

Cypress Soaring

April 2009



Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction.

Instructor Schedule

Art Wallace Sun 4/5
Chuck Gifford Sat 4/18
Jose Cordova Sat 4/25
Gary Timbs Sun 4/26

Richard Ensign and Larry Howell are also available during the week.

BFRs must be scheduled AT LEAST 10 days before your desired flight date (You do have a quiz to prepare beforehand, you know)

Please PHONE cancellations to your instructor at least 24 hours in advance to free up the slot for someone else or to save an unnecessary trip to the field

Upcoming Events

Sat 4/4 Trailer Maintenance 9:30am

Mtg Follows At 5:00

Sun 4/5 Draw a Picture of a Bird Day

Sun 5/3 Family Day & BBQ



Mail dues to:

Colin Wilson
41420 Resorter Blvd
Palm Desert, CA 92211

Write "Cypress Soaring" on the lower left corner of the envelope

April Meeting

April's meeting will be held on Saturday 4/4 at 5:00pm at the field.

We'll meet following what promises to be a delightful day of trailer painting and maintenance.

If you can't make the BBQ, be sure to come out for the trailer stuff.

Maintenance

Check the website for current flight status

Krosno

The front brake cable had been replaced and signed off.

A new tire and tube have arrived and will be installed later in the Spring.

This tire cost \$300 and a second one had been on back order. Gary was able to locate a comparable tire at Aircraft Spruce & Specialty for \$52.

Gary has offered to buy the \$300 tire for the club.

L-33

The new tire and tube will be installed later this spring.

The strut still needs a nitrogen recharge. We're still looking for an adaptor for the valve fitting.

Gary will check with Travis for any suggestions he might have

Skylark North at Tehachapi maintained a fleet of L-33s for Edwards AFB. Mike Kalina will contact Skylark for any help they might be able to provide.

Next Meeting:

Saturday 4/4 5:00 pm

Sailplane Enterprises Patio
BBQ Meeting

Trailer Maintenance beginning at 9:30am

PW-6

The PW-6 was annualized on 3/8/09. The rudder bearings were re-lubed; it works a whole lot better now.

The rear seat back was also repaired. The wheel fairing is showing excessive wear; it's currently down to the fiberglass webbing.

Gary is looking into various options to provide some additional reinforcement

Treasurer

February Income	\$2133.20
February Expenses	<u>\$303.39</u>
Feb Net Income	\$1829.81

YTD Income	\$3153.31
YTD Expenses	<u>\$683.39</u>
YTD Net Income	\$2469.92

Operations

Flight Currency

Paul Foley has sent an e-mail requesting an update of your flight status.

Anyone flying out of currency or not in accordance with the Club Flight Ops could jeopardize our insurance coverage

For rated pilots, he needs:

Your rating

The date of your last Club Flight Check

The date of your last 24 Month Flight Check.

For Soloed Student pilots

The date of your last Club Flight Check

For Non- Soloed Student pilots

Your general information so we can track your progress

Please complete and return it as soon as you can.

Operations (cont'd)

Windsock:

The windsock is now up and operational. It's at the approach end of Runway 22

The Annual Club Check Defined:

What is included in an Annual Club Check?

There is nothing specified in the Club's Flight Operations for an Annual Check Ride. What's covered is up to the instructor.

Recency of experience, types of flying, the types of glider you've been flying will factor into that decision.

General Business

Cross Country Training

A cross country practice triangle course has been posted on the web site.

(see copy below)

An e-mail will be sent to the membership by Mid March asking for your interest in cross country flying this year.

If there's enough interest, the Club will plan a landing site survey and we'll start to look at the logistics of moving a couple of the ships to the desert

Shade Structure

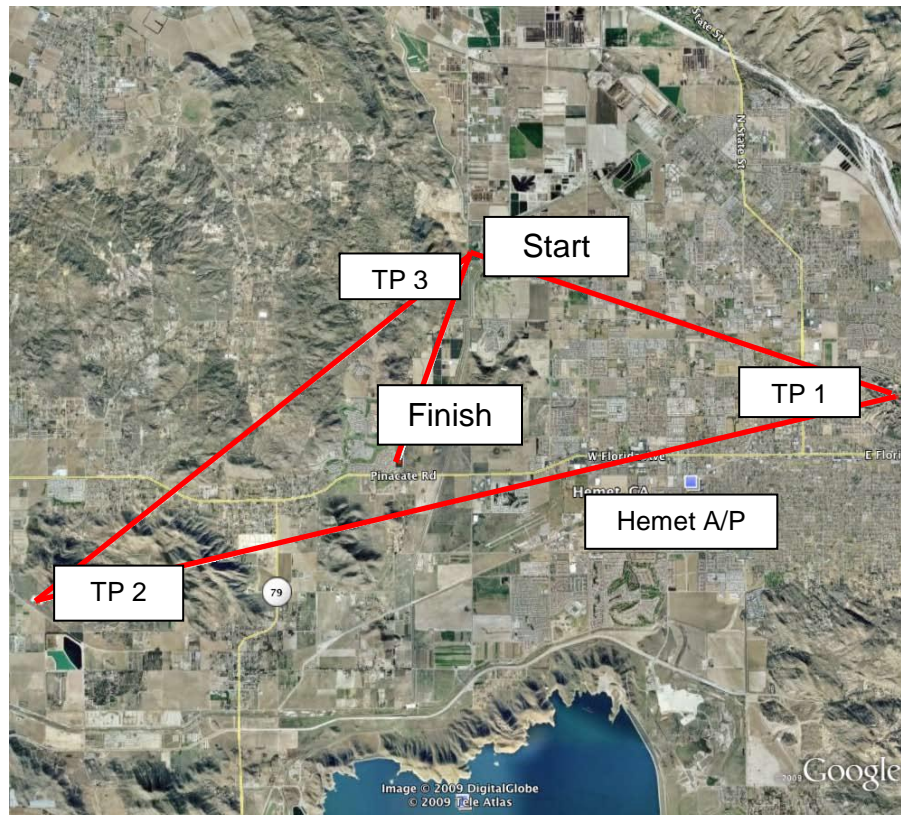
Mike Kalina and Steve Smith will be looking into designs and cost

By Laws, Flight Ops and Fee Structure Revisions

The Board has been reviewing the By Laws and Flight Operations documents.

By-Laws amendments must be approved by a 2/3 vote of Active members. An e-mail of the By Laws revisions will be sent to Active Members as soon as all of the changes are finished.

Hemet Triangle– 27.0 statute miles total distance



Start:	Reflection Lake
Turnpoint 1:	Water tank at Park Hill 5.75 mi.
Turnpoint 2:	Structure on Matthews Rd. 11.35 mi.
Turnpoint 3:	Reflection Lake 7.18 mi.
Finish:	Pond by 4 Seasons 2.72 mi.

Member Profile

Dirk Darling (he's the guy on the left)



Dirk joined us in February.

He has 20 years experience as a hang glider pilot. His longest flight was 100 miles in four hours.

Dirk took a flight in the PW-6 with Scott Lance in October and decided he'd like to try that 100 mile flight in a sailplane next time.

He has a Private SEL and is finishing his Glider add-on with Larry Howell.

Dirk has always wanted to soar and cross country flight is his first goal.

April Quickie Quiz

The stalling speed of an aircraft will be highest when the aircraft is loaded with a:

1. High gross weight and aft CG
2. Low gross weight and forward CG
3. High gross weight and forward CG.

Answer next month

March Quickie Quiz Answer

If clouds form as a result of very stable, moist air being forced to ascend a mountain slope, the clouds will be:

1. Cirrus type with no vertical development or turbulence
2. Cumulus type with considerable vertical development and turbulence
3. Stratus type with little vertical development and little or no turbulence.

No, you don't win anything. You're supposed to know this stuff already