

- BASA BUGLE -

Next Meeting Tuesday June 28

The next BASA meeting will be Tuesday night June 28, at the International House of Pancakes, 5403 Stevens Creek Boulevard in Santa Clara (just off hwy 280). We have the room reserved from 6PM. We will be showing one or more soaring videos, highlighted by Klaus Ohlman's world-record distance flight in the Andes of Argentina.



Under a cloud street (in Spain).

Treasurer

Current Financial Status. Current balances are:

Checking: \$5,140
Insurance fund: \$45,962
Balance due on DG-1000 loan: \$11,176
Balance due on 101LV loan: \$10,000

Charles Hanes is filling in as temporary treasurer this month while Daniel Ruegamer is out of the country. Please send dues payments for June to: PO Box 70656, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Return envelopes to the PO Box are included with this issue of the Bugle.

Members in Arrears on Dues. The following members are more than three months in arrears on their BASA dues, and therefore their flight privileges are suspended until they bring their accounts current: **Ricardo Mestre, John Murayama, Babu Srinivasan, Lee Bailiff, Robert Moody and Mario Pauda.**

Membership Chairman

New Associate Members. We have three new associate members who joined since the last newsletter. **Ed Lord** of Reno has been flying out of Air Sailing and comes to us by way of Charlie Hayes. **Anthony Bacio** of San Jose is a newly rated private glider pilot. **John Pierce** of Hollister is a glider pilot who started with the old Lockheed club and flew at Sky Sailing Fremont in the 60's. Please welcome these new members to the club when you see them out at the field.

Sponsor Memberships. We have one sponsor membership for sale. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor member and enjoying a \$40 dues discount then contact me (**Miguel Flores**).

Members Leaving. **Maynard Vitalis** is leaving BASA, the result of getting his power rating. Maynard will be focused on getting some add-on power ratings for the immediate future, but promises to return to "real flying" in a couple of years. We thank Maynard for the fine job he did as the 1-34 ship captain while a member of BASA.

One associate leaving and three associates joining put the active member count at 74 (excluding the three inactive Student Associates). Our current club limit is 75. If necessary we may reinstate the waiting list and more aggressively trim members who don't keep their accounts current.

Final Glide. We are saddened with the news that long-time past and honorary BASA member **Irven (Skinny) Moore** passed away last month. Skinny lived in the Minden area and would usually show up at a BASA meeting once a year, as well as at wave camp. He was definitely one of our more feisty members and will be missed. A memorial gathering among Skinny's aviation friends will be held at the Minden airport on July 16, and BASA members are invited. The memorial will be at the hangar of Rebuilt Aircraft, 2208 Bellanca Street, at 2pm.

Also recently, the wife of honorary member **Kevin Giffen** passed away from a sudden illness. We extend our deepest sympathies to Kevin for his loss.

Maintenance Chairman

We're still waiting for Pegasus parts from France in order to get 9JH back in the air, and to comply with the AD requiring replacement of rudder pedals on all three gliders. We think we are getting close, but cross your fingers!

Glider Locations

As of June 15, glider locations are:

Pegasus 2BA	In service at Truckee.
DG-1000 1CH	On its way to Truckee.
Grob 36L	In service at Hollister.
Pegasus 1LV	In service at Hollister.
Pegasus 9JH	Grounded.
Schweitzer 1-34	In service at Truckee.

Flight Committee Chairman

Shortly, we will have three ships in Truckee for most of the summer soaring season. If you haven't flown in Truckee before you must get a Truckee checkout from a Soar Truckee instructor or a BASA flight committee member before flying PIC at Truckee for the first time. Even if you have a Truckee checkout but haven't flown there much or haven't been flying consistently over the winter and spring, you may want to make your first flights of the season at Truckee with an instructor or flight committee member.

Also, Soar Truckee requires everyone who flies at Truckee to read the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) yearly and sign a form acknowledging you have read (and understood) them. The SOPs can be downloaded from the Soar Truckee website and are also available for review in the Soar Truckee office. Please make sure that you read and follow their procedures.

New members joining BASA usually get an aircraft checkout in one of the club ships, usually the Grob, at Hollister by HGC staff. Although less likely, a member joining in the mountains will typically get checked out by Soar Truckee staff. The instruction staff at HGC and Truckee are highly qualified to judge your proficiency flying club equipment. However, they may not be familiar with BASA's current procedures for storing equipment, parachutes, batteries, canopy covers, etc.

For example, we ask that after the last flight of the day that you remove the bugs from the leading edge of the

wings and tail of the ship you are putting away (even if the bugs weren't all accumulated during your flight!) Water and towels are provided in the maintenance trailer for this purpose.

Please make sure that you get a checkout on BASA procedures by a current BASA member or flight committee member. Procedures at Hollister are a little different than they are at Truckee and BASA procedures for the Grob and DG-1000 at Hollister are a little different than the HGC procedures for the 2-32s or Soar Truckee procedures for the 2-33s, etc. We shouldn't expect our FBOs to try to keep up with our current procedures.

It is important that all BASA members follow the same procedures so that we don't have someone spend half of their reserved flight time looking for a battery, parachute, or tail dolly, etc. I recently spent a good 20 minutes looking for the canopy cover for the DG-1000 at the end of the day.

I'm putting together a standard set of procedures that we will publish in the Bugle shortly.

New Officers for BASA?

Nomination of BASA officers for next year will take place at the August meeting, with elections at the September meeting. Several of the current officers have put in many years of service and would like to step aside next year. So, we are looking for a few volunteers to step in.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the club. Don't feel intimidated if you have only been in the club a short while – plenty of mentoring in the officer tasks will be available from current and former club officers. If you think you might be a candidate for any of the officer positions, please speak to one of the current officers.

Truckee BASH July 9

The Truckee BASH has been scheduled for July 9, 2005. This is an annual barbeque/party at Truckee for the three clubs based there, BASA, Silverado and NCSA. This year Silverado is the host. Special reservation rules will apply to BASA gliders for July 9 – shorter time blocks will apply to allow a larger number of pilots to fly.

Women's Soaring Seminar Looking for Dual Mentoring Flights

The Women's Soaring Pilot's Association is holding its annual seminar at Air Sailing, July 11-15, 2005. They are looking for experienced pilots with access to two place-gliders who could give dual mentoring flights during the seminar. If you have a cross-country checkout in the DG-1000 and would be interested in offering one or more dual XC flights out of Truckee (or Air Sailing) during this period, please contact the event organizer, Terry Duncan at tduncan11@comcast.net.

Future Capital Spending

By the end of this year, we should be finished paying off the loans that arose out of the DG-1000 purchase and the repurchase of 1LV. At that point, we can begin saving towards a replacement for the Grob.

No decision has been made yet on a replacement glider, but one attractive candidate is the DG-505 Trainer (fixed gear and 18-meter span). This offers the advantages of similar cockpit layout to the DG-1000, a high cockpit payload capacity and good glide performance (about 40:1), in a fixed-gear glider. We haven't flown one yet, but we assume we could check out new members in such a glider almost as easily as with the Grob. These gliders are being manufactured new in Slovenia by AMS.

At current exchange rates, we would expect a new DG-505 Trainer with instruments, trailer, shipping and sales tax to cost a little over \$100,000. At current membership levels, we seem to generate about \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year of excess cash. We could probably sell our current Grob for around \$35,000. So, we could save enough to replace the Grob with a new DG-505 Trainer in about two years. Or, we could buy one sooner if we were to borrow from the members again as we did for the DG-1000.

We also need to consider other capital spending on the rest of our fleet. Projects under consideration are:

1. Install transponders in 1LV, 9JH and the 1-34. When these gliders are eventually replaced with new gliders, the transponders would be kept and transferred to the new gliders. Estimated cost including installation is \$2500 per glider.
2. Refinish fuselage and horizontal tail of 1LV. Cost not known. Perhaps \$6,000 to \$10,000.
3. Install pneumatic tailwheel on 9JH. Estimated cost \$1200. Install tip wheels on 9JH. Estimated cost \$800.

4. Repaint 1-34. Cost not known.
5. Replace cracked canopy on 9JH.

Vacation Reservation Policy

Every BASA member may reserve a glider for up to five days midweek (Monday through Friday), once per calendar year. This "vacation reservation" is in addition to the normal reservations allowed under BASA rules. If you want to make a vacation reservation, contact **Harry Fox**.

The following vacation reservations are currently in effect:

Glider	Reservation
DG-1000	June 25 to July 4, Parowan safari.
One Pegasus July 4; DG-1000 July 5-8	July 4-8, Truckee (Hans Van Weersch).
DG-1000	July 18-22, Truckee (Steve Ascher).
Two Pegasi, the 1-34, and the DG-1000	July 24-29, AirSailing Cross-Country Camp (Jim Britton, James D'Andrea, Scott Boynton, Harry Fox and Jonathan Hughes). DG-1000 is July 24-27 only.
DG-1000	August 1-2, Truckee (Charlie Hayes).
DG-1000	August 3-5, Truckee (Matt Gillis).
DG-1000	August 10-12, Truckee (Jeremy Zawodny and Lance Cushenberry).

Bronze Badge Camps at Truckee and AirSailing

Dave Cunningham will be leading two five-day camps this summer focused on building thermaling and other skills needed prior to cross-country flights, leading up to the SSA Bronze Badge. One camp will be at Truckee June 27 to July 1, the other will be at Air Sailing July 18-22. These camps are appropriate for the pilot who has some thermaling experience, but is not yet ready for the Cross-Country Camp.

Each camp is five days of soaring talk and practice. Daily safety orientations, lectures, demonstrations and

flights start at 8:30 AM and continue through at least 5 PM. The week is topped off with a banquet and celebration of accomplishments on Friday evening.

For more information, contact Dave Cunningham at 925-933-4558 or ldc@att.net.



Executive Committee

President –	Harry Fox
Vice President –	Charles Hanes
Treasurer –	Daniel Ruegamer
Flight Committee Chairman –	Jonathan Hughes
Maintenance Chairman –	Joel Taylor

Flight Committee

Chairman –	Jonathan Hughes (CFIG)	
Members:	Jim MacDonald	Stan Davies
	Peter Reischl	Steve Ascher (CFIG)
	Harry Fox	Hans Van Weersch
	Jim Goetsch	Miguel Flores

Approved CFIGs:	Drew Pearce (H)	Brett Hinze (H)
	Russell Holtz (H)	Charlie Hayes
	Jonathan Hughes	Steve Ascher (T)
	Joe Silvestri (T)	Mike Johnson (T)
	Jan Driessen (T)	Doug Lent (T)

Club Aircraft

DG-1000 (451CH) –	Matt Gillis
Grob 103 (3836L) –	Peter Reischl
Pegasus (642BA) –	Dave Bingham
Pegasus (599JH) –	Frank Jenkins
Pegasus (101LV) –	Pat Healy
SGS 1-34 (7632) –	Scott Boynton

Ship Captains

Other Volunteers

Membership Chairman –	Miguel Flores
Website Maintenance –	Jeremy Zawodny
Insurance Chairman –	Dave Walker
Wave Camp Chairman –	Hans Van Weersch
Equipment Registration –	Eb Lemcke

Officers

Regional Officers

Parachutes Officer –	Dave Walker	Steve Ascher
Instruments/Electrical –	Clyde Cotterell	Clyde Cotterell
Maintenance Trailers –	Michael Nelson	open

Hollister

Mountains