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SKYLINES of the Skyline Soaring Club January 26, 1992 LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

There's a lot of news, so please bear with me in this rather long letter.

MEETING Most importantly, there will be a GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, at 7:00 PM at Jim Kellet's house. The address is 4133 Meadow Hill Lane. Please try to make this meeting as important club business will be conducted of interest to all the members. The directions are: coming from the East: 66 West to US 50 West; at 5th light turn left on Majestic Lane at a Shell station; take the first left past the shopping center onto Meadow Hill Lane; Last house on left facing Meadow Hill. Coming from the West: 66 East to Fairlakes Parkway; at 2nd light turn left onto US 50; at 2nd light turn left onto Majestic Lane; rest same as coming from the East. There will be a door prize.

CURRENT FLIGHTS AND OPERATIONS On Saturday, Jan 18, Jim Kellett got to 15,300 feet in wave lift at Waynesboro. Warrenton would probably have been good to 9,000 feet that day but no one was out to try it. Winter flying can bring some good flights. There will be a wave camp at Petersburg, West Virgina on Feb 15 to 23. Call Bill Vickland for details. Warrenton Air Park is very wet right now but cold enough to be frozen so operations are good. But if it gets warm enough to melt, it will probably be too wet. So check the field before operating. Please do not operate a vehicle in a wet field! VERY IMPORTANT. Duty Officers be sure to CALL the DULLES CONTROL TOWER at 471-1270 and tell them what hours you are going to be operating. There is no telephone at the field, so call before leaving home or on the way. We have a special waiver for the tow plane to operate in the 30 NM circle without an encoding transponder, but IF WE DON'T CALL WE MAY GET GROUNDED. There are no scheduled operations at this time, but custom arrangements can be made with some notice. Call Leo when you want to fly.

STUDENTS We are advertising in the Washington Post for new student members and will have some shortly. If you are aware of any new or old students, please get us their name and phone number. We do not have a list of current students, so if you have that information please.

FRONT ROYAL AIRPORT. The Master Plan has been approved and the improvements are proceeding. Inputs are being solicited from users for hanger space and contractors are being interviewed by the Airport Commission. Now is the hour for private ship owners to get active in this if you want to have a roof for your bird. Also the club is looking into building a club hanger. Spencer has some ideas on this so contact him and/or the Airport Commission. They meet every 2nd Tuesday in Front Royal.

INSURANCE The insurance company requires the enclosed form to be filled out by each member. Please do so and return to the company in the enclosed envelope. Also please fill out the MEMBERS INFORMATION form if enclosed and return to me or any other Officer.

DUES It is very important for each member to keep their dues current. Operations are slow in the winter, and income from flights is low. But the fixed expenses for insurance, tie-downs, aircraft lease, etc. are paid every month. So our only way to cover these expenses are from your dues. Consider one of the discounted pay-in-advance plans.

AIRCRAFT We bought the 2-33 N2743H. We now own the 2-33 and the Pawnee and are leasing the ASK-21 and are negotiating to lease the 1-36. There

is no interest in the 1-26 at this time. At the December Members meeting, we voted to raise the \$9,000 to buy the 2-33 the next day and we did it and delivered the money to WSC on Monday. Truly a miracle! Some members loaned the club \$400. A special thanks to Ralph Popp for loaning \$1,500. We also got seven new members at a special membership rate of \$400. Also a special thanks to Shane Neitzey for spending all day Sunday driving all over the territory picking up the money. His van now reads Shanes Armored Car Service instead of Shanes Signs. The new members are: Kit Carson, Bob Collier, Janice Farr, John Soule, Bill Vickland, John Winchester, and Ralph Wentzel. Welcome aboard guys and gal! We now have 36 members of all classes and our goal of 60 members is in sight. Membership will be a major subject at the meeting so BE THERE.

OFFICERS We need to elect permanent officers at the March meeting. Please give consideration to who you want to be your officers. If you are interested, please get active with the club, come to meetings, and attend Board Meetings (ask an Officer). We need more bodies pulling on the oars. The present crew is reaching a state of exhaustion. We will be accepting nominations only at the Feb 1 meeting.

EQUIPMENT I am donating a telephone recording machine to the club which we will have for members to call for current news, operations, etc. when we get a telephone. We are waiting for the WSC number to become available. We will need 2 parachutes and a barograph for the aerobatic and cross country program. If you know where we can get these at modest cost, it would be appreciated.

See you at the meeting,

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