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The Flypaper

*A Newsletter for the Crestline Soaring Society
USHGA Chapter 16*



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News from CSS Board

CSS saw some pretty sad moments this fall with the destruction of parts of our mountain by the Old Fire of San Bernardino (why did this had to happen when I am president?!?). The Board has been quite busy since then. Firstly, the destruction of our water line lead us to seek the members feedback regarding whether or not they wanted to restore the water supply to the LZ. It was almost unanimous that the members wanted to keep the water supply. We are now looking at different options to create a more permanent source of water. We will keep you posted about that.

Now that the vegetation is no longer present to restrict access to the mountain and surroundings, we needed to secure the LZ against destruction by motor vehicles. To do so, many club members gathered at the LZ on two Saturdays in November to place railroad ties around the LZ. Thanks so much to everyone who came and help with this task! It was truly appreciated!

Secondly, we are working with the U.S. Forest Service to re-open Marshall's launch as soon as possible. We are very sensitive to club members who prefer this launch, particularly PG pilots, instructors and tandem pilots. So we are doing our best to have Marshall re-opened. Earlier this week, I received a call from the Supervisor of the San Bernardino Forest and he explained that they are currently in the process of determining the future status of the forest (closure or opening). Basically, it seems that we are currently under "temporary closure" conditions, but nothing says that it will stay as is in the (near) future. Needless to say we are doing our best to turn this condition in our favor. One of the arguments that seems to make a difference with the Forest Service is the fact that we have a significant number of members that can potentially help them do the necessary work before the forest can be opened again. So we may seek your help in the

event that the Forest Service asks for it. This situation is evolving every day. So keep on eye on CSS website - forum for more information.

As you can see, we are doing our best to get the pilots back in the air as soon as possible. We will keep you posted! In the meantime, thanks very much for your continuing support to CSS and Happy Holidays! May these difficult moments bring us closer together!

Hélène Baribeau, President

Board Members' Nominations

According to CSS' 1992 By-Laws, a new board has to be elected by February of each year. Although the current board members haven't been in position very long (since September), we want to follow the "rules" and accept nominations for board positions. Also, a lot has happened since our nomination and we want to open the door to club members who may want to be involved in these challenging days. Here are the positions that need to be filled, with associated duties (as per the 1992 By-Laws):

- President:
 - o Preside at all meetings.
 - o Sign and execute all contracts in the name of CSS when authorized to do so by the board.
 - o Appoint committee heads.
 - o Cosign checks.
 - o Sign membership cards.
 - o Call special meetings when necessary.

- Vice-President:
 - o Perform the duties of an absent president.
 - o Perform such duties as assigned by the president (FYI, I tried to have the VP wash my car and things like that, but it did not succeed...).

- Secretary:
 - o Keep the minutes of all meetings.
 - o Be responsible for all meeting notices.
 - o Keep historical records for the CSS.
 - o Perform duties assigned by the executive board.

- Treasurer:
 - o Have charge of all the funds of the organization.
 - o Make a biannual financial report to the membership.
 - o Cosign checks.
 - o Maintain CSS' checking account.

- Editor:
 - o Edit and publish the newsletter.

- Site Coordinator:
 - o Represent CSS in site procurement.
 - o Manage launch sites under the direction of the board to ensure necessary maintenance.
 - o Enforce local site safety rules and regulations.

- Activities Director:
 - o Promote and organize all CSS activities and events.

Nominees for office must have been members of CSS for at least six months. Nominees can be from any membership type (regular or associate member). All officers are elected for a one-year term. We will accept nominations until January 15, 2004. Nominations may be made in writing at the following address, or by e-mailing me at **president@crestlinesoaring.org**:

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Participating in the club's duties is another great way to show your attachment to the sport. And CSS needs your energy and ideas!

Hélène Baribeau, President

Membership Information

Welcome to Our New CSS Members!

Jason Gilbert, San Diego, CA
Brian Bowker, Edgewood, NM

Mark Salesse, Winnepeg, Manitoba
Paul Johnston, Joshua Tree, CA

Soon-to-Expire Members:

Erik Fair, Anaheim, CA
Christian Manss, Newport Beach, CA
Jim Masterman, Moore, ID
Wayne Maxwell, Nordland, WA
Mike Troeger, Wrightwood, CA
Roger Marsh, Newport Beach, CA
Richard Prebis, Orange, CA

Paul Burns, Perris, CA
Nadeem Chagtai, Orange, CA
Gary Collier, Palm Springs, CA
Daniel Wayner Eley, Palm Desert, CA
Mark Leahy, Los Angeles, CA
Roman Pizar, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Membership application and release of liability waiver forms can be found in the next pages. Please drop your application form and fees in the drop box on the container at the LZ, or mail to the following address:

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Thanks very much for renewing your membership!

Helping CSS Keep the Files Up-to-Date!

We would like to hear from you if you have moved and/or changed your e-mail address. Please send address and/or e-mail changes to Dave at treasurer@crestlinesoaring.org.

Also, let us know if you are interested in receiving CSS' Flypaper newsletter via e-mail. Newsletters are posted on CSS website and you could simply be notified via e-mail as soon as it is available. You can e-mail your interest in this possibility to Dave at treasurer@crestlinesoaring.org.

Thanks a lot for your cooperation! This will help keep our files updated and save trees!

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular Member: Dues are \$65.00 per year and include unlimited use of CSS facilities and voting privileges.

Associate Member: No charge with sponsorship of a family member who is a Regular Member. Associate Members have unlimited use of CSS facilities and NO voting privileges.

ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1 TO MAY 31.

Dues for membership are as follows:

June 1 to September 30: \$65.00 October 1 to January 31: \$45.00 February 1 to May 31: \$32.00

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (evening): _____ Phone (day): _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Emergency phone: _____

USHGA #: _____ Exp. date: _____ Date issued: _____

Type (please circle): HG Rating (please circle): I-BEG II-NOV III-INT IV-ADV MSTR INST
PG Rating (please circle): I-BEG II-NOV III-INT IV-ADV MSTR INST

Airtime: _____

Membership type (please circle): NEW RENEWAL ASSOCIATE

Payment must be included with completed Application Form and signed Agreement and Release of Liability Waiver (on the opposite side). Mail to the above address, or use the drop box at the clubhouse, or give to the site monitor.

For Internal Use Only

Appl. rec'd:	SM DB Mail Other	Amt. rec'd: _____	Check #: _____ Cash
Membership #:	Card issued: _____	Card sent: _____	
Appl. processed:	Processed by: _____		

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER

CRESTLINE/MARSHALL ARE HANG III / PARA III SITES. PILOTS WITH LOWER RATINGS MAY ONLY FLY CRESTLINE/MARSHALL UNDER INSTRUCTOR SUPERVISION, OR WITH 10 OR MORE HOURS AND AN INSTRUCTOR SIGN-OFF. HANGLIDING AND PARAGLIDING ARE DANGEROUS SPORTS, WHICH MAY RESULT IN SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH. MEMBERSHIP IN AND USE OF CRESTLINE SOARING SOCIETY, INC. (CSS) FACILITIES DOES NOT IN ANY WAY IMPLY THAT THE FACILITIES ARE SAFE FOR THE INTENDED USE. ADHERENCE TO CSS RULES AND GUIDELINES SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY BE CONSTRUED BY THE MEMBER OR PILOT TO GUARANTEE HIS OR HER SAFETY. THE MEMBER OR PILOT UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS AND ASSUMES ALL LIABILITY FOR ACCIDENTS THAT MAY OCCUR, AND EXPRESSLY INDEMNIFIES AND HOLDS HARMLESS CSS, IT'S OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND MEMBERS FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES.

In consideration for being permitted to utilize the facilities and equipment of CSS and to engage in the sport of hang gliding, paragliding, solo and two place instruction, and related activities (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Gliding Activities"), I, _____ hereby agree as follows:

1. I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE (**initial here _____**) the United States Hang Gliding Association, the U.S. Forest Service, the State of California, the City and County of San Bernardino, CSS their officers, directors, elected officials, agents, employees, instructors, pilots, assistants, fellow club members, and the owners of the equipment and land used for Gliding Activities (Hereinafter collectively referred to as "Released Parties"), from any and all liability, claims, demands or causes of action that I may hereafter have for injuries, damages or death arising out of my participation in Gliding Activities, including but not limited to losses CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES (**initial here _____**)
2. I further agree that I WILL NOT SUE OR MAKE CLAIM against the Released Parties for damages or other losses sustained as a result of my participation in Gliding Activities (**initial here _____**). I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE RELEASED PARTIES HARMLESS from all claims, judgments and costs, including attorney's fees, incurred in connection with any action brought as a result of my participation in Gliding Activities (**initial here _____**)
3. I understand and acknowledge that Gliding Activities have inherent dangers that no amount of care, caution, instruction, or expertise can eliminate and I EXPRESSLY VOLUNTARILY ASSUME A RISK OF DEATH OR PERSONAL INJURY SUSTAINED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN GLIDING ACTIVITIES WHETHER OR NOT CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES (**initial here _____**)
4. I have been advised and recognize that my Gliding Activities are not covered by any personal or general liability insurance policy issued to the Related parties. (**initial here _____**)
5. I hereby expressly recognize that this Agreement and Release of Liability is a contract pursuant to which I have released Parties from any and all liability, claims, demands or causes of action that I may hereafter have for injuries, damages or death resulting from my participation in Gliding Activities including any claims by the negligence of the Released Parties (**initial here _____**)
6. I hereby agree to observe all CSS rules and regulations, failing which my membership may be revoked at any time and any balance of membership fees for any unused portion of the membership period will be forfeited.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I FULLY UNDERSTAND IT'S CONTENTS AND MEANING, AND SIGN OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2003 Signature _____

A Reminder...

CSS does not have a lot of "rules", but we have a few recommendations that we like our members and visitors to respect in order to help maintain our site (and peace among the pilots at times!). Here they are:

- Crestline/Marshall are Hang III / Para III site. Pilots with lower ratings may only fly Crestline/Marshall with instructor supervision or an instructor sign-off.
- Reserve parachutes are required by pilots flying CSS' site.
- Instructors must be USHGA certified or foreign equivalent. All tandem flights must be in compliance with USHGA guidelines.
- If fire fighting aircraft are in the area do not launch. If you are in the air, land immediately.
- In the air, observe right-of way rules.
- When coming to land, respect the proposed approach: Standard left hand aircraft approach for hang gliders, and reverse right hand aircraft approach for paragliders.
- Clear the LZ ASAP - Break down on the grass.
- Do not park in front of the stairs. It is difficult to carry a hang glider down stairs without smashing your windshield.
- Remove all trash and cigarette butts.
- Keep your dog(s) on leash and off the grass area, and clean up after your dog(s).

A lot of this is common sense and is not very demanding, but certainly helps maintaining harmony at our site! Thanks a lot for your collaboration!

CSS Christmas Toy Drive

When: Saturday, December 20, 2003, from 12:00 noon to 4 PM

What to bring:

- Unwrapped toys for boys and girls (up to 18 years old)
- Cash/checks donations specifying the purpose "Toy Drive" (If we receive your donations before Monday December 15, they will be included in this year's Toy Drive. Otherwise, they will be included in next year's Toy Drive. We need time to go shopping for the kids because the Fire Department cannot accept cash/checks...)

All donations will be given to Stations 4 & 5 of the San Bernardino Fire Dept. (the guys that get us off the mountain when we crash), for the "Spark of Love" program. We are hoping to see the Fire Department at the LZ ~3:30 PM.

We will have:

- Food: 6-foot sub, munchies, cookies, etc.
- Cold and hot drinks

Come celebrate Christmas at Andy Jackson Airpark and support our Fire Dept. and needy kids!