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In This Issue:

It's a New Year and there are new happenings at the field!

We not only have a new glider that's been added to the fleet, but a new Chief Flight Instructor as well!

We get an update on how we did as a club in last year's OLC

And finally ... Some major good news that I don't want to give away just yet. You'll have to read on!

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| February | 3 | 7:00pm | Membership Meeting | Remy international offices (I-69 exit #19) |
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From an email from ZA

“... As you well know CISS acquitted ourselves very well last year in Cross Country flying. Our Club members flew the club into a VERY RESPECTABLE second place in the SSA Region 6 OLC Contest. Caesar Creek beat us but considering our numbers we should be most proud of that accomplishment. If we can convince more members to submit flight logs in 2011 I believe we will do even better. As you can see OLC now holds an awards event here in the US each year and Clubs and Individuals who score well are invited.”

Our own Ron Clarke came in 2nd in both the OLC FAI Region 6 contest and Classic Contest. Well Done, Ron!

THE ALBUQUERQUE SOARING CLUB IS HOST TO THE 2011 ON LINE CONTEST CONVENTION. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE MARRIOTT PYRAMID HOTEL ON THE 5TH OF FEBRUARY BEGINNING AT 1 PM. A BIG PORTION OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO THE CLUBS AND CONTESTANTS WHO EARNED OLC HONORS DURING THE 2010. FOLLOWING THE CONVENTION, THE ALBUQUERQUE SOARING CLUB WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL DINNER. YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE BECAUSE, EITHER, YOUR CLUB OR YOU YOURSELF HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A 2010 OLC AWARD WINNER. IF YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND, THEN YOU ARE CERTAINLY INVITED TO JOIN THE ALBUQUERQUE SOARING CLUB FOR DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP.

THE POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THESE TWO EVENTS ARE BOB HUDSON (505-507-6332 or bhudson964@aol.com) and Mark Mocho (505-249-0161 or mark628ca@mmfabrication.com)



New CISS Chief Flight Instructor



Gerry Simpson appointed John Earlywine as the new Chief Flight Instructor following the resignation of Nyal Williams from that position effective November 7, 2010. This announcement was made at the close of the end-of-season meeting of CISS's flight instructors. Williams had indicated to the club's president at the beginning of the 2010 season that it would be his last year in the position.

John is also an SSA Instructor and will be taking over those responsibilities as well, with Nyal helping out as needed.

Say "Hello" to "Bob"

One of Dr. Robert Gillan's last wishes was for CISS to have a Schweizer Glider to fly in his memory recognizing his many years as a club member and instructor. On October 28, after almost a year of searching for an appropriate glider, Schweizer 1-34, contest ID OE, has been purchased and has arrived at Alexandria where Ron Clarke quickly gave it the nickname of "Bob".



Beautiful blue skies and some nice Cu welcomed Nyal Williams, Don Taylor and John Earlywine as they arrived at the Beloit Wisconsin Airport to pick up the glider on October 27th. The picture does not tell the whole story. Winds in the 40 mph range delayed loading and eliminated any chance of a test flight before departure. Comments from Judy Ruprecht and Scott Manley, two of the Beloit instructors, indicated this was their favorite glider to fly in the Sylvania Soaring Adventures fleet. It will be on the line at CISS this April. In the meantime come on out to the airport and take a look at it. One thing is certain. Although CISS rental rates have not been determined, they will be significantly lower than the \$55 per hour it has been earning at Beloit. There are some significant benefits for CISS members.

(Editor's comment: While rates have not been officially announced, inside sources indicated that they would most likely be very similar to current rates for the PW-5.)

And the Big News ...

It is a sad truth that due to the average age of those involved in the sport of soaring, hearing about a pilot's "final glide" is not uncommon. However, it is this same truth that makes it a genuine pleasure to announce ...



On December 26, 2010 at the Mount Washington Hotel in New Hampshire, passing up some potentially amazing ridge and wave soaring, CISS pilot Joshua Daisey committed to life-long dual soaring with fellow CISS pilot Regina Perich.

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to them for a long and happy union!

Got an idea for a Wing Tips article? Send it in! Did you take a good photo at/above the field? Show it off! Found an interesting soaring-related link while web-surfing? Share it with the rest of us! Send your submissions to our Wing Tips editor, Chris Hall at bestbrain@aol.com. Deadline for our February issue is February 3rd.