

Saskatoon Soaring Club

News and information – July 2001

Newsletter

The first couple of monthly club newsletters were a trial effort in an attempt to improve club communications. Feedback has been positive so far, and at the June club meeting there was a motion to continue with them during the flying season.

Submissions for items for the newsletter (to John T) are requested. These may be comments, suggestions, short articles of interest, or reports from committees.

The newsletter also needs a name. Any suggestions?

Winch Launches

The winch is useable with new rollers and cable lead in. Now that the crops are up, we are limited to the runway length, but this is still suitable for launches of 1000-1200 ft. and perfect for practicing circuits. Any member can be a winch driver with a little training. How about getting checked out as a driver?

International Year of the Volunteer

2001 is the year to recognize the contributions of volunteers. Clubs and organizations like ours could not exist without them. Club executive, towpilots, instructors, etc all volunteer their time and effort. We are often too quick to criticize when things are not perfect. The alternative to appreciating volunteers is to pay commercial rates to fly.

July Long Weekend

Sat June 30 was a busy day with former members, family and friends doing most of the flights. It was great to have two return from Calgary – Mike Boyle and Brian Pardoe. Bruce Armstrong (Winnipeg) was through the previous weekend and had a good flight in XDU. Closer to home, Daryl Lowey, Kirk Lange, and Keith Andrews also flew. Others who could not attend want to come out another weekend. (There is excellent potential to get back some of the previous members). Daryl was out with his Citabria, did some demo aerobatics as well as aerobatic rides, and got checked out to tow. His Citabria is now available as a backup tug.

Flying was cancelled Sun. due to poor weather – somewhat prematurely as it turned out. There were people at Cudworth wanting to fly and the weather was suitable for part of the day, but no towpilots.

Monday was another busy day with 9 intro flights as well as student and member flying.

Thanks to all the volunteers on the weekend. Many club members were there to greet and organize guests, run the ground activities, and provide flights for the guests. Special thanks to Gerry VanOlst and Nancy Iverson for their help with the great burger barbecue Sat. evening. Along with his flying hat and president's hat, Evert proved he is worthy of a Chef's hat as well!

Promoting Soaring

We have been able to generate excellent media interest and coverage for our "25th Anniversary Season". Still to come is participation at the Canada Remembers Air Show. Members are still our best recruiters – keep spreading the good word about the Joys of Soaring. Also, the souvenir pictures are being very well received. Thanks Dave and Pat!

Club Soaring Ladder

The only significant distance flight reported in June was by Roy, and out and return to Kinistino (182 pts.). Unofficial standings based on best 3 flights of the season so far are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>glider</u>	<u>points</u>
Roy E.	Cirrus	563
John G.	Phoebus	184
John T	Phoebus	147
Clarence	Blanik	138

Significant Flight

Congratulation to Brian Gulka on earning his silver duration (>5 hr flight after release) and silver altitude (>1000 m height gain after release) the flight was made on June 9th in a club Blanik. One more leg, a 50 km cross country flight, will complete Brian's requirements for his silver badge.

Club Calendar – July

Weekends – student instruction mornings, soaring instruction and member soaring during the afternoons.

Wednesdays – member soaring afternoons, student instructions evenings by arrangement.

Thought for the day - there are three simple rules for making a perfect landing. Unfortunately, nobody knows what they are!
