasurer's report reviewed no comments or questions.

Donating a glider ride to the Indy RC club was discussed and approved. Terry Dickey will make a coupon.

The board approved \$175.00 towards the purchase a joystick and rudder pedals for the Condor program . The board wishes Nyal to investigate additional needs for the condor program and review them with the board.

Terry Dickey will set up Dr. Connie to speak at our annual meeting. Dates and locations were discussed for the meeting. January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and February 6<sup>th</sup> as possible dates. The Castleton area was discussed.

The 1:26 national will be held next summer in Kendallville, IN. Assistance was requested for a tow plane and some volunteers. Our club wanted the expenses of flying the two plane to the event and back be covered as well as the tow pilot's lodging and meals.

The partners restoring the J5 are looking for a source of fuel for their aircraft that will be partially used to train tow pilots. The board wanted to help supply fuel for training exercises. Scott Ortman will investigate any sales tax issues and liability associated with fuel sales.

The social committee will work on a September 4<sup>th</sup> Barbecue. A clean up work day will coincide with a spaghetti dinner on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Rick and Josh will organize the event.

Some discussion on replacing the Blaniks due the manufacturer out of business and repair parts being hard to find and expensive.

Facility director David Colclousure reported weed killer has been sprayed on the runway, grounds mowed Friday and estimates for the roof repair on the main hangers. John Day and Jacob have been mowing all summer. Jacob will be back in school after Sunday and volunteers will be needed to mow with John Day. The repair parts for the toilet are in the office and need to be used. David has been emptying the garbage cans. Each day's ground crew is responsible for emptying the cans after each weekend. Only one golf cart is working. The second was returned but needs a new battery.

Crew chiefs need to be aware of groundwork needing to be completed. They should work with David Coclousure and get a list. Members suggested a jobs board or some kind of jobs jar be established in the lower office members can see what jobs members can volunteer to complete.

September 18<sup>th</sup> is a scheduled membership meeting. It will be changed to a workday

The club labor day contest was discussed with Don Taylor. 8 people signed up and one is a non-CISS member. The temporary membership form needs to be located. Tod Herrli will scan it to a pdf file and send it to Mario to be one of the club documents on the webpage.

The crew size was discussed and some members would like to go back to the old system and some are content with the smaller crews and volunteers. The board decided to stay with current system and finish the year. Josh Daisy will survey the crew chiefs and develop a consensus.

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](mailto:bestbrain@aol.com). Deadline for our October issue is October 2nd.