



SKYLINES

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Sort of like "deja vu all over again", here I am, back as your club Secretary! In June, the Skyline Board asked if I would fill in when our Secretary, Ralph Wentzel, requested inactive status, and I agreed. Since then, I've been trying to get on top of files, software, and procedures to get started. So bear with me, happy campers, until I get the hang of things.

First off, I'll try to get information into the *SKYLINES* that's useful and interesting for all club members. Be forewarned: some of it will reflect editorial license, some will be club announcements/news, but much or most will be what YOU, our fellow *Skyliners*, contribute. All of you have interesting ideas, opinions, or other contributions to make, so make them. "Letters to the Editor" are a good way to voice your opinion, make suggestions, or just announce things. So take your pen in hand....

Or better yet your mouse...contributions on flat DOS-readable files (or in Microsoft Word) are appreciated, and for those of us connected in cyberspace, e-mail is MUCH preferred. Yours truly is at:

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My First Editorial

At least a dozen *Skyliners* are "wired" through the internet now. For sure, I have e-mail addresses for Joe Parrish, Al Malendy, Jan Makela, Jonathan Kans, Bela Gogos, Steve Szibler, Coloumbe Chappay, Jean-Francois Gibrat, Piet Barber, and Greg Coffman. I think there are more....Bob Neff mentioned he was connected, but I don't have his address.

Boy, does connectivity make club business easier! For example, Joe Parrish and I have been able to coordinate instruction schedules with GREAT ease, and have been using the system to swap instructional notes which really help the

students we're working with (although they may not notice it!!) It's also a VERY easy way to link up with other clubs, since there are people from Shenandoah Valley Soaring, Blue Grass Soaring, and the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association on the net. The Soaring Society itself is wired, giving instant access to the SSA leadership. If you're connected, please e-mail me your address. If you're NOT connected, I strongly recommend it. I would like to publish a new member directory before the end of the year that would include e-mail addresses.

For Already Connected Net-surfers...

And you'll know who you are if you understand the following: Point your graphic Web browser to the URL:

http://ssl.umd.edu/skyline_soaring_club/skyline.htm

And there you'll find your very own Soaring Club's World Wide Web home page, courtesy of ace computer gurus Piet ("Hammy") Barber and Joe Parrish. It's really a fantastic setup, with pictures of Charlie Lee's plane, Ernie Klimonda's famous "grey Poupon" picture, and much, much more. All linked to other soaring sources all over the world!

Piet says there's a good possibility that we can put *SKYLINES* on the Web page, making it instantly available to glider types all over the world...

News from New Market Airport

The June 10 Community Day was a fantastic success! Shane and Joe pulled off a wonderful feat of planning and organization (and the great soaring pilot in the sky pulled off some good weather!). The Club provided 25 glider rides to "townies", and the airboss (Tom Osinkosky) reported 179

takeoffs and landings! We had country ham sandwiches, parasailers, hot air balloons, taildraggers, and FUN!

All of which helped Linda (Raney) promote her management of Valor Field to the town and the courts...on June 19, the Federal court in Harrisonburg granted another temporary injunction permitting her to continue managing the field, and things look favorable for her court appearance in August to seek a permanent injunction. The SSC Board of Directors, acting on the Club's behalf, has fully supported Linda in her efforts to keep this wonderful airport running and growing. Let her know you appreciate her efforts for aviation in general and us in particular!

Mark your calendars ...

...now for July 16 (rain date July 23)...that's the New Market Pancake Breakfast and Fly-In, courtesy of Linda and the airport's Owners and Pilot's Association. Breakfast will be served by the New Market Rescue Squad from 9:00 AM through noon. Activities by other New Market pilots are also being planned.... Want to volunteer to help? Call Katie Neary, the Owners and Pilot's Association Secretary, at (703) 740-3389.

...now for Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00 PM, for the next meeting of the Owners and Pilot's Association at the airport. The featured guest for this meeting will be Charlie Fellows speaking on "ATC Avionics" and "What's New in Avionics" and Don Thompson talking about "Lessons I've Learned in 50 Years of Aviation".

Congratulations...

...to Shane Neitzey who completed his FAI Gold Badge and one diamond (goal) with a 194 mile flight in his LAK-12 out of New Market!! What's much more impressive, Shane made this excellent flight only to have it disqualified because of a flaw in the documentation of his release point...so he came out the next weekend and *did it again!* Fabulous.

...to Kevin Fleet and Stephen Szibler who were unanimously approved by the SSC Board of Directors as full members of the club (contingent upon the payment of the remainder of their membership fee)! Welcome aboard!

...to Joe Parrish and Shane Neitzey for doing an outstanding job in planning for and managing our part of the Community Day

...to Bill Jones (who used to fly at the Warrenton Soaring Center before his transfer to Illinois. Bill has written a book, The Pilot's Outline Guide to Basic Aerodynamics, which Bill feels can be beneficial to glider pilots. (Bill instructed and towed at WSC, and his son Matt learned to fly there!) Copies are available for \$12.95 (including S&H) from Eastern Dakota

Publishers, Box 12512, Grand Forks, ND 58208-2512. Joe Parrish has ordered a copy, so you might be able to get a local "book report" from him.

DON'T PARK HERE!!

At the hangar, that is.... We've developed a bad habit of parking our cars all over the place in and around the hangars, and it's causing problems not likely to get better! PLEASE park your car in the airport parking lot, and don't drive on the field itself EXCEPT:

...to drive to the hangars long enough to load or unload "stuff" and/or to work on club or private ships (and when you're through, put your car back in the lot...don't leave it unattended!

...to pull a trailer down to the grass on the south end of the hangars where you're assembling or disassembling gliders. In this case, be sure you don't leave your car/trailer where it obstructs others!

Getting Ready for Cross Country...

At the last meeting, the Board approved the modification to the club trailer to accept the Sprite, which will take care of the last obstacle to the several Club members anxious to get on with their cross country soaring. Shane's got the lead, and he'll need to organize a work party soon to take measurements...give him a call if you can help! This will be a big step for our club.