



Cloud Nine

NEWSLETTER OF THE SASKATOON SOARING CLUB

Happy New Year

During the dark, cold days of January, we may not be thinking much about soaring. (Except for Roy, who is off to New Zealand the end of Jan!) It is, however, time to be planning for the 2005 season.

Notice of SSC AGM

Actually, this is more of a reminder than a notice – the date of the AGM was set nearly a year ago and recorded in the previous minutes. It is traditionally planned for the last Saturday in January.

This year's AGM will be held on **Sat. Jan 29, 2005** in the Board Room of the Sport's Admin Building, **510 Cynthia St.** The meeting will start at **13:30** hr with the room available until 16:30 if needed. Committees are requested to have written reports available along with any recommendations or resolutions. If you can get these to me prior to the meeting, I (John) will arrange for copies, agenda time as required, etc.

Member Appreciation Evening

Following the AGM, I have reserved space at the Four Seasons Dining Room, Park Town Motel for an evening get-together. They do a nice buffet dinner. Cocktails at 6:00, buffet at 6:30. Following the meal will be an informal opportunity to complain about last year's weather, recognize the achievements of members and the efforts of volunteers, and relax and socialize. Spouses and guests are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Cost of the buffet will be \$15 including tax and gratuity. This will be collected that evening, or billed to the member's account. All beverages will be separate and the responsibility of those attending. I have tentatively reserved for 20, but if you can let me know how many will be attending I can revise it as required.

2004 Flight Statistics

Considering the uncooperative weather many weekends of "the summer that never arrived", we did reasonably well. Bracketed numbers are 2003 for comparison, and represent an average

year. Financially, we need to get back to average numbers or better this season.

We flew on 35 (51) days. There were a total of 165 (343) glider launches, of which 147 (309) were club gliders. Gliders were flown 86.3 (174.7) hours. Introductory flights – 22 (126)!

2005 Memberships

Memberships are now due. Fleet insurance must be in place by the end of Jan, and this is a large fixed cost. Trevor is sending out membership renewals for 2005. Although the final fees will be set at the AGM, it is hoped that we can generate revenue by increased flying activity and not have to increase the annual rates.

Computer Needed

We are still looking for a computer for the hanger at Cudworth. This will simplify data entry into the Colibri Datalogger for flight declarations, etc. What we are looking for is a donation if anyone is updating equipment, at home or at the office. It requires Pentium, 233 or faster, Windows 98 or newer, and a serial port available for connection to the logger.

KNG Trailer

The trailer is in the hanger at Cudworth, with some work started on modifying the fittings for the L-33. We plan to have this ready for the start of the new season.

Ground School

Ground school was cancelled last fall due to lack of registrants. I will plan for one this year, either spring or fall as required.

Coming Events

- Jan. 29 – SSC AGM and Social Evening
- Mar 19 – SAC AGM in Ottawa
- Mar 26 – tentative date for SAS AGM, Regina
- June 28 – July 7 – Cdn Nationals Competition, Claresholm, Alberta

"Science, freedom, beauty, adventure – aviation offers it all." - Charles Lindbergh