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Cloud Nine

SASKATOON SOARING CLUB NEWS

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IMPORTANT – SAFETY SEMINAR

Wed May 9th – 19:00 -21:45. This is important for all members and perspective members. Safety is always important, and SSC has a Safety Management System in place including a Club Safety Policy. The most recent Safety Audit will be reviewed and the Safety Policy reviewed and updated with emphasis on risk identification and management. The last portion will be a presentation and discussion on winch launching and associated safety issues.

2011 Season – off to a Flying Start

The annual inspections and service on the towplane and gliders has been completed and flying started the weekend of Apr 21st and 22nd with instructor and member check flights. As well, a new tow pilot was trained (welcome, Kristian) and two new members had their orientation flights. Flying will continue on weekends at present, with weeknight training expected to start around mid May. Other training and soaring times may be arranged with availability of members, students, instructors, tow pilots, etc.

SSC 2012 AGM Highlites

The Annual General Meeting of the Saskatoon Soaring Club was held on Sat. Jan 28th. Minutes are available on the club website.

This year's executive includes:

President – Ian Barrett
Vice President – John Toles
Secretary – Derrick Harper
Treasurer – Hank Hees
Chief Official – Hank Hees
Chief Flying Instructor – John Toles
Chief Tow Pilot – Roy Eichendorf
Safety Officer – Skyler Guest
Chief Maintenance Officer – Josh Hinz

Replacement Two Seat Glider

The executive is still exploring possibilities for a replacement for the Blanik L-13. After extensive negotiation for a Blanik L-23 available

in the USA the club's bid was not successful. Cost of importing was a major consideration in the offer. We are still negotiating with Edmonton for the purchase of an L-23 but they have not committed at this time. As well, there are two L-23 that recently came available from Pemberton Soaring in BC and we have expressed interest in getting one of them, so there are still options open. In the meantime, we are continuing to lease the K7 for now.

Ground School

The spring ground school is continuing on Wed evenings with twelve attending. Three members have committed to club membership – welcome Juan Sera, Tu Clothier, and Fernando Garza. As well, Rob Longley and Corey Mayes have had intro flights and expressed membership interest, and Pavan Kumar is interested in towing and perhaps glider training. Interest from other attendees could make for a busy training season.

Winch Launch and Aerotow Available

With both launch methods we can fly on days that do not provide soaring conditions, using the winch for circuit training, winch certification, and just having fun flying.

Upcoming Events

Safety Seminar – Wed May 9th
Humboldt Scouts at SSC – June 9 or 10
Provincial Competition -, June 15 - 17 Regina
Nationals – York Soaring – June 20 - 29
SSC Soaring and Training Week – July 2 – 6

Online Flying Schedule

Now available on the website homepage! Use it – it really helps planning!

Fly often! Fly safely! Have fun! Introduce a friend to the delights of soaring!

