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Tim Double won last years Praying Mantis trophy. Who will win for 2017? Find out at the banquet January 13th!

KSA CALENDAR

January 13th - 2017 KSA Banquet - Kansas Cosmosphere

February 10th - KSA Meeting

March 1st-3rd - SSA Convention - Reno, NV

March 10th - KSA Meeting

April 14th - KSA Meeting

June 9th-16th - Region 10 North at Sunflower

June 19th-28th - Sports Class Nationals - Nephi, UT

June 30th - Kansas Kowbell Klassic - Sunflower

July 2nd-7th - US Junior Camp & Contest - Adrian, MI

Sunflower Seeds

December 2nd - **Robert Estagin** flew the 2-33. **Bob Hinson** towed



SSA Convention March 1-3, 2018

www.ssaconvention.org

Notes from the President

Greetings KSA! I hope that everyone had Happy Holidays. I did not find a JS-3 in my stocking so I will happily keep flying the Cherokee and Cirrus for 2018!

As you can see from the picture on the right, work on the Grob continues! We have made good use of the warm weather we had before Christmas and a large portion of the gel coat on the fuselage is GONE. There is still plenty of man hours of work left though, and that will just complete the sanding phase of the project. Look forward to many opportunities early this year to work on this project so that the Grob can be available again for flying as soon as we start scheduled flying again in April.

Our annual banquet is coming up right around the corner and I'm looking forward to seeing you all there! 2017 was another busy year for KSA. It always surprises me at the end of the year when I look back through the newsletters and realize just all that we accomplished through the year. We had some great training achievements with checkrides and solo's. Ride events with the Cosmosphere, EAA, and Adventurous Babes all were successful. Some great soaring flights were made, and new towpilots were checked out.

There are challenges ahead though. We still have a shortage of CFI-G's. A strong training program is the base of the club. As mentioned above, we need to get the Grob flying again. There is always work to do at Sunflower to keep our home in good shape. We are hosting a regional contest in June which will require preparation and volunteer hours to make successful. So there is work to do, but I am constantly proud of the many hours of work that our members devote. We have a great team and a great group of members.

Let's keep an eye out for good flying days too. This time of year can offer many good days for currency flying and training. My Auto Tow rig is in the hangar at Sunflower and ready to be used. I know I would like to get some more practice auto towing the Cirrus. Flying through the winter is a great way to be proficient and ready when the soaring season starts in the spring!

See you at the banquet, and at Sunflower!

Tony



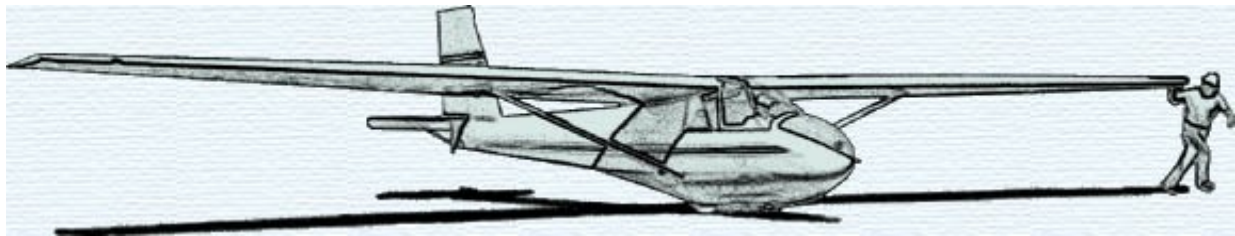
Bob Hinson working on the Grob December 10th

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KSA Banquet

January 13th

Kansas Cosmosphere

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

Awards to follow

SSA Calendars - \$10

KSA Dues - \$100