

Saskatoon Soaring Club

News and information – May 2003

We're Flving

First flights of the season were made on April 12 with instructor check flights, season certification. Member check lights and instruction started the following weekend.

As of April 12th the club has flown on 10 days. As of the 11th XDU has logged 12 flights, 6.0 hrs. TVT has flown 25 flights totaling 11.2 hrs. KNG has only had one flight of 1.1 hrs. All in all, not a bad start to the season considering the slow spring with cool, wet windy weather.

Roy got his Cirrus airborne on Sunday, and Dave G's 1-26 is at Cudworth and ready to go.

The towplane has done all the launches so far, but the oil has been changed on the winch, it is fueled up and ready to go to work.

New Members

Murray Loudon has taken out a full membership this season. Murray was as a tow pilot last year, and will continue to do some towing this year as well as soaring.

Paul Johnson has completed his six-pac membership and has converted it to a full membership. Also, Chris Amundrud and Greg Flahr, who did their 6 pac flights last fall, are full members for this season. Welcome aboard.

Jordan Driedger, a commercial aviation student and air cadet pilot has been checked out on QOK and is ready to assist with towing.

Two potential members who have started the 6 pac introductory training package are Terry Harding and Dwayne Kettner.

Runway Lights

The town of Cudworth was quite concerned last year about the number of runway lights that have been damaged. As the Soaring Club is a major airport user, the feeling was that we were responsible and should be responsible for the cost of replacement. We have indicated that we are aware of the problem, but most damage is being done at times when we are not there.

Please be aware of this issue and be extra careful when driving along the side of the runway, towing out gliders, etc.

To help track the damage, there is a book in the ops trailer with a scale plan showing the lights. At the start of each flying day we should check the lights and record any new damage that has occurred, as well as noting any that we do happen to break.

Kawasaki ATV

The bike is not running at present. The problem seems to be with a worn needle valve in the carburetor. This causes it to run rich and fowl the plug. It is in Saskatoon, but the shop is booked this week. (Custom cycle does parts and labor for Kawasaki machines.) Does anyone know of a good mechanic that could do this, preferably this week?

May Long Weekend – Provincials

We are hoping for a good turnout from Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert Clubs on the long weekend. On Sat. Morning, a group of students from Kindersley will be in for intro flights, thanks to arrangements made by Dave L. The afternoon will involve a short competitive task once all the equipment arrives and is ready to fly. There will be a burger BBQ at the field early evening for competitors, members, and guests. (\$10 per person)

Tasks will be flown on Sunday, and Monday – a good day to attempt a flight back to the home field for visiting pilots.

There will be lots of opportunity for involvement for members who are not certified for cross country flying. There may be a chance to fly in a Blanik as a passenger on a dual flight, and there may be training flights available before and after the competition flying. Retrieve help for any landouts may also be needed.

If you are planning to be at Cudworth, especially for the Sat evening, leave a message on the message manager or let Lee know so he will know how many to plan for.

Club Calendar

Following the long weekend, club flying will continue on Wednesdays, and weekends with soaring during the afternoons, and intro flights and student training during the mornings or evenings. Other times can often be arranged as well.