

- BASA BUGLE -

No BASA Meeting in January.

The next BASA meeting will be Wednesday, January 27. We will be showing a video about Gordon Boettger's 2061km wave flight out of Minden – the longest glider flight in the northern hemisphere. Kemton Izuno, who produced the video and has done many long wave flights himself, may also attend to answer questions about wave flying.

The meeting will be at the IHOP, 5403 Stevens Creek Boulevard in Santa Clara (just off Hwy 280). We have the room reserved from 6PM, and the meeting will start around 7PM.



1CH nicely polished.

Treasurer (Christian ILMI)

We made a payment of \$6,864 for the 5KM loan this month, as you notice above the new loan amount left. We also paid the PASCO dues, so you will find an additional \$23 on your dues this month. We also paid

for the annual insurance bill, so this month was pretty active in payments.

This is also tax season, which require some extensive work from the treasurer as we do all this internally.

Flight Committee Chairman (Jim Britton)

A Goal for this year. My personal goal for this year is get my CFIG rating. But I am a bit lazy when it comes to studying. To get me focused on the written tests. I was going to attend the CFIG refresher clinic at the SSA convention in Little Rock. But that involved 3 nights in an expensive hotel. Luckily a nearly-local alternative was recently announced. This will only need 2 nights in a cheap Motel. Here is the announcement

The Soaring Safety Foundation is conducting a CFIG Revalidation Clinic at SEATAC airport in Seattle the weekend of February 13th and 14th, 2008. It is open to everyone - not just instructors. This is your best opportunity to prepare for your next written test (private, commercial or instructor in gliders), prepare for your next oral exam or just brush up on safety. It is also an opportunity to learn what is important to instructors. Cost is \$150 for 16 hours of concentrated instruction.

For details see

<http://www.evergreensoaring.com/firc.htm>

Anybody else going to join me?

Work Party. On Saturday January 16th a group of interested pilots gathered at Hollister to get through some of the maintenance tasks needed to keep ships in service. Looks like we got the last sunny and calm day of January. The main aim was to get N451CH through its annual (it passed). As I am ship Captain for 1CH it was my job to organize the day. The other Captains will get their turns as the other annuals become due. We had 13 members helping Haven with 1CH and doing various other tasks on the trailers and the other gliders. These 13 members have now earned their maintenance credits and will be allowed to keep flying in 2011. There will be other work parties during the year for those of you that were unable to attend.



1CH undergoing annual inspection on January 16.

1CH is now double tied-down facing West on the ramp and 5KM is back in its box. What does double-tied mean? The DGs come with eye-bolts that can be screwed in under the wings at about mid-span. This allows for 2 sets of ropes on each wing. We will leave these eye-bolts in place for the Winter storm season. If you fly the ship, leave them screwed in - they wont affect the performance.

Paper airmen licenses invalid soon. You may remember that back in September 2008 we told you that paper airmen licenses were being phased out. Well the deadline is fast approaching - you must have a new plastic license in your hands before March 31 2010. If you don't already have one - act now! It only costs \$2. Start here:

http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates



The afternoon gang at the January 16 work party.

Maintenance Chairman (John Pierce)

As of January 15, glider locations and status are:

DG-1000 1CH	In service at Hollister. Annual inspection has been performed.
DG-505 5KM	At Hollister in trailer.
Grob 36L	In service at Hollister.
Pegasus 9JH	At Hollister in trailer. Canopy still needs to be replaced.
Pegasus 1LV	In service at Hollister.
Junior 6DS	In service at Hollister. Still looking for inexpensive transponder.

Upcoming Events for 2010

Here are some upcoming events to plan for:

BASA Meetings: Last Wednesday of every month, starting in January. The February meeting will focus on upcoming glider camps and events.

Wave Camp March 30 – April 3: SoaringNV at Minden will be organizing a Wave Camp again this spring – we have a few BASA members interested in taking a BASA glider to this event.

Panoche weekend May 29-30-31 (Memorial Day)

Air Sailing Thermaling Camp: June 7-11

Air Sailing Cross Country Camp: June 13-18

Bishop encampment: June 23-30.

Truckee BASH: July.

Parowan safari? This is usually scheduled in late June or early July.

King Mountain, Idaho? This was in August last summer; there may be another event in 2010.