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Cloud Nine

SASKATOON SOARING CLUB NEWS

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2005 Season

There has been good activity at Cudworth this year in spite of the unfavourable weather on many weekends. Members available on weekdays have had some good conditions. There have been fewer flights to date than the long term average, but with a reasonable fall season, the year will be successful. By comparison, Edmonton missed more than a month while their runways were under water, and Winnipeg has had very poor conditions and a wet field most of the season.

New Members

John Haan and Hank Hees are new flying members this season. John is a professional pilot currently flying with Purolator out of Saskatoon. Hank's previous flying experience has been with radio control gliders. Both are at the solo stage and progressing quickly on the L-13. Joining us recently is Ryan Kurtz. Ryan is a commercial pilot student with a glider license. He has been checked out on the towplane and is becoming current on the L-13 glider. Brad Pulvermacher, also a commercial pilot student, has been towing since the start of the season. Welcome!

Blanik TVT

Following approval by the members, glider TVT went to Grand Prairie AB on lease with an option to purchase. Unfortunately, there was an accident on the second flight and the aircraft was destroyed. There were no injuries. Preliminary reports indicate that due to a radio communications failure, the glider was launched (winch) with no pilot on board.

The glider was fully insured, and the Saskatoon Club will receive the difference between the outstanding liability and the equity we have invested. We did not own TVT outright, but were making payments.

Hanger Maintenance

The roof has been reshingled at a cost of about \$5000. About one third of this was covered by an insurance claim following the

June storm. The cost included adding vents to the roof and ends of the building.

Fall Training – Reduced Fees

As of Aug 1 the membership fees for SSC and SAC were reduced to half of the annual fee. The club is now welcoming new members for fall training for the remainder of the year. Wed evening training will continue during Aug as weather and interest permits, with student training available weekends during the fall and on weekdays by arrangement. There will be an add in the fall Leisure Services Guide coming out shortly.

Ground School

Ground school is scheduled for six Wednesday evenings starting Sept 14 and continuing through Oct 19. New students are welcome. The cost is \$50.00 plus \$20 for the book. Licensed members are welcome to sit in on any or all sessions for review. For more info contact John at j.toles@sasktel.net

The best advertising and promotion for the club is by the members. If you know of individuals who might be interested, bring them out for an introductory flight.

Saskatchewan Remembers Airshow

There will not be a glider static display at the airshow this year. I will be there assisting with the SIAST Commercial Pilot display, and will have club material available.

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This club newsletter is published during the season when there is information to share. It is distributed to members, associate members, and others who are on the club mailing list.

Aviation Wisdom

- flying weather - *It is better to be on the ground wishing you were flying than to be flying and wishing you were on the ground.*

-*Keep thy airspeed up, lest the earth come from below and smite thee.* William Kershner