



# Cypress Soaring

General Meeting  
Feb 10, 2018



# Board Members in Attendance – 2/10/18

- ✓ President – Tom Orbison
- ✓ Vice President – Lea Chicoine
- ✓ Treasurer – Rich Poland
- ✓ Flight Committee Chairman – John Smith
- ✓ Maintenance – Mike Kalina
- ✓ Secretary – Dirk Darling

# Tow Pilot Report

- Need to be conscious of the temperature
- If the tow pilot calls release – we need to release!
  - Tow pilots be sure to rock the wings and make a radio call
  - Folks on tow release right away
- Still working on understanding the temperature issue with the towplane
- It is likely we were running the aircraft ‘hot’ prior to installing the extra engine monitoring instrumentation

# Treasurer Report

- 75K total in bank
- \$21 per hour to be put in a separate account for aircraft reserve (engine rebuild etc)
- Summary report available from Rich.

# Flight Ops

- We still have some challenges that need to be overcome at Hemet...
  - More folks needed for the *whole day* to ensure sufficient help for flying operations (Folks tend to leave early and there is nobody left to secure the gliders and tow plane)
  - Safety officer is a requirement and needed for the whole day
    - This role is not well defined and needs to be better documented – and training needs to be provided
    - Everyone needs to be able to act in the “safety officer” role to avoid having to cancel operations due to lack of ground personnel support
  - Since the same runway is being used for both takeoff and landing, there needs to be a heightened level of urgency for staging gliders
    - Folks have to be ready to fly prior to pushing the glider onto the runway (e.g. seatbelts adjusted, instruments adjusted, passengers briefed, sunscreen on, water stowed, etc)
    - Landing traffic is being asked to announce 3000 feet when coming in to land to give more time to remove towplane/glider from runway
    - More changes will likely be necessary as we work through the process and get more experience – *Safety is the number one priority!*

# Flight Ops

- Map of north side of the Hemet airport was presented (which came from the AOM). We are violating the following guidelines...
  - Vehicles are parking in the aircraft movement area. We should park on the NW side next to the entrance gate
  - Folks loitering in the aircraft movement area. Only folks helping stage gliders should be there

# Flight Ops

- Draft operating procedure for the golf cart is completed
  - Art is providing some training on it after the meeting
  - We will have it available on the website soon
- Logging time is still a problem
  - John will remind folks of the current process
  - Dirk will ask again the general membership for the flight times from last year since the feedback was poor from the last request
- There was a motion to swap the Krosno with the 2-33 in an email, but there was no further discussion on this at the meeting and no action is occurring as of this writing
- John will be soliciting help on flight ops
  - We have a lot of flight operations related issues w.r.t. returning to Hemet
  - John will compile list of specific issues and solicit help accordingly

# Flight Ops

- Lake Elsinore increased the associate membership dues to \$30 for a 6 months membership, and is adding a \$5 tax to each tow for associate memberships
  - There is currently no change in plans with respect to Cypress soaring operations at Lake Elsinore in light of this price increase
  - Instruction (in the Krosno) is still being planned/scheduled as normal
  - The 2-33 will need to be placed at Elsinore if the Krosno is removed from that location



# Website Update

- Development of the website is well on its way
- A pre-view is available for folks to take a look and provide feedback
- The focus will be on getting the necessary functionality in place first. “look and feel” type of concerns will be addressed later
- <https://www.trufitpro.com/cypresssoaring/index.html>

# Instructor Report

- Rich Poland received his Private Pilot – Glider rating!!  
CONGATS!
- Need to minimize the time spent staging the glider (*at Hemet*)
- Need to have cones positioned to identify the staging area to reduce likelihood of runway incursions (*at Hemet*)
- No change in scheduling at Lake Elsinore
- All *weekend* instruction in February will be at Hemet
  - Joe still plans on offering instruction on Wednesday at Lake Elsinore if resources permit

# Maintenance Report

- PW-6: Seat belt damaged from rodents. *Repair complete.* Annual due next month.
- Krosno: Rudder cable *repair complete.* Seat cushions re-upholstered. Gary will make new skids. Crack in windshield being looked at. *Be careful with the Krosno canopy!! Don't leave it open and unattended for any reason.*
- PW5: *Annual complete*
- Discus: Annual due next month
- G103: Repair going slow. Not likely to be completed until the end of soaring season.
- G102: No work planned to be done at this time.
- 2-33: No report
- 1-34: Check battery before you fly by doing a radio check. If folks can't hear you, it is the battery, not the radio. Be sure to put it on the charger at the end of the day

# Plane Captain Report

- Captain Assignments
  - PW-6: Burt – No report
  - Discus: Randy – Discus trailer needs to be moved away from current location in order to assemble the glider. The grass is too thick to operate the wing rigger and movement of glider to the staging area is problematic (the gear doors might get damaged due to the main wheel falling into holes).
  - 1-34: RickR – No report
  - 2-33: Woody – No report
  - Krosno: Scott – No report
  - PW-5: *We need a plane captain. Any volunteers?*
  - C182: ChuckG/Gary – Evaluation of engine temperature still in work.

# Membership Report

- Welcome new member – Darren Cecil Jr (from San Diego).
- Civil Air Patrol attended our meeting.
  - They have plans to start operations at Hemet in the next couple of months
  - We will start coordinating with them to ensure a cohesive co-existence at the airfield
  - More to come later
- 25 dues paying members as of today
- For folks that are having trouble logging into the website (due to password problems) should leave the ‘current’ password field blank and then create a new password (look for an email from Lea)
- A new Cypress Soaring “Google Groups” forum was created
  - The goal is to use the forum as a way to collaborate on “all things Cypress Soaring” instead of using [pilots@Cypresssoaring.org](mailto:pilots@Cypresssoaring.org) email alias. We need to be considerate to those that don’t want to have their email accounts get ‘spammed’ by all our communications and coordination. We are in a transitional phase where we need to start moving our discussions to that forum
  - Click on the link below and request to be a member.
  - [Cypress Soaring Club](#) Google Group

# Membership Report (cont)

- Associate Membership
  - A request was made to allow “associate membership” in the club
  - Last month, all members were requested to provide input on their opinions/concerns on this topic so the board can make an informed decision
  - We received 22 responses via email on the topic (thanks everyone for their input).
  - At the February board meeting, no decision was made w.r.t. to associate membership however some progress was made...
    - It was agreed that we will allow a membership category for folks with their own glider, at a discounted cost, with reduced privileges (e.g. no access to club aircraft).
      - This membership class will be consistent with what we offer in our “Ax” categories today
    - However, the board did not decide what the cost will be, nor what (if any) other privileges will be offered.
      - One main consideration is area of safety. We have a structured process in place for pilot qualifications and currency requirements whether the members are students or licensed pilots. These safety requirements were put in place to protect our glider assets, but now need to be extended to ensure safety of the tow pilot. The folks at both ends of the rope have shared responsibility for the safety of the flight. Therefore, the requirements for ‘associate membership’ will be more than what a ‘typical’ associate member would be use to. We just need to define it.
  - *The goal will be to have a decision by the March General Meeting*

# Old Business

- 2018 Budget still in work –
  - Main budget items.
    - Insurance, annuals, and G103 repair
    - Land and Airplane leases
    - C182 expenses – need to forecast useage for this next year
  - Plan to have the budget by March Meeting
- SOPs and Bylaws changes in work – will be posted on the website

# New Business

- AGCSC wants to rent our glider for the first weekend in June.
  - Board generally agrees to allow the rental
  - If there are any
- Cross country seminars
  - PeterK will offer some instruction if there is interest
- SSA Convention this month
  - Dirk plans on doing a landout site survey prior to going to the convention (Crystal to Austin NV)
  - Date – TBD
  - It will involve overnight camping in Austin – if you are interested in going, you'll need to work out your own accommodations. Contact Dirk Darling for more information.
- Randy Shumaker is coordinating a separate landout site survey later in March for folks that can't make Dirk's trip. Contact Randy for more information



# New Business

- Tom will identify some fun “field trips” for club members
- “Young eagles” meetings in March and April – Contact Chuck Gifford for information
- Two winch clinics in San Diego the weekends of March 9-11 and April 6-8. Contact AGCSC for information (or Ralph Strahm at LESC)

# New Business: L-13

- Looking into the cost to get it repaired/inspected and returned to service
- Entire glider will need to be shipped to Europe
- Will need to determine the cost before making any decisions
- Other clubs have already done this repair.

# Decision Record # 1

## “template”

- Background
- *Decision - xxxx*

No decisions made at meeting

# Subjects for next meeting...

- Associate Membership
- SOP and R&R Updates
- Elsinore Status
- Website Status
- Hemet Operations
- “Safety Officer” who/what/how??
- Google forum for club communications – transition status

# Action Items

AI #	Assignee	Action	Need Date/Event
1	Dirk	<del>Get input about Associate Membership from general membership.</del>	Email sent 1/15/18
2	Dirk	Include Maintenance and Financial summary in Newsletter	2/2/18
3	Mike/John	Ensure SGS 2-33 is available at Elsinore when the Krosno is taken out of service for rudder cable repair	Prior to Krosno repair
4	Dirk	Solicit volunteers for 'safety officer'	2/19/18
5	Dirk	Send reminder to general membership to send aircraft useage from last year (hours and flights).	2/15/18
6	John	Define process for logging time and report back to the meeting.	3/10/18
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BACKUP

# Member Decision Record Summary

Record #	Date	Board Decision
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