



# AIRWORTHY



**THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE BLACK FOREST SOARING SOCIETY**

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**REMEMBER!**

**BFSS MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

SATURDAY, April 20th, 1996 , 5PM, Kelly Air Park

**COMING EVENTS**

| <u>DATE &amp; TIME</u> | <u>PLACE</u>   | <u>AGENDA</u>   |
|------------------------|----------------|---|
| March 30th             | Kelly Air Park | "Work Party" day at BFSS  |
| April 1st              | Kelly Air Park | USAF Thunderbirds fly-in  |
| April 20th             | Kelly Air Park | April Membership Meeting.<br>Mandatory safety meeting will follow |
| May 26-June 1          | Owl Canyon     | Region 9 Soaring Contest  |
| June 29-July 7         | Parowan, Utah  | First Annual Soaring Camp<br>See Walt Lafford for details         |
| Sep. 20-22, 1996       | Creede, CO     | BFSS Soaring Camp   |

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**APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Please note that the April Membership Meeting has been changed from Saturday, April 13th, to Saturday, April 20th. A mandatory safety meeting will follow the membership meeting.

**REGION 9 SOARING CONTEST**

The region 9 contest in Colorado? Nah... it's always in Arizona!

Hey, not this year! Nope, it'll be in Colorado for the first time since 1989. Colorado Soaring Association invites you to Owl Canyon Gliderport for a week-long contest over very friendly terrain. The dates are May 27-June 1, with a practice day May 26. Standard, Sports, and 15-meter classes are planned, and with the current level of interest, it looks like all three classes will sport good turnouts. If you've never flown a regional or any sort of contest, this is

a good one to start with. The terrain is mostly prairie and dryland wheat fields, so landing options are every where. An occasional task might include some mountain terrain. The facilities include water for ballast, oxygen, a clubhouse with kitchen and TV lounge, and hangar space (limited space, first come-first served). For more information, pick your medium as follows:

By post: Eric Liddel, contest manager  
P.O. Box 43  
Buford, WY 82052

By phone: Eric Liddel, Contest Manager  
307-635-1683

Aland Adams  
970-226-4342

By email: Rich Carr  
rjc@csn.net

Aland Adams  
aland@fc.hp.com

By web: <http://www.csn.net/~rjc/region9.html>

## PAROWAN SOARING CAMP UPDATE

Here's an update on the Camp from Walt Lafford:

Some members have been asking about the upcoming soaring camp at Parowan so I thought I would provide a few more details to everyone. The camp is something that I decided to put together because I wanted to go there and give the conditions there a try. This is not a BFSS event so I have invited pilots from around the area to participate. Hopefully I can make this an annual event.

Parowan has a great little airport with a fantastic staff very friendly toward soaring. I have arranged with Dave Norwood of Parowan Aero Services (they run a crop dusting operation) to hold a camp there from June 28th thru July 7, 1996. They will be providing tows, oxygen and tie downs. Camping and showers are available on the field. I have information on hotels and condos if you are interested.

There were two 1000K flights out of Parowan in 1994 so with any luck you could be next. Be sure to let me know soon if you would like to attend. Many people have expressed an interest in going so I expect the camp limit of 15 gliders to fill up soon. I will send you all the details if you give me a call: 303-294-6559 Work, 303--973-2387 Home.

-- Walt Lafford

## MARCH SAFETY COLUMN

### First, a short "Corrigendum":

1. The airspace problem involves IFR traffic, northbound from Colorado Springs to Denver, being routed directly overhead Kelly Air Park at 10,000, 11,000 and 12,000 ft. MSL.

2. The airspace above Kelly Air Park is Class G airspace.

3. The danger is that turbine transport airplanes, flying under IFR through Class G airspace in which gliders are circling in thermalling flight, create an unacceptable risk of mid-air collisions.

### **And now, this month's Safety Column!**

The current status of the IFR overflights at Kelly Air Park, according to the Denver TRACON, is as follows:

1: The 10,000 ft. MSL northbound traffic (Colorado Springs to Denver) has been moved to the V-81 Airway, about 6 NM west of Kelly. This allows us to tow to 10,500 ft. MSL above the airport, without undue risk - but do keep your eyes skinned for traffic at all times !

2: The 11,000 and 12,000 ft. MSL northbound traffic continues overhead Kelly. - Our efforts to have this traffic re-routed also continue, and we have made two alternative, specific proposals to this effect.

3: Denver to Colorado Springs (southbound) traffic is routed as follows: 10,000, 11,000 and 12,000 ft. MSL traffic is on the V-389 Airway, about 11 NM east of Kelly. 13,000 and 14,000 ft. MSL traffic is on the V-81 Airway.

Note that these changes put both northbound and southbound traffic on the V-81 Airway. Keep your eyes open on the way to the foothills !

The Northwest Mountain Regional Office FAA has pointed out that while Kelly Air Park is, indeed, in Class G Airspace, the floor of Class E Airspace is at 1,200 ft. AGL; i.e., at 8,250 ft. MSL over Kelly. Please remember that Class E Airspace is Controlled Airspace; therefore above 10,000 ft. MSL the minimum required flight visibility is 5 statute miles, and the minimum distance from clouds is 1,000 ft. below, 1,000 ft. above and 1 statute mile horizontal (FAR § 91.155).

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The following item is addressed to all members who use winch-launches:

In order to enhance safety and reliability, we plan to start using calibrated weak links. In order to purchase the correct links, we ask each owner of a glider which is

expected to use the winch to provide the following: (1) Member's name. (2) Make and model of glider. (3) Weak link strength, and maximum airspeed, for ground launch - as specified in the glider's Flight and Service Manual or in the FAA's Type Certificate Data Sheet.

In your own best interest, please provide this information ASAP by putting a note in my box in the office.

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I have started to put my subscription copies of the FAA Aviation News in the office, so that others can share them. This magazine, while intended primarily for General Aviation pilots, does contain various items of information which are of value to all pilots. Take advantage of it.

--Joe Baer

## MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Here's a correction on Walt Lafford's flight reported in "Membership Accomplishments" last month:

"The flight I had in 1994 was an out and return from Salida to Las Vegas NM for a distance of 409.6 miles. This was a new state record for 15 meter and open class on an out and return course".

-- Walt Lafford

## BFSS BOARD MEETING

Here are the minutes of the BFSS Board Meeting held on February 6, 1996.

The Meeting opened at 7 pm. Present at the meeting were Bill Gerblick, H. Arnold, J. Goodlette, H. Schaumberg, Tim Wood, D. Marrotta, and by invitation, Joe Baer and Bob Lees.

**FINANCIAL REPORT.** The Treasurer presented the January, 1996 financial statements. The financial summary for the month is:

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Cash Balance        | \$6,702  |
| Bank Loan Liability | \$44,152 |
| Total Liabilities   | \$53,847 |
| Equity              | \$42,484 |

Dues were below budget in December, but are expected to catch up in the next month or two. Total expenses in the month were almost exactly on budget. A lump sum cash payment of \$4,000, which arose from the mediation settlement with Mr. Kelly, was paid in January. There are no further lump sum cash liabilities outstanding under the settlement; however, Soar Black Forest is obligated to collect \$2.00 per tow which is payable monthly to Mr. Kelly and the Kelly Airpark Homeowners Association. Seven new members were

added in the last two months, and new member initiation fees were waived in accordance with the terms of the membership promotion drive agreed by the Board in December. Financial statements, consisting of a balance sheet, a cash flow statement, and a cash flow comparison with budget were discussed. These statements are on file with the Secretary.

**Membership.** In January, one new member joined BFSS. A warm welcome is offered to Lloyd Fischer. There was one resignation. It was unanimously agreed to elect Bob Simon as a Patron of BFSS, in recognition of his past services, including six years as Editor of Airworthy. John Goodlette will place an ad in the Colorado Pilot's Magazine in February to solicit more new member applications. Dan Marotta agreed to approach Denver Soaring Council, and Tom Eggers will be asked to approach the Air Force Academy to offer BFSS memberships under the program. The offer to waive initiation fees will be kept open for the first 25 applicants.

**Soar Black Forest.** The operations of Soar Black Forest were reported on. SBF lost \$1300 in January, but has a cash position of \$10,000. Tim Wood volunteered his services to fill a vacancy on the SBF Board. SBF has hired Joel Flamenbaum as Manager of the Glider Port. He will start his duties in the last week of March. A warm welcome is extended to Joel!

**Legal.** Bob Lees discussed a number of legal issues with the Board, including the need for a comprehensive policy concerning "Youth Liability". The Board formally agreed to adopt such a policy. It will be drafted, presented to the Board and voted on during February, 1996. Copies will be available at the field for the general membership.

**Other Business.** The Board discussed the problem of volunteerism, discounts for early payments, and the suggestion by Joe Baer for a survey of members with respect to the future direction and philosophy of BFSS. Tim Wood agreed to set up such a survey with input from Joe Baer.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: March 5, 1995, Village Inn, Monument.

## BFSS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting began at 5pm with Bill Gerblick acting as Chairman and Tim Wood as Secretary. There were 7 members in attendance.

The following items of business were discussed:

-- The Treasurer presented his financial report for the month of January.

-- The camp planned for mid-September for Creede has a conflicting date with a camp at the same location planned for the same date by High Flight. The date in

question is September 13-15th. Walt Lafford will be working to resolve the problem

-- A discussion was held about the need to refurbish some items in the club, such as carpeting, the wind direction indicator, an "on-demand" water heater, a second radio, a second radio antenna, repainting hangars, new linoleum for the floor in the ladies washroom, and replacement seat cushions for the sailplanes. Bill Gerblick undertook to find volunteers to look after each of these items.

-- A proposal by the Civil Air Patrol to hold a camp at Kelly Airpark was discussed. Conversations are under way with Ben Kelly to attempt to reach agreement on how this proposal can be accommodated to in a manner acceptable to all concerned.

-- Soar Black Forest is looking for willing candidates to replace outgoing Board Members. Tim Wood volunteered and promised to find one other person willing to serve. Incoming Directors are: Tim Wood, John Goodlette, and Hans Arnold. Outgoing directors are: Walt Lafford, Joe Berger, and Ron Berge.

-- SBF has hired a new Operations Manager, Joel Flamenbaum. Joel will start on April 1st. A warm welcome is extended to him! Marsha will continue to come in one day a week to assist Joel with such items as bookkeeping until Joel is comfortable with the operation.

-- Joe Baer pointed out some safety items which needs attention: 1. A strobe light for the winch. Joe will research where to find one. 2. Fixing pins need to be put in place in the bottom of each hangar door. Members please note

-- Members are asked to be sure to renew their membership in the SSA. This very worthwhile organization needs our full support.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



## FOR SALE

### **KELLY AIR PARK HANGAR SPACE**

1900 Square Feet in the back hangar. Will accept a fully assembled glass ship **plus** trailer **plus** car.

Contact: Jim Walker at: (719) 634-4560 (home)  
(719) 596-7882 (work)

**Ventus A**, 1/2 or full ownership. LX 4000GPS/computer, pop-up panel, Dittel, Scheumann vario, winglets, 02, newer Cobra, towbar and wing dolly, beautiful condition. Call Doug Houston at:

(303) 799-0930.  
- Doug Houston.

**LS-4**, in almost new condition. Low total time, completely refinished in 1995. Comes complete with S\_NAV, Becker com, trailer, ground equipment. It's a great handling ship! Asking \$18,000 for 1/2 share. Call Jim at:

(719) 630-2277 days or  
(719) 685-9609 evenings.  
- Jim Schwerin.

### **ATTENTION LOT OWNERS AND PILOTS**

Used hangar building for sale or trade for or towards glider, etc. American Steel building, with a free span of 100ft. Four main trusses, purlins, metal roof, and three side walls. No door. Seller can obtain a used bi-fold door. Build a 100ft. by 60 ft. or 100 ft. by 80 ft. hangar.

**\$16,000** cash or trade.

Location: Westcliffe. Building is in disassembled condition. Contact: Mr. Ed Thornton at (719)783-3061 (evenings)

### **ATTENTION GLIDER PILOTS**

A limited number of shares are available for sale in an almost new Blanik L-23 sailplane located at Silverwest airport near Westcliffe, Colorado's premier wave soaring location in the stunningly scenic Wet Mountain valley. Westcliffe also has outstanding thermal soaring conditions, and is becoming renowned for badge and exceptional just-for-fun flights. The L-23 is fully equipped with oxygen, pressure oxygen masks with integrated microphones, intercom, and high quality radio.

**Price: \$1,000 per share.**

Contact: Mr. Ed Thornton at (719)783-3061 (evenings)  
Postal Address: Westcliffe Wave, Inc.,  
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### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the BLACK FOREST SOARING SOCIETY, a not-for-profit corporation, is to provide the location, equipment and know-how to guarantee the safest, most enjoyable soaring experience possible; to provide the opportunity for the education and training of sailplane pilots; and the advancement and development of their piloting skills and judgement. The creation of SOAR BLACK FOREST as a commercial soaring operation provides the resources to achieve that goal, gives BFSS members a base of operations for continued personal achievements and future group projects, and provides access for the general public to the world of soaring.

### KELLY AIR PARK

Kelly Air Park is a subdivision of individually-owned residential lots with a common area dedicated for use as a private airpark. Lot owners comprise the Homeowners Association which governs the use of the common area. BFSS owns one lot and maintains its property, buildings and equipment for use by members, lot owners, invited guests and customers of Soar Black Forest.

### SOAR BLACK FOREST

SOAR BLACK FOREST is a subsidiary corporation of the Black Forest Soaring Society. Its sole purpose is to operate the commercial glider facility at Kelly Air Park. All use of the facilities, aircraft and instructors must be scheduled through Soar Black Forest.

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**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

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