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Cloud Nine

SASKATOON SOARING CLUB NEWS

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2006 Season Start

Cudworth had more snow than normal, and the ground around the hanger is still very wet. However, a few more days of sun and the area should be useable.

Anyone that can help is invited to join a work crew at the airport on Saturday afternoon (22nd). The plan is to remove inspection panels and generally prepare the gliders for the annual inspection. This is an excellent opportunity for students to see the "innards" of the gliders. Let me know if you can help and would like to carpool. Ralph (AME from Tisdale) is booked for Wed. 26th to do the maintenance, lubrication, etc as required. I will be there to assist. Anyone else available is welcome to help. Following maintenance, it takes a couple of hours to put inspection panels back in place and get the aircraft ready to fly. This is planned for Sat, Apr. 29. If all goes as planned and weather cooperates, instructor check flights may be completed that day, with everything ready for member flying on Sun. Apr. 30.

Reminder of Spring General Meeting

A club meeting will be held Friday evening, Apr 28, 7:30 at 510 Cynthia St. The agenda will include scheduling for student instruction and member flying. Membership, or remainder of membership is due by this time. All members must be registered with Soaring Association of Canada (SAC) for insurance purposes before they fly.

Flying Schedule

At this time plans are for student training weekend mornings and Wed evenings with member flying and arranged soaring instruction weekend and Wednesday afternoons.

New Club Website

Thanks to Hank Hees, the club site has been reworked and looks great. Check it out at www.ssc soar.sk.ca

Safety Management System

Safety continues to be a top priority for the club. At the national level, a new safety initiative has been developed. A workshop was presented by Dan Cook, national safety officer, Sun Apr. 9th to introduce the safety management plan. There was a good turnout of club executive, CFIs and Safety Officers from the Saskatoon, P.A. and Regina clubs. This was one of a series of workshops held across Canada this spring. The spring meeting will include an overview and discussion as it affects the club.

Radio for XDU

The radio has been ordered, but may not be installed for the start of the season. The package includes a panel mount radio, push to talk buttons built into the top of each stick, boom microphones similar to the one in KNG and a speaker system

Highlights from the AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sat January 28 2006. New executive members include Dave as the new President, Shawn Vice President and Hank Safety Officer. See the website for the complete executive.

Fees will remain similar to last year. The big unknown is fuel costs, and if necessary, a small per tow surcharge may have to be added during the year.

A more detailed report will be available at the next meeting, or on request.

Individual Goals for 2006

I encourage all members to start the season with some specific goals in mind. These may involve completing training, getting started in cross country flying, earning some badges, etc. or even flying the recommended safe minimum of 10 hours with 20 t.o. and landings.

Above all, fly safely but have fun. A quote from Phil Stade, SAC past president, "if you're not having fun, you're not doing it right!"