

# SKYLINES

Monthly Newsletter of Skyline Soaring Club, Inc. December 2017



Photo Erik Van Weezendonk

## President's Message

**Dan Ernst**



Skyliners,

It has been a tough year for the club and as we go into our yearly hiatus, we should all take a little time to reflect upon and renew our commitment to being safe every time we come out to fly or stand our duty. Safety takes work and thought and each needs to be renewed periodically to make sure we are still at the top of our game. And speaking of safety... I am pleased that Erik Van Weezendonk has agreed to be our new Safety Officer. Erik is a pilot for FedEx and as such he brings a lot of experience in aviation safety to the table. He

also has valuable leadership experience from the Marine Corps Reserve. Erik will be hanging out his shingle soon so please cooperate and help him any way you can.

I hope you all caught the article and pictures in the November Soaring magazine featuring four Skyliners at the Junior Nationals ( <http://www.ssa.org/Youth> ). The article was co-written by JP Stewart and featured him, Chris Zaboji, Elise Wheelock and Jonathan Elie. And Keith Hilton's BW made the centerfold. Skyline is proud of you one and all and we hope to see you out there competing in the future. Other junior members take note of the six new flight training scholarship for 2018.

Our crack tow plane replacement team is still hard at work trying to get us a new Pawnee to replace 866. They have cast the net far and wide from Nevada to Delaware and a few more places in between.

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As you might expect from a group of aircraft that mostly have been serving for many years as crop dusters and banner towers, it is a mixed bag of aircraft each of which is unique in its equipment, AD compliance, maintenance history, condition and damage history. It is not an easy task to comb through the records, identify the issues, and make the comparisons. Many thanks to lead aircraft hunter Shane Neitzey, and Dick Garrity, and former active member and still friend of the club, Chris Groshel for his counsel.

Marie and I had the privilege of attending a ceremony honoring our late member Steve Zaboji with the FAA Master Pilot Award. It was wonderful to see Chris and his family, as well as many of Steve's aviation friends and colleagues gathered to honor one of our finest pilots. Please see the video provided by Dick Otis <https://youtu.be/LaprdGXERZA>

The wheels continue to grind although slowly it seems, on the new hangar. The county has approved the construction of the new hangar, but not identified the source of funding yet. In the meantime, the pole barn hangars are planned to be demolished and carted off over the winter.

Our annual Membership meeting will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January at 1000 at the Samuels Library, 330 E. Crizer Rd, Front Royal, VA 22630. In addition to presenting information on the state of the club, we will elect two new directors and vote on a proposed change to the club's Articles of Incorporation. The proposed language will be circulated to the membership soon. Please plan to attend. As an extra treat, Dick Otis will receive the FAA Master Pilot Award at the meeting. The Safety Meeting will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February with operations to begin immediately afterward. Also, we will schedule a hangar sweep out for that day. Unfortunately, the Samuels Library is using the large conference room for a program of their own and we will have to find another venue. I'll shoot for Skyline High School, but consider the location TBD for now.

Please accept my best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year to come.

Safety First!  
DAN



## ***Flight Instructor Refresher Course (FIRC)*** **Jan 20 and Jan 21, 2018**

The Soaring Safety Foundation will present a *Flight Instructor Refresher Course* in the Washington D.C. area on

January 20 and 21, 2018. The course will be presented by Rich Carlson of the SSF and other speakers. The course will cost \$150 which goes to the SSF to support future courses and other activities.

The course will run from 8 AM – 5:30 PM on Saturday, Jan 20 and from 8 AM - 5 PM on Sunday, Jan 21. At the end of the course, your instructor's certificate will be re-validated on site without your having to go to a FSDO. The course is valid for renewal of multiple types of instructor certificates -- glider, airplane and helicopter. All pilots are welcome; the course is not only for instructors. The information presented will be very useful to those working toward a CFI certificate and/or pilots with private or commercial certificates. The SSF courses have been enhanced this year with more scenario based learning and discussions.

### **Location**

The course will be held at the Heritage Hunt Community in Gainesville, Virginia. This is a nice and comfortable site which also provides parking and lunch if desired (at a cost of about \$15 per attendee).

There are other nearby places for lunch. The sessions will be held in the Marsh Mansion: the address is 13451 Fieldstone Way, Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

### **Registration**

You may register and get information online at the SSF website at the following URL --

<http://www.soaringsafety.org/outreach/FIRC.html>

If you plan on attending, please register on the SSF website, but please also respond to - James C. Garrison, SSA Director, Regions 2 & 4 to register. Respond by email to --

[jcg8w@virginia.edu](mailto:jcg8w@virginia.edu)

We need to keep a list of participants to make all the final arrangements. Thank you in advance for your participation. We look forward to seeing you next January.







# *Arcus M*

<https://www.schempp-hirth.com/en/sailplanes/arcus/arcus-m.html>

Photos provided by Guido Kamp



# SSC Week of Training

<http://blog.pietbarber.com/2017/07/skyline-soaring-week-of-training.html>



All of the students who soloed (and the instructors who signed them off)



All of the participants in 2017 Week of Training







# Virginia State records

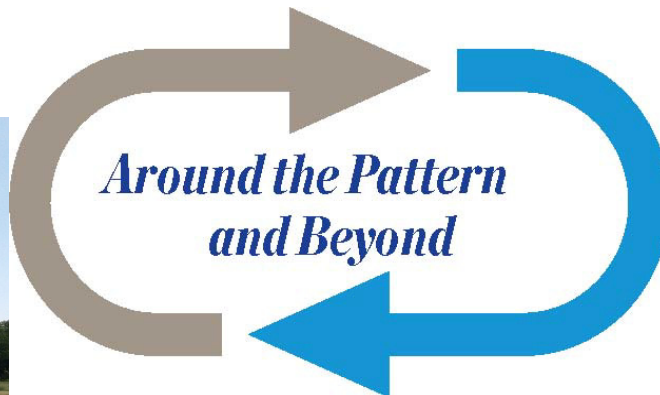
08 August 2017

Most SSA members have participated in the SSA ABC Training Program. Some go on to pursue the internationally-recognized levels of soaring achievement offered by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale ("FAI") Badge program. But how many set State records ?

Well, on 08 August 2017, a number of records were set by a member of the Skyline Soaring Club, Inc. The following table shows what he did, so go congratulate Piet. You can also visit the home of US National and State Records at the SSA website to see this and more.

<http://www.ssa.org/BadgesAndRecords?show=blog&id=3106>

	Free Distance	Free Out and Return Dist.	Free 3-Turnpoint Distance	Free Triangle Distance	Straight Distance to a Goal	Out and Return Distance	Distance up to 3 TPs	Triangle Distance
<b>Open Class Singleplace</b>	195mi William Feldbaumer 4/24/1966	313.1mi Adnan Mirza 5/13/2001	510.43mi Malcolm Stevenson 9/28/2007	58.5mi Glenn Betzoldt 9/21/2017	195mi William Feldbaumer 4/24/1966	656.5mi James Smiley 10/9/1972	197.9mi James Stewart 3/30/2013	50.3mi Glenn Betzoldt 9/21/2017
<b>Open Class Multiplace</b>		221.4mi Piet Barber 8/5/2017	314.9mi Piet Barber 8/5/2017				311.8mi Piet Barber 8/5/2017	
<b>Motorglider Singleplace</b>	129.87mi A Wharton Ramsey 5/17/2014	259.6mi A Wharton Ramsey 5/17/2014	266.61mi A Wharton Ramsey 5/17/2014					
<b>Motorglider Multiplace</b>								
<b>15-Meter Class</b>	97.2mi James Stewart 3/30/2013	132.29mi James Stewart 3/30/2013	634.13mi Allison Tyler 9/20/2006	50.1mi James Stewart 3/30/2013			197.9mi James Stewart 3/30/2013	
<b>Standard Class</b>	198.4mi David Powell 6/11/1988		510.43mi Malcolm Stevenson 9/28/2007					
<b>13.5-Meter Class</b>								
<b>Ultralight Glider</b>								
<b>Sports Class</b>	87.3mi James Stewart 3/30/2013	197mi Piet Barber 8/5/2017	280.2mi Piet Barber 8/5/2017	50.6mi Glenn Betzoldt 9/21/2017			277.5mi Piet Barber 8/5/2017	43.5mi Glenn Betzoldt 9/21/2017















# Genesis 2

[http://www.nurflugel.com/Nurflugel/Fauvel/e\\_genesis.htm](http://www.nurflugel.com/Nurflugel/Fauvel/e_genesis.htm)



# *CAP National Flight Academy for Gliders*



## *2017 Junior Camp and Contest*

[http://juniors.ssa.org/  
home/events/](http://juniors.ssa.org/home/events/)





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**Chief Flight Instructor**—Piet Barber  
**Safety Officer** — Erik Van Weezendonk

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***Merry Christmas to  
all... and to all a  
good flight.***