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Ka-6 and the Super Moon - Steve Leonard photo

KSA CALENDAR

January 14th - KSA Banquet - Kansas Cosmosphere - 6 PM

January 21st-22nd - SSF Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic - Wallis, TX - Info [here](#)

February 11th - KSA Meeting - My evolution at Sports Class Nationals - Andrew Peters

March 11th - KSA Meeting - Badge Flying

March 19th - 25th - FAI Sailplane Grand Prix - Orlando, FL

April 8th - KSA Meeting - Safety Meeting

April 20th-23rd - Wave Camp - Soaring NV, Minden NV

May 14th - 20th - Region 7 - Albert Lea, MN

June 5th - 14th - 15 Meter, Open, Standard Nationals - Cordele, GA

June 21st - 30th - Club Class Nationals - Hobbs, NM

July 2nd - 8th - 2nd Annual Junior Nationals - Harris Hill, Elmira, NY

Jun 29th - July 16th - 2nd FAI World 13.5m Class Gliding Championship - Szatymas, Hungary

July 1st - 8th - US Junior Camp & Contest - Elmira, NY

July 3rd - 7th - Women's Seminar - Chilhowee Gliderport - Benton, TN

July 15th - Kansas Kowbell Klassic

July 18th - 27th - Region 10 Low Performance Contest - Midlothian, TX

August 1st - 10th - 18 Meter Nationals - Uvalde, TX

August 28th - September 2nd - Region 10 Championship - Waller, TX

September 24th - Adventurous Babes Society

October 1st - Adventurous Babes Society Rain Date

October 7th - EAA Fly-In Newton, KS

Nov 26th - Dec 8th - 2nd FAI Pan-American Gliding Championships - Santa Rosa de Conlara, Argentina



New JS-3 Rapture 15 meter racer from Jonker Sailplanes. Will be competing this month at the WGC in Benalla, Australia

My first solo glider flight.

By **Mike Warbington**

The day after Thanksgiving had been suggested by the Club as a good opportunity for some autumn glider rides for the Members, including some auto tows. The opiate-like temptation to join the anti-gravity exercises was irresistible. I succumbed and attended.

I had hoped for a couple dual instruction rides with **Brian Bird** or **Tony Condon**. They both were at the Gliderport rarin' to fly. Looked like fun, and, before I knew it, they offered me a couple rides in the 2-22, which I had never flown.

It had been several weeks since I had been in a glider, and evident on-tow. I was glad **Brian** was in the seat behind me saving both our lives. He finally persuaded me to carefully follow the towplane. There was no lift, but we reviewed emergency procedures, steep turns at constant airspeed, and slips to landing. I didn't break anything, and it sure was fun.

We went up for a third flight, and, not far past the north end of the runway, the tow rope broke or came unhitched. I was pretty sure I somehow had botched the tow rope hitch check and broken something. We had enough altitude, so, with little further ado, I managed a 180 turn to starboard and we landed to the south. **Brian** climbed out with his usual agility, and I was trying also to get out of the glider to figure out what caused the rope-break. Before I was out, **Brian** confessed he had, from his invisible rear seat, pulled his release to simulate a rope-break, apparently to see how I would react. **Tony** later told me just about everyone at the Gliderport but me knew of the planned surprise simulated rope-break.

I don't think I got all the way out of the glider before **Brian** suggested I stay in it, and then asked me if I wanted to take it up by myself. That really surprised me. I didn't think I was ready to solo. **Brian** did, and so I strapped myself back in, and managed to fly that thing up to 2000 feet behind the towplane and back down and land it, without breaking anything, by myself. I haven't felt that good in a long time.

That feeling is a testament to all the good the club Members have shown. I hope to learn by their example.

Thanks.

Student Pilot Temporary Certificates

The FAA has updated IACRA to allow 14 yr olds to solo gliders. Here is the guidance:

Temporary Certificates will now be issued for Student pilots, and will be available for printing after FAA internal processing is complete and the applicant is at least 14 years old. There are 4 different scenarios:

- Applicant is at least 14 years old and internal processing is complete - The temporary certificate will be issued at final signing.
- Applicant is at least 14 years old but internal processing is not complete - The temporary certificate will be issued once the internal processing is complete.
- Applicant is not yet 14 years old but internal processing is complete - The date of issuance of the temporary certificate will be the applicants 14th birthday. The temporary will be available on the applicant's console on their 14th birthday.
- Applicant is not yet 14 years of age and internal processing is not complete - The date of issuance on the temporary certificate will be the applicant's 14th birthday. The temporary will then be available on the applicant's console after the applicant reaches their 14th birthday and internal processing is complete.

2017 Midwest Spring Soaring & Safety Seminar

Hosted by: ChicagoLand Glider Council
Date: Saturday, February 25th, 2017
0800Hrs to 1700Hrs



The ChicagoLand Glider Council (CLGC) is hosting the 7th bi-annual Midwest Soaring and Safety Seminar on Saturday, February 25th, 2017, 8AM to 5PM. Nationally known speakers will cover topics of safety, racing, competition, gear, gliders and gab will be on the agenda. The attendee's cost of this Seminar is being partially underwritten by the ChicagoLand Glider Council's membership to keep the cost reasonable and to allow as many pilots as possible to attend. Again this year the CLGC is hosting a **"Flying Flea Market"**, so bring your aviation related stuff to sell! A continental breakfast, full lunch and afternoon refreshments are provided. An optional "Dutch Treat" dinner is planned.

For more information:

<http://chicagolandglidercouncil.com/seminar/>

The FAA has withdrawn an advance notice of proposed rulemaking that could have led to a requirement for gliders to carry transponders.
More info [here](#)



Wichita

Wichita's Wettest & Warmest Years Since 1888

Wettest Years (Inches)		Warmest Years (°F)	
2008	53.82"	2012	61.4
2016	50.60"	2016	60.4
1951	50.48"	1954	60.1
1999	45.46"	1933	59.9
1944	43.53"	1934	59.7
1942	42.13"	2006	59.5
2015	42.02"	1946	59.4
1973	41.96"	1939	59.4
1922	41.94"	1938	59.3
1915	41.23"	1931	59.3



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Notes from the President

Happy 2017! This year will once again present many opportunities for soaring. What are your goals for the year? Solo? Pass a checkride? 1000km diploma? Let's make them happen!

The annual KSA Banquet, celebrating the accomplishments of 2016, will be held on January 14th at the Cos-mosphere in Hutchinson. Social starts at 5:00 PM with dinner and awards to follow. If you still need to RSVP please contact **Brian Silcott** at 620-204-0051 or brian.silcott@gmail.com. Tickets are \$25/person. I hope to see you there!

The banquet will also provide an opportunity to buy SSA Calendars (\$10 each) or renew your KSA membership for 2017.

There was a bit of flying in December and I expect to do some more in January. I like the idea of keeping flying at least once a month through the winter so lets keep it up!

See you at Sunflower!

Tony

Call for Articles - NSM Journal

Work on the next NSM Journal begins in January. Anyone is invited to contribute article material and photographs with identification about historical soaring activities, renovation of old sailplanes, soaring pioneers, unusual uses of sailplanes, etc. Manuscripts are subject to whatever revisions, additions or deletions are necessary to make the material conform to the space limitations and standards of the NSM. Material that is to be returned must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. No compensation other than credit will be given. Materials sent by e-mail should go to: info@soaringmuseum.org. If we receive an overabundance of articles for the upcoming edition, your material will be saved for a future edition.

Thanks for your interest in contributing to the Journal.

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Sunflower Seeds

December 28th: **Brian Bird** checked out **John Bird** in his Libelle and **John** enjoyed a few glides. **Brian** split towing duty with **Mike Logback**. **David Kennedy** flew three flights in the 2-22 including a ride for a guest.

December 30th: **Bob Holliday** led a team to work on T Hangar door modifications. **Mike Logback**, **Jerry Martin**, **Don Jones**, and **Bob Hinson** helped out. Over 5 hrs of work was done and with some practice one door could be completed in an hour. Four doors were completed. Thanks guys!



John Bird flying the Libelle











FAI/SGP news January 2017

- 8th Series has started
- World FAI/SGP Final in Chile January 2018
- Bids for 9th series.

The 8th series FAI/SGP series started with six great races at Horsham in Australia, the winner was Geoff Brown from Australia in his JS1. Geoff is the first pilot to qualify for the next World Final along with Mark Tingey from New Zealand in second place narrowly beating Sean Fidler from USA. Full results at <http://www.sgp.aero/australia2016/results-sgp/results>

Great World final deal for pilots qualifying in one of the 2017 national events. The organising club at Viticura in Chile has arranged sponsorship to transport all qualifying pilots sailplanes from Europe to Chile. This is a great prize for winning pilots who dream of the opportunity to fly in the Andes, especially as it will provide an opportunity for flying in this beautiful region before and after the contest. The dates and venues for the 8th series are now finalised and listed below.

Current SGP Series 2017

	Australia	Horsham	14 Dec-20 Dec, 2016
	USA	Orlando	26 Mar-1 Apr, 2017
	South Africa	Magaliesburg	17 Apr-22 Apr, 2017
	Spain	Santa Cilia	7 May-14 May, 2017
	Poland	Wroclaw Szymanów	27 May-3 Jun, 2017
	Italy	Varese	10 Jun-17 Jun, 2017
	France	Buno	25 Jun-1 Jul, 2017
	Slovakia	Partizánske	29 Jul-5 Aug, 2017
	Slovenia	Celje	19 Aug-26 Aug, 2017
	World Final	Viticura	1 Jan-31 Jan, 2018

The next event in this series is in Orlando Florida a great opportunity to fly an early contest in March to kick off the 2017 season. <http://www.sgp.aero/usa2017>

The 31st of March 2017 is the approval date for the next series of FAI/SGP races.

The SGP web pages contain notes for prospective bidders and bid forms for the 9th series. Bids are welcomed from any organisation who are motivated to organise an FAI/SGP event and promote the great sport of sailplane racing. The IGC SGP management team will provide back up and guidance in promoting and organising each National FAI/SGP event. The organisers will benefit from International coverage including the FAI/SGP social media channels, established tracking presentation and fully branded support.

Bid documents are available at <http://www.sgp.aero/about-sgp-racing/bid-for-future-events>

Initial CFI-G Checkrides in Marfa, TX

Greetings from Burt in Marfa, Texas.

The FAA has just bestowed upon me, a Designated Pilot Examiner, the somewhat unique privilege and honor to conduct first-time "INITIAL" Flight Instructor (Glider) Practical Tests ("checkrides.")

My 24 month window of authorization to conduct Initial CFG checkrides as a DPE is an exception from the FAA initiative for FAA Inspector-Examiners to test all initial CFI applicants (in airplane, glider, rotorcraft.)

A glider rating on your FAA Commercial Pilot Certificate is required.

My DPE authorization is for the vast Lubbock FSDO area of western Texas including Hobbs, NM, so I can travel to give checkrides in my FSDO area. If you want me to travel outside of the Lubbock FSDO area YOU would need to initiate a request to your local FSDO to contact the Lubbock (LBB SW13) FSDO to consider having me travel outside of my area to fulfill the (FAA term) "need" for your checkride at your home soaring site. This is not always allowed and paying for me to travel may be more expensive than you traveling to me at Marfa. El Paso, TX (ELP) is our nearest airline terminal.

Before traveling to Marfa, you must have logged all of the ground training and flight time requirements per FAR part 61.123-129(f) and have passed your written tests for the FAA Fundamentals Of Instruction (F.O.I.) plus the FAA Aeronautical Knowledge Test ("written") for Flight Instructor-Glider with your corrected answers of any missed questions written down for your recommending CFG to review and for your Examiner to review on the oral portion of the checkride.

Who can give you the training: For "Initial" Flight Instructor training, your CFG must have logged 80 hours of glider flight instruction given and have held their Flight Instructor Certificate (Glider) for at least 24 months in order to train you and recommend (endorse) you for an "Initial" CFI-Glider Practical Test. Reference FAR 61.195 (h)(2)(v). Make sure your CFG meets these requirements.

I can also conduct CFG renewals or reinstatements as well as "add-on" Glider CFI to your current or expired Airplane CFI Certificate, which renews all other ratings on your Flight Instructor Certificate.

I can also conduct PVT and COM Glider checkrides for those who are ready to finish that glider rating.

Our SSA Chapters need more CFG's!

"Wannabe" CFI's should consider attending a Soaring Safety Foundation Flight Instructor Refresher Course (FIRC) in your region.

Find the upcoming SSF FIRC schedule and locations at www.soaringsafety.org

If you are qualified and prepared to become a new CFI-Glider, then let's discuss details and dates for your CFI checkride at Marfa in southwest Texas.

Foreign pilots may apply for FAA pilot certificate tests with me with no background check (glider ratings only.)

"Someday" is NOW.

Burt Compton

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Marfa, Texas, is the site of the 1970 World Soaring Contest (first held in the USA) and the venue of the 1969 full-length film "The Sun Ship Game."

Flying year-round in my ASK-21 at Marfa Airport (KMRF). Field elevation 5,000 msl on the Marfa Plateau, near the scenic Davis Mountains and Big Bend National Park.

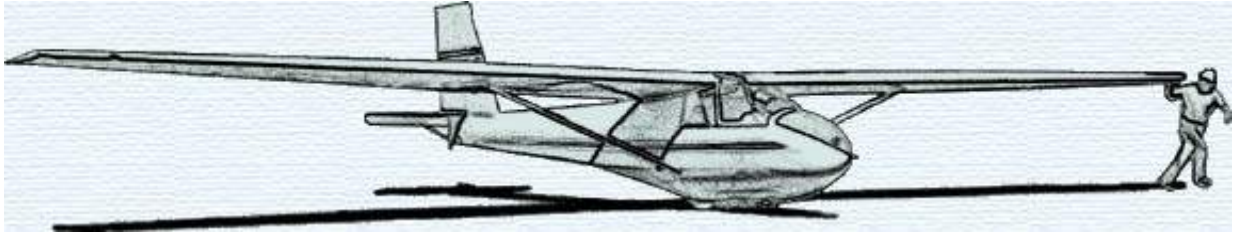
For accommodations and tourist info about Marfa, go to www.visitmarfa.com

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KSA Banquet

January 14th

Kansas Cosmosphere

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Supper, Annual Awards Banquet to follow

SSA Calendars, Pay your 2017 Dues!