



Cloud Nine

SASKATOON SOARING CLUB NEWS

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Western Soaring Competition at Cudworth June 14 – 17th

The Western Soaring competition that had been scheduled for North Battleford will not be going ahead this year. Instead, **we have changed the location to Cudworth Airport.** Last year, 17 aircraft were entered, but the event was rained out at North Battleford. This year, only 6 have confirmed so far, so the venue has been changed.

We will go ahead in a modified format. Wed. June 13 will be available for arrivals and site checks, and afternoon soaring and evening training is available for members.

On the competition days, the format will be “friendly competition” with a task set each morning. There should be opportunities for dual cross country flights, as well as clinics for prospective cross country pilots.

All members and others interested are welcome. It is a chance to see some other gliders and meet pilots from other clubs.

We will plan a social activity for Sat evening, either a BBQ at the field or meal at the Crossroads on Wakaw, depending on interest.

Let me know if you can attend any of the days or the social and I will plan accordingly – John at j.toles@sasktel.net or 306 652 7909.

2007 Season To Date

The 2007 season got off to a late start due to the poor spring weather, but the club has been flying since late Apr. with some good flights recorded. Instructors and tow pilots are in place.

Roy, Hank and John have logged flights in the cross-country On-Line Contest. Last Saturday provided flights to 9000 ft. with Hank logging a 2.5+ hr flight toward his bronze badge while Roy completing a flight of over 225 km.

Congratulations to Skylar for a successful first solo in May, and 2 more solo flights this past weekend.

Our fuel supply is in place, the L-33 trailer is nearing completion, and all equipment is operating for the season.

Memberships for 2007

Not all expected members have returned a completed membership application and fees for 2007. If you have not, and are planning to do so, please contact the club. If you are not returning, please let us know so we can update the membership list.

Student Training

Skylar is the only student active so far this season. Ian, Al, and Ulrich have indicated availability starting this month. There is also some new interest to consider. Wednesday evenings are scheduled, but so far there has been only one evening of training due to poor weather and low interest. Weekend mornings are also available. In order to make it worthwhile for an instructor and tow pilot, we need at least one and preferably 2 students each session. Weather permitting, we try for soaring on Wed afternoons, and will stay into the evening for instruction. If weather is not suitable on Wednesdays, Thursday is the alternate.

Club Website

Have you checked out the site at www.ssc soar.sk.ca

One of the features is a look on club flights submitted to the online competition. It can be accessed from the drop down menu under *miscellaneous* to *soaring links* and then to *OLC*. Click on the symbol under info to see a record of the flight.

Safety Report

A very successful pre-season safety seminar was held in Saskatoon last March 17 as part of the national Safety Management Program. Safety Officer Hank organized the sessions dealing with Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis. A couple of recommendations have been implemented. A follow-up meeting is planned for the near future to develop the club safety policy manual.

Fly Safely. Fly Often.