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Grob nose and Tower February 8th

KSA CALENDAR

March 10th - KSA Meeting - SSA Convention Review

April 14th - KSA Meeting - Safety Meeting

May 12th - KSA Meeting - Cookout at Sunflower

May 26th - 28th - KSA Safari - Ulysses, KS

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

June 19th - Cosmosphere Flight Camp Rides

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

June 30th - Kansas Kowbell Klassic - Sunflower

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

September 20th - 23rd - Great Plains Vintage Rally - Wichita Gliderport

2018 Dues are Due!

KSA & SSA Regular Membership - \$100

KSA & SSA Family Membership - \$70

KSA & SSA Youth Membership - \$70

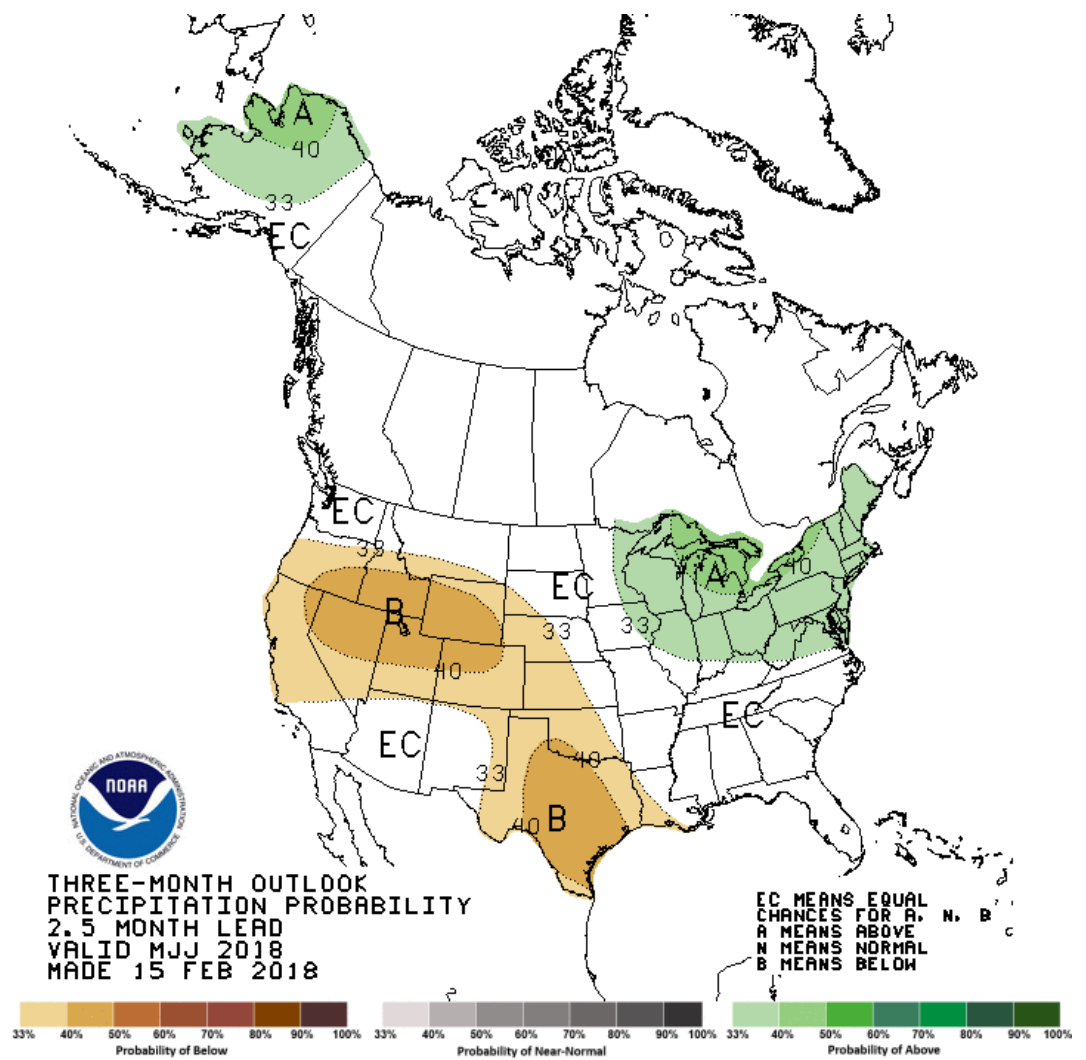
KSA Membership Only - \$50

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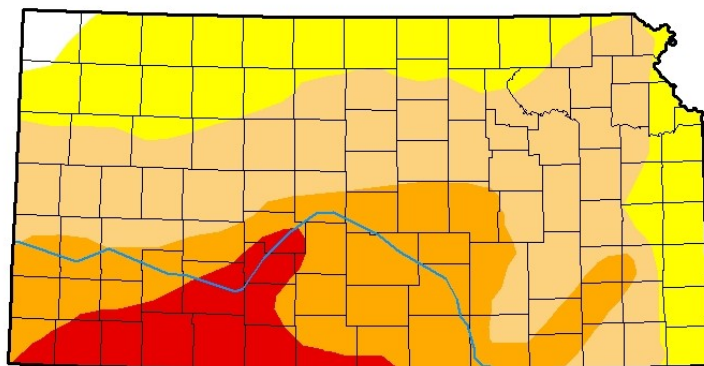
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U.S. Drought Monitor Kansas

February 27, 2018
(Released Thursday, Mar. 1, 2018)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

Author:

Deborah Bathke
National Drought Mitigation Center



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

Notes from the President

Greetings KSA! I have just returned from travels home from the SSA Convention, hence the delay in *Variometer* publication. Tsk Tsk. February was a pretty quiet month for KSA. Dues checks continue to trickle in. A little bit of flying took place at Sunflower, with **Mike Orindgreff** making the years first 100km flight. We kept making progress on the Grob, and had a different sort of work day at Sunflower where all the Transponders on the airport received their required checkup.

Looking forward, expect to be able to sign up for line duty and towpilot duty at the March Meeting. Operations will start April 14th with flying at Sunflower during the day followed by the KSA Meeting in the evening.

We had a good showing of KSA Members at the SSA Convention. **Leah Condon, Steve Leonard, Mitch Hudson, Neal Pfeiffer**, and I all made the trip. **Steve** did his duty as Region 10 director and attended the SSA board meeting. **Neal** and I gave talks, and **Mitch** and I received awards for our May 4th flight to La-Grange, TX. At the banquet it was announced that **Robert Estagin** was awarded the \$1000 Bultman Scholarship for 2018! Look for a full report at the KSA Meeting on March 10th and an article in next months *Variometer*.

Finally, the 2017 KSA Financial Report will be available at the March Meeting. If you would like it emailed, contact me at abcondon@gmail.com

See you at Sunflower!

Tony

Sunflower Seeds

Feb 8th - **Tony Condon** sanded on the Grob.

Feb 13th - **Tony Condon** sanded on the Grob.

Feb 14th - **Tony Condon** sanded on the Grob.

Feb. 17th - **Mike Orindgreff** (F8) flew to Lyons and back!

Feb 25th - **Mike Orindgreff** (F8) flew to Kingman, Plevna, and back for 100km triangle. **Steve Seibel** and friends did some hang glider flying. **Leah Condon** and **Dave Pauly** observed from the ground.

WSA Ka-6 For Sale

Schleicher Ka6-CR for sale. This is serial number 944, built in 1961. The sailplane is owned by Wichita Soaring Association and has logged 1664 hours. It is currently in annual and has an enclosed trailer. One wing has been repaired, and so has the fuselage.

Asking price is \$4,500. Please call Harry Clayton at [316-644-9117](tel:316-644-9117) for more details on the repairs.

Matching Gifts Aid Soaring Museum



Steve Leonard (center) gathers with fellow trustees at the National Soaring Museum.

Sr. Engineer Specialist Steve Leonard is a 28-year veteran of Textron Aviation and the son of Robert Leonard, who served as an engineering flight test pilot for Cessna for 27 years. Given this longtime association with powered aircraft, it may seem unusual that Steve is passionate about soaring—or, motorless flight. As Steve explains it, soaring is in his DNA.

“I attended my first glider contest when I was three months old. My father shared his passion with me; I love soaring because it’s flying just for fun.”

As Steve’s interest in sailplanes grew, he became a member of the National Soaring Museum. Based in Elmira, N.Y., it’s one of only two U.S. museums focused on motorless flight.

“Elmira is considered the home of soaring. It became popular there back in the 1920s and grew to become the ‘Soaring Capital of America’ as word about the activity spread.”

His decades-long fascination with sailplanes motivated him to become a glider pilot. To date, he has logged 3,000+ hours of flying time. Though he does not have a commercial rating—that would allow him to fly with paying passengers—he does fly often with friends.

To strengthen his association with the activity beyond a circle of friends, Steve became a trustee of the National Soaring Museum. He and his fellow board members are responsible for advocating for greater public involvement and increased financial support for the museum.

Steve carries out these responsibilities, in part, through his financial contributions that are used for the museum’s general operations. His donations, which are doubled through our [Matching Gift](#) program, have helped support the Eileen Collins Aerospace Camp. Held at the museum for a week in July, the program introduces—and hopes to instill passion for—flight in all forms to children in grades 3 – 5.

What’s more—the museum is located in New York’s Finger Lakes region—a tourist area popular with wine enthusiasts. For these visitors, the museum arranges tours and offers sailplane rides.

These are but a few examples of how contributions to nonprofit organizations—especially when doubled—help advance their cause.

Steve encourages all employees to double their donations through the Matching Gift system that he describes as “a very easy -to-use, well laid out web site.”

“It’s great that Textron is willing to help in all communities and support its employees’ interests. I try to help spread the word about Matching Gifts. Employees need to know that Matching Gifts allows Textron to do what it enjoys doing—helping those in our communities.”

The Michael Wallace Memorial Scholarship



*An opportunity for a young student interested in aviation
to begin or further his or her flight training in sailplanes.*

This year, the amount of the scholarship grant is \$1,000.

You must be between the ages of 14-22, be a full-time student and have at least a 2.5 grade point average.

You must also show a strong desire to learn to fly.

This grant may give you a start on the road to becoming a glider pilot, and beyond.

The deadline for receipt of applications for this grant is March 15. The grant will be awarded by April 30.

For an application, call or write today.

Or download an application from www.cypresssoaring.org. Click on the "Scholarship" button.



Michael Wallace was a young man who was
always interested in airplanes.

He set his career goal at becoming an airline pilot.

He soloed in sailplanes at age 16, and earned his
private pilot glider rating at age 18.

He was proud to be a glider pilot.

This scholarship is offered in Michael's memory.



The Michael Wallace Memorial Scholarship Fund

1784 Muirfield Lane • Beaumont, CA 92223

APPLICATION FORM THE MICHAEL WALLACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Wallace was a young man who was always interested in airplanes. He set his career goal at becoming an airline pilot. He soloed in sailplanes at age 16, and had earned his private pilot glider rating at age 18. He was proud to be a glider pilot.

On February 15, 2001, at the age of 18, he had just begun his training in powered aircraft when he and his flight instructor, and two other pilots, lost their lives in a mid-air collision over the harbor in Long Beach, California. This scholarship is offered in Michael's memory.

It is an opportunity for a young student interested in aviation to apply for a scholarship/grant to begin or further his or her flight training.

The Scholarship awards one or more grants each year for the purpose of flight training in sailplanes. This grant will be paid directly to the glider flight training organization the recipient chooses, and is to be used only for the purpose of providing glider aerotows, flight instruction, and aircraft rentals to the recipient.

WHO CAN QUALIFY

- The applicant must be between the ages of 14 and 22, and will not reach his/her 23rd birthday before April 30.
- Applicant must be a full-time student and have at least a 2.5 grade point average. Proof of current grades must be submitted with application.
- Previous flight experience is not required.

ENTRY DEADLINE

- Complete entries must be postmarked no later than March 15th. The Scholarship Grant will be awarded by April 30th.

JUDGING

- The applicants will be judged based on their desire to learn to fly. A one-page essay must be submitted by the applicant, explaining why he or she wants to learn to fly gliders, what goals he or she may have in aviation, and what career goals he or she may have for the future.
- Financial need will also be a consideration. The Applicant's financial resources will be compared to that of the other applicants for the same grant. Financial need will be determined based on this comparison.

APPLICATION

- A recommendation from a school teacher OR flight instructor/flight school is required.
- If you are chosen for this grant, you must select a soaring club or fixed base operator who provides glider flight instruction, and whose name will be co-written on the award check along with the recipient's name.

The Michael Wallace Memorial Scholarship Fund

Application Form

Application Date _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail address _____

School Attended _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grade or Year in School _____ Grade Point Average _____ (Attached last grade report or letter from school verifying current GPA)

Are you attending any aviation classes? ☐ No ☐ Yes What kind of class(es)? _____

Have you had any flight training? ☐ No ☐ Yes What type of aircraft? _____

How many hours of flight training have you had? _____ Have you soloed? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Do you hold any FAA Ratings? _____

Do you work? ☐ No ☐ Yes Employer _____ Phone _____

Approximate earnings per month \$ _____

Parents/Guardian:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail address _____

Employer _____

Total annual household income from all sources: \$ _____

Consent statement by parent or guardian of a minor: I give consent for _____ to apply for the Michael Wallace Memorial Scholarship which will provide a grant for the purpose of glider flight training, and will consent to allow him/her to receive such flight training as deemed appropriate by a Certified Flight Instructor.

Signature _____ Relationship _____ Date _____

Teacher Recommendation:

Teacher's Name _____ Signature _____

School _____ Phone _____

Why do you recommend this applicant for this Scholarship Grant? _____

OR Flight Instructor/Flight School Recommendation:

Instructor's Name _____ Signature _____

School or Club _____ Phone _____

Why do you recommend this applicant for this Scholarship Grant? _____

Please give the name, address and telephone number of the glider club or flight school you would like to have receive this grant on your behalf should you be chosen for this scholarship.

Flight School or Club _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please write an essay, one page in length, hand or type written, about your interests in aviation and in particular gliding. Tell us why you want this scholarship. Also explain any future goals you have in aviation, and also your career goals.

Mail to: The Michael Wallace Memorial Scholarship
c/o Arthur Wallace • 1784 Muirfield Lane • Beaumont, CA 92223

SUNFLOWER GLIDERPORT

Est. 1976

The Bill Seed Soaring Scholarship

The Sunflower Soaring Foundation provides scholarships to support soaring as part of its actions as a non-profit activity. This scholarship provides training at Sunflower Gliderport and Aerodrome so that qualified youth are given the opportunity to obtain glider pilot licenses that permit participation toward growth and development in all phases of soaring flight.

Bill Seed was the original owner and operator of the Sunflower Gliderport and Aerodrome. Bill supported soaring at the local, regional, and national level since the creation of the Sunflower Gliderport. This scholarship was created in the spirit of selflessness demonstrated over the many years by Bill.

The scholarship is awarded yearly to a 14-22 year old non-pilot full time student with a minimum 2.5 GPA. The application requires an essay, which must present a convincing argument that the applicant desires to participate in soaring and has an appreciation for the nature of the sport and the effort required to obtain proficiency. The essay must be of a high quality that demonstrates communication skills. Applications must be received not later than April 1st 2017. The award will be announced by April 30th. The recipient may not reach their 23rd birthday prior to September 30th 2018.

The award will consist of one year membership in SSA & Club Dues, Tow fees, Glider rental, and Instruction fees. The scholarship will be extended one year if the student has demonstrated consistent progress toward the glider pilot license goal.

The winner must participate in the SSA ABC badge program as they progress.

Applications may be obtained from and returned to the Sunflower Soaring Foundation Secretary:

Tony Condon
911 N Gilman
Wichita, Kansas 67203
abcondon@gmail.com

Sunflower Soaring Foundation
Bill Seed Soaring Scholarship Application

Date_____

Name_____Age_____

Address_____Street_____DOB_____

_____City_____Gender_____

_____State_____Zip_____E-Mail_____

School of enrollment_____Grade_____GPA_____

Expand answers onto separate pages if necessary. Attach Essay to this application.

Flying Experience

Experience associated with soaring

Soaring Goals

Other related Aviation Activities

Other activities, honors, and awards

Financial Need

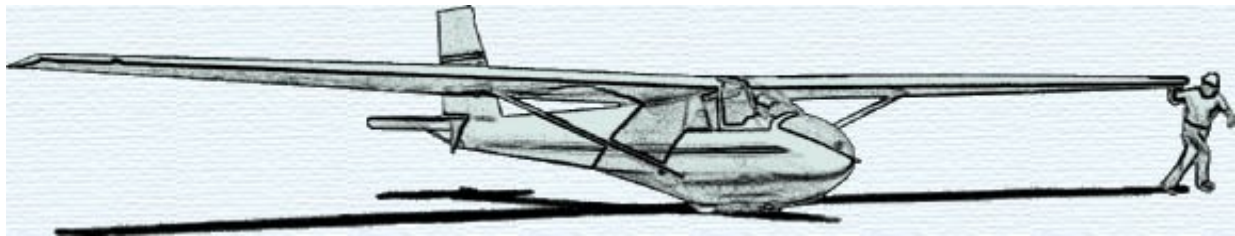
Recommended by_____SSA#(not req'd) _____Date_____

KSA VARIOMETER

911 N Gilman

Wichita, KS 67203

abcondon@gmail.com



KSA Meeting

March 10th 6:00 PM

Hutchinson Community College

Science Center Room 103

Adjacent to Cosmosphere

Report from the SSA Convention

From those who were there

KSA Dues - \$100