Louisville Soaring Club News

March 4, 2011

Lady and Gents,

Oh Man I can't wait! Every day I wake up visualizing myself parked under a cloud at 7000', dumping the nose for a final race to the field for good fellowship, a cool adult beverage, and finding Herb already on the ground.

Get your honey-do's finished now because things are about to get busy:

1) If you haven't already started, pull out your soaring pubs and start your pre-season review. High on the hit list would be the Flight Manuals of all the gliders you're checked out in and the FAA/SSA Glider Flying Handbook. You might also consider picking up a current FAR/AIM.

2) In 1 week, Paul and I will be attending a CFIG refresher put on by the Caesar Creek Soaring Club and the Soaring Safety Foundation. We hope to bring back lots of info to share.

3) In 2 weeks, on Saturday, March 19th at 10am, Louisville Approach will be hosting the LSC for a tour of their Louisville Approach Control and Standiford Tower facilities. We have time set aside to talk with their folks about our operation and how we can coordinate activities to keep the skies around Bardstown as safe as possible. Fortunately, this tour is open to wives. Unfortunately, this tour is ONLY open to U.S. citizens. Sorry. More info to follow.

3) In 3 weeks, on Saturday, March 26th we will open our season with our Annual LSC Business Meeting and hanger clean-up day. The meeting will start at 10:30 at the Talbot Tavern in downtown Bardstown. After lunch, it's off to the hanger to clean up the gliders and the hanger. If all goes well, we might even get some flying in. The annuals are completed with only the finishing paperwork to go. (Thank you Randy!)

4) In 4 weeks, during the weekend of April 1st, we expect to run up to the Central Indiana Soaring Society to pick up our new PW-5. Thanks to everyone involved in this. There is still quite a bit of work ahead of us to get the registration in order, our instructors checked out, etc. We'll follow the same checkout procedures as we do for our other gliders: Obtain and study the Flight Manual, complete an open book test, get a cockpit checkout and a logbook signoff to keep Mr. Costello happy, etc. Again, more to follow.

I'll be sending out quite a few emails in the days ahead to confirm schedules, publish this year's open book tests, and asking favors. One of the best things about this group is the way everyone volunteers where they can. It is very, very appreciated.

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