

CSI Newsletter: January 27, 2021

Next Meeting: Rain or shine, Zoom, February 5, 2021 ~ 7:30 PM

Presidents Message: Tim Kreiner reported on his and the BoDers goals for 2021: Fly safely for all and fly as often as you can. With some let up of Covid cases and vaccinations on the way, make plans to fly and stay current. To support the student pilots or those interested, please contact Bob Sears as he is flying the Condor system and having fun. Condor has safer options to learn glider handling and is less expensive until one flies the real thing. Plans are in the works for "spot landing contests"; information later about this. Stay safe and healthy; WEAR your mask at the field.

V. P.: Membership retention and obtaining new members is in the works. Lea is planning on contacting high schools, the CAP, Boy Scouts, and others to offer a day at the airport for flights and interest in soaring. Covid-19 issues and county health restrictions will determine when and how to proceed. There is a membership waiting list, most are waiting for some relief from C-19, and mutations.

Treasurer: Accounts as of <u>Dec. 1, 2020 to Jan. 14, 2021</u>: Income: \$6,143.95; Expense: \$5,041.92. Net Profit: \$1,102.03. The club's finances are keeping somewhat even with the expenses however, dues and some donations assisted in keeping CSI in the black. Please pay your dues and consider skipping the Starbuck coffee and make-a-donation to your club. Renewing the insurance in March will reduce a large sum of our funds.

Flight Ops.: Currently all gliders are in "Fly Status". The G-103 has new front seat/shoulder belts. Don is working on the "Flight time log" and will update the club when completed. Remember to tie down the gliders and check that the gust locks are in place.

Maintenance: Snowbird passed its annual mid-January. Next month's annual will be the C-182. Help keep the gliders safe by "cleaning the inside with wipe-downs, clean the floor pans and wipe away any dust BEFORE you fly. Pick up small rocks, grass, and other material in the rudder pedal floor space, this FOD moves around during flight and causes heavy wear on the cables, pedals and joints."

Tow Pilot: Woody reported that the golf cart drivers are DRIVING OVER THE TOW ROPE. DON'T DRIVE OVER THE TOW ROPE. The rope will be damaged and weakened at that section where the tires rolled over it. Additionally, when pulling the rope back from the tow plane, keep the rope from lying in the path of any wheels. If you have questions about this, ask Woody.

New Business:

The BoDers decided that club meetings will now be scheduled for the first (1st) Fridays (via zoom) Feb. and March 2021. Hopefully by April/May, Riverside may relax its Covid-

19 restrictions so that we could meet at the field or CAP on the first (1st) Saturdays, (if they are open for indoor meetings). So, mark your calendars and be sure to attend.

During your weekend at the field or any activity regarding gliders, take pictures and post on the CSI website tab under "Facebook". Also, please contact/send to Scott Travers, he has been updating the social media and keeping pictures.

PARKING: Unless your vehicle is attached to a TRAILER, DO NOT PARK INSIDE OR BETWEEN THE PROPERTY AND THE FENCE. THE ONLY PARKING ALLOWED IS JUST TO THE RIGHT OF THE ENTRANCE GATE. THIS IS A COUNTY LEASE REQUIREMENT. If you need to drop something for a glider, drop it and then move your vehicle right away to the parking area. Violating Riverside County Rules could have your airport access removed.

With the rainy season, the ground will be soft and muddy, LOOK at the path you're taking to move a glider from the tie-down to the runway area. Keep out of the mud; same goes when moving the gliders back from the landing zone.

A few CFI-Gs are waiting for their vaccinations and therefore the club is short on instructors. Check the schedule early in the week for slots. The club is still adhering to the directives from the CA Health Department mandated rules of conduct for all of us. Therefore, wear your mask when you are on the field. Wipe the planes down inside and out, before and after you fly.

Cypress Soaring, Inc. Tom Orbison, Secretary,