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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Even though the weather may not be conducive to thinking about flying, we know the weather will eventually turn better. In preparation for this, the KSA Board of Directors has been putting together a calendar of events for 2010. Listed below are the highlights:

- February 13 – KSA Meeting NIAR
- March 13 – KSA/WSA Safety Meeting – NIAR
- March 27 – Cleanup Day
- April 3 – Launch Line Manger Duties start
- April 10 – KSA Meeting NIAR
- May – September – Cookout Meetings at Sunflower
- July 3 – Kansas Kowbell Klassic
- October – Elections
- October 16 – Fall Cleanup Day

Please watch in the future Variometers for more details and for notice for more upcoming events!

KSA Calendar

2010

February 13th – 7:30 pm KSA Meeting at NIAR.

March 13th – 7:30 pm KSA/WSA Safety Meeting at NIAR

April 10th – 7:30 pm KSA Meeting at NIAR

May – Resume flight operations at Sunflower

May 15th – 5:30 pm KSA Cookout Meeting at Sunflower

May 31st – Pay your KSA 2010 dues!

June 12th – 5:30 pm KSA Cookout Meeting at Sunflower

June 15th-24th – Sports Class Nationals, Parowan, UT

June 29th- July 8th – Open/Standard Class Nationals, Hobbs, NM

July 3rd – 2010 Kansas Kowbell Klassic

July 10th – 5:30 pm KSA Cookout Meeting at Sunflower

August 3rd-12th – 15-meter Nationals, Uvalde, TX

August 14th – 5:30 pm KSA Cookout Meeting at Sunflower

September 11th – KSA Cookout Meeting at Sunflower

October 9th – 7:30 pm KSA Meeting at NIAR

November 13th – 7:30 pm KSA Meeting at NIAR

December 11th – 7:30 pm KSA Meeting at NIAR

The contests are included because several of your fellow members plan on competing in them this year. You can see the results on SSA.org and our flights are often posted on the OLC. This year, two members have SPOT GPS tracking devices. Most contests have a web page to view near real time the day's task. Stay tuned for the specific websites in future issues.

If anyone is planning to fly at a different contest, please let your editor know. And if the Vintage Sailplane folks know of any 2010 events, they can be listed too! – 3T

Comments from the Editor

I think I have the email and sail mail distribution process figured out. I have received a few more email addresses, but there are still 20+ hard copies going out. Please email me at apsoars@yahoo.com if you have a valid email address that I can use instead of a stamp.

I did receive two articles for future issues. (Thanks Steve and Tony!) But, the cupboards are still bare. We all have a lesson to teach, a story to tell, an experience worth sharing. And don't forget the photos! You can use the same email address to submit articles (or even outlines if you want me to write something.)

3T is standing by....

Support WSPA and Stay Warm Next Winter!

This picture shows the quilt that will be raffled off for the Women Soaring Pilot Association's (WSPA) 2010 main fund raiser.

This quilt (the first of two) made by Arleen Coleson, will be raffled off. The dimensions are 50x80 and it can be either used as a wall hanging or to snuggle under it in front of the TV. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and are available now from:

Frauke Elber
213 Anne Burras Lane
Newport News, VA 23606-3637
e-mail : fandw_elber@cox.net

Please make check out to WSPA



Just To Be A Part Of It

Story and Photos by Steve Leonard

The summer hadn't brought much flying for me at Sunflower, and I had a bit of a dilemma. I wanted to attend a talk on soaring history in Dallas the weekend after Labor Day, but I was scheduled for Line Manager Duty the day after the talk. I could trade days, but which one to trade?



John Binder pointing out his last thermal.

Harry Clayton was on the schedule for August 30, but had also been committed to working at the Jabara Air Show for the weekend. The forecast wasn't looking that great for soaring when Harry called on Tuesday, so I agreed to trade his August 30 work day for my September 13th day.



Andrew Peters and 3T, around and back is good.

Things looked rather soft on the 29th, but many people flew. I had gone up to Sunflower that day, intending to work on some of my projects.



Even Dennis Brown had a great time in *LY*.

After seeing many gliders launch, and most stay up, I decided I would go fly anyway. I hadn't brought stuff for any of my planes, so I got the WSA Ka-6 out. We had a wonderful 2 hours or so in the air. Had I made a mistake trading to work the launch line tomorrow?



Shea Zuckerman returning the 2-33 after a solo flight.

Sunday, I showed up to do my duty on the launch line as planned. The forecast looked nice, the cu started forming, and the weather observations said the bases should be plenty high to have fun. There were very few re-lights, and a fair number of tows (13 for the day).

I spent the day talking with people, helping push gliders out for launch, then settled back to listen to the radio reports of how things

were going. You could almost hear the smiles over the radio!



Pat Ensign flying 57, an HP-14T, is all smiles.

The lift was reported as fantastic. Not the strongest they had seen, but lots of it. Reports came back of having flown for miles at 80-90 MPH in glass ships without losing any altitude! New pilots were venturing out cross country. Students were thermalling and logging their longest flights. It did turn out to be a day not to be missed!



Gary Hurst bringing his Pik-20 back to Sunflower.

I may have spent the entire day on the ground, but at least I got to be a part of one of the best soaring days in 2009 at Sunflower!

Aviation Dinner/Speaker

One of our members who is also active in the CAF wanted to share this opportunity coming to Wichita in March.

The Commemorative Air Force Jayhawk Wing
13th Annual

Salute to Valor

Wichita Airport Hilton Hotel
March 6, 2010
Speaker



General Richard B. Myers, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)
Former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

General Myers also served as Vice Chairman and Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and has held command positions at every level, including Commander of U.S. Space Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Forces Japan, and two fighter wings. A fighter pilot with over 4,100 hours, General Myers logged more than 600 combat hours during the Vietnam conflict.

\$50.00 per person - \$500.00 per table of 10

For ticket information, please contact Jo Ann Duncan – cafjayhawks@gmail.com – 316.943.2455

6:00 p.m. Cash Bar and Silent Auction

7:30 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Silent Auction closes

To donate to the silent auction, please contact Phyllis Sears – cafjayhawks@gmail.com – 316.655.7759



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Honoring American military aviation through flight, exhibition and remembrance.

Tow Tickets

The last page of the Variometer contains Tow Tickets. Now there's no reason for anyone to show up to Sunflower without some.

Please use the tickets as printed in the Variometer.

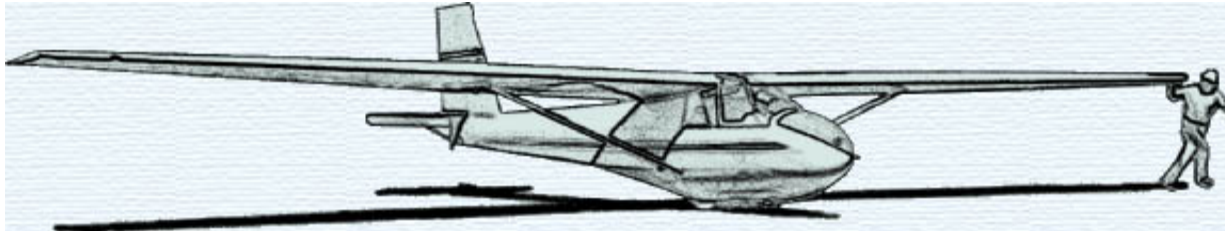
Please cut them out so that they are all the same size.

The Tow Pilot's and Tow Plane Manager's jobs are easier if they can be neatly stacked. Winter is a great time to cut them out and get a stack ready for the summer's flying.

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MONTLY KSA MEETING

Saturday February 13, 2010

AT NIAR

Wichita State University

7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

2010 SSA Convention Summary

Sponsored by Steve Leonard
