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## FROM THE EDITOR

We can't pretend anymore. Fall is here. Cooler temps and stronger winds. Golden leaves on the trees. While the strong cross country days of summer are gone, it's time to keep an eye out for mountain wave. Both **Dave Leonard** and **Bif Huss** have been probing west on days wave is forecast by SkySight, but it's still a bit early for the good stuff, in my opinion.

**Vitaliy Aksyonov** is getting ready to host the winter Condor races. They will be held Wednesday evenings starting November 2nd. Keep an eye out for more info in the club email.

From the staff here at *Airworthy*, **Mark**, **Alice**, **Herschel**, and **Frannie Mae**, we wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season!

Mark Palmer, Editor



*Snow dusted the Sangres in the early fall.  
Photo by Dave Leonard 10/9/22*

## (VICE) PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Becky Kinder

*You may have noticed that our illustrious club president has been busy at the national level, running contests and proposing excellent ways to promote soaring, among other things. Since he's been so busy, I offered to lend a hand, so this month's president's letter is from me, his trusty backup.*

November is often a decent soaring month in Colorado, but things do slow down. BFSS is still hopping as we add new members such as **Mike Cho** and **Steve "Lewie" Lewis**, along with new Associate Member **Bob Messner**.

(Welcome!) Our instructors give flight reviews, support badge and WINGS flights, and add new students at an impressive rate. (Thank you!) **Wojtek Tomanek** and **Tim Krantz** took their first solo flights this month. (Congratulations!)

Meanwhile, **Doug Curry**, **Charles Payne**, and **Bill Gerblich** continue to rehabilitate 259BA and 41Y. Be sure to thank them. Their expertise and hard work keep us flying. Good mechanics are rare, and ours go out of their way for the BFSS!

**John Mann** continues to oversee our fleet maintenance. Recently we discovered that squawks have not been reaching him—therefore not reaching Doug either—until midweek. Doug often rearranges his week to keep us flying. As the official Schweizer

authority for Colorado, he services Meadow Lake and a host of other private pilots, and occasionally likes to visit his family. PLEASE EMAIL SQUAWKS IMMEDIATELY, DIRECTLY to John Mann at: [john.mann500@gmail.com](mailto:john.mann500@gmail.com). While on your phone, you can also COMPLETE YOUR JOT FORM. **Carrie Commerford**, our accountant, will be grateful, the planes will be ready for the next week, and our IA will be as happy as he ever gets!

**Our commercial flights have been paused due to a shortage of available commercial pilots. If you're qualified (or close) and interested, this would be a terrific way to contribute to the club. Our commercial flying offsets considerable club expenses and raises awareness of our sport.**

The Strategic Planning Committee has begun meeting, kicking around a broad assortment of ideas. It's your club. Let leaders know what you want prioritized, share your hopes and wishes for BFSS with us via the Forum or email, contact a board member, or email **Lee Kuhlke** directly at [leekuhlke63@gmail.com](mailto:leekuhlke63@gmail.com). Don't assume that a single conversation with one person will make your point. Talk to several club leaders. Members willing to speak up are listened to, but silence is assent. Leadership can't see everything and can't fix what we don't know about. There are always proposals, big and little, being evaluated. The focus of the club and our resources shifts slightly with each decision. Your input matters. Use your voice!

Winter weather still allows for training flights. It's a terrific time to add a rating, pursue a WINGS phase, or just work on planes, trailers, and the clubhouse. Stay engaged and start planning. Next season isn't far away.

Lift & blessings!

Becky



*Mike and Becky Kinder on their first flight together after Mike became the third Private Pilot in the family. Photo by Stan Bissell*

## CALENDAR

### Board of Directors Meetings

**November 8, 2022 6:30 – 9:00**

Via Zoom

**December 13, 2022 6:30 – 9:00**

Via Zoom

### Glider Pilots Ground School (Pvt, Comm, CFIG)

**Hosted by Dave Seymour (303-908-3147)**

**Saturday, November 19, 8:00 AM**

Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport

### SSA Convention

**February 24 – 26, 2023**

Atlantis Hotel, Reno, NV

**(Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic**

**February 22 – 23, 2023)**

### Downhill Dash

**Summer, 2023**

### BFSS Saturday Potluck Barbeque (after flying)

Will begin again in the spring

## FLEET UPDATE

**ASK-21 (77)** – Nothing to report

**2-33 (840)** – Tailwheel replaced

**Blanik L-23 (9BA)** – Repairs continue

**Blanik L-13AC (2BA)** – Nothing to report

**PW-5 (1GM)** – Nothing to report  
**ASW-19 (Z3)** – Nothing to report  
**Pawnee (76S)** – Right brake pads replaced  
**Pawnee (41Y)** – Rebuild continues

**Any maintenance issues should be reported directly to the Maintenance Officer, [John Mann](#), via email. Please include as much detail as possible, and pictures where appropriate.**

**OPS SHEETS**

**Don't Forget:** After you have finished flying, be sure to submit your flight information within 24 hours to [Carrie Commerford](#) via the Jotform app. After you submit your flight, if you do not receive a confirmation email, follow up with Carrie to confirm her receipt of the information. **Remember, submitting flight information is your responsibility!** Not only does it help keep the club finances in order, but this is how we track flight time for each club aircraft.

## OPS DUTY CALENDAR

Here is the Ops Duty schedule for November and early December. *[Note: If you have swapped duty dates with someone, please send a note to the editor so we can publish more accurate information. –Ed.]*

Hitz, Ethan	11/05/2022
LaFollette, Kev/Silberer, Amalia	11/06/2022
Kinder, Mike	11/12/2022
Kuhlke, Lee/Boerrigter, Berea	11/13/2022
Ings, Deb	11/19/2022
Leonard, David/Crabbe, David	11/20/2022
<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	11/26/2022
<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	11/27/2022
McClain, Kip	12/03/2022
Maki, Jeff	12/04/2022

## PLEASE REVIEW THE LAUNCH PROCEDURES BEFORE YOUR DUTY DAY!

Every flying member (except tow pilots and instructors on a regular teaching schedule) is on the schedule for line duty. If you are either a pre-solo student or have never performed this duty, Joshua will pair you with someone who has experience. Please check this list carefully to see when you're on duty and if you're working with someone. **Reach out to Joshua if you feel you need to be paired with someone for more training. Be sure to go to the calendar page on the website and put yourself down in the Line Volunteer column for the day you're assigned.**

Remember, if you can't make your duty assignment, you must find a replacement. Once that is done, contact [Joshua Abbe](#) and let him know so he is aware of the change. Include [Mark Palmer](#) so he can get it in *Airworthy!*

If you see **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** listed on the schedule, this indicates that no one is scheduled for that day and that volunteers are appreciated. Please contact Joshua if you are available.

## THE FLIGHT'S NOT OVER UNTIL THE AIRCRAFT IS SECURED AND THE JOTFORM SUBMITTED!

**FRIENDLY REMINDER**

The fall dry season is here. Please, **DO NOT** drive the golf carts on the grass. Driving on the dry grass can result in deep ruts and a lot of headaches for the club and airpark users. Also, please be careful and avoid driving on the runway shoulders while the new grass is taking hold.



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Wojtek Tomanek** – First solo and A Badge!



*Wojtek celebrates his first solo with his instructor Jon Stark and his dad, Ziggy.*

**Tim Krantz** – First solo and A Badge!



*Tim Krantz is congratulated by instructor Stan Bissell on his first solo.*

**Dave Morgan** – A and B Badges, Wing Runner Badge, Blanik front and back seat checks, WINGS phase completed. Whew!

**Becky Kinder** – L-13AC back seat check

**Bill Gerblick** – 3500 tows! **Amalia** and **Alice** were on the glider end of that noteworthy flight.

**Mike Kinder** – PW-5 checkout

**Stan Bissell** and **Raul Boerner** – Flight reviews via WINGS

**Berea Borregiter** – Solo with BFSS (had previously soloed at High Flights) and A Badge!



*Berea is all smiles after soloing the Blanik at BFSS.*



*Brandon Kolk after his first landing as a CFIG with student Mike Franzmann  
Photo by Stan Bissell*

## THANK YOU!

**Deb Ings, Jon Stark, Stan Bissell, Chris Dunmall, Dave Morgan, Mark Palmer, Alice Palmer, Lewie Lewis, Zsolt Silberer, John Gillis** – For extra GOD duty

**Dave Rolley** – For donating a Cambridge 302 vario for the PW-5

**Colin Mead** – For donating a Trig transponder for 840 (donations still being accepted to upgrade and install this unit)

**Jessica Morgan (Dave’s Number One)** – For printing and binding an L-13AC manual for use by the instructors

**John Gillis** – For donating a fire pit and a big screen TV and for continuing work on expanding our OGN network

**David Crabb, Alice Palmer, Mark Palmer, Dave Morgan, John Gillis, Mike Kinder, Becky Kinder, and many homeowners** – For KAP weeding (apologies if anyone was missed)



*Alice Palmer and Dave Morgan were part of the KAP weeding team on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**Mike and Becky Kinder** – For weed spraying

**Kathy Peterman** – For cleaning the bathrooms and the clubhouse

**Joshua Abbe** – For cleaning

**Julie Kinder** – For cleaning

**Doug Houston** – For taking trash and recycling

**Doug Curry, Bill Gerblich, John Gillis, Dave Rolley, Mike Kinder, Becky Kinder, Tim Krantz, Levi Krantz, and Brandon Kolk** – For hangar door work

**Frank DeBacker and Rich Barclay** – For consultations and preliminary work on new clubhouse windows

**Julie Kinder and Wojtek Tomanek**– For getting the PW-5 parachute packed and re-packed

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:  
STOP BEFORE THE DROP!**

During the landing roll, assure that the glider’s wing does not drop into the soft shoulders along the new runway. Offset your rollout to one side so you can drop the wingtip wheel or skid on the pavement. And, “Stop before the drop!”

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**



*Dave Morgan*

**Dave Morgan** was introduced last month but we didn’t have a picture. Dave just got checked out and recurrent and has already been volunteering with the club. We look forward to meeting his family as they come out to enjoy soaring with him.



*Mike Cho*

**Mike Cho** was welcomed last month, but we didn’t have a picture. Mike recently came out for his field checkout and will be starting to learn ground operations soon. He will begin his training a little later this year.



Steve "Lewie" Lewis

"Lewie" Lewis is a new member who lives in Salida. He is already a rated glider pilot but has been away from soaring for a time. Now he's back! Lewie is flying with Stan for his recurrency. Eventually he looks forward to flying the LS-3 that he purchased to enjoy in retirement.



Bob Messner

Bob Messner is new Associate Member. A former resident of Vermont, Bob has been a glider pilot for many years. He previously owned a Ventus. Bob is eager to go flying with anyone who needs to fill an empty seat!

### CREDIT CARDS by John Gillis

The club can take credit cards! We now have a Square.com account that allows us to take donations and pay club dues via a credit card. The transaction fee is 2.9% + .30 per transaction. The total amount donated or placed in your account will be reduced by this fee.

Go to:

<https://blackforestsoaringsociety.square.site/>

or if you see me at the club, I have a card reader for my phone to take it in person.

We currently have two donation drives going on, a transponder fund for the 2-33 and a porta-potty fund. All donations will be earmarked for their intended use on our monthly report.

### CONDOR RACING (AND OTHER PRACTICAL MATTERS)

by Alice Palmer

Wednesday nights are Condor nights! Condor races return Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, hosted by the crafty race master, Vitaliy Aksyonov. Time is 7 PM. Vitaliy will send out an announcement before each race.

I also want to report that some of our members are using Condor to advance their training progress with great success. If you have a relatively recent computer, for the price of a few tows you too can have a Condor setup at home. If you have wanted to fly on Condor racing nights or to practice your training maneuvers but aren't sure where to start, talk with Mark Palmer or Vitaliy who can help you get set up.



Jon Stark works with Kathy Peterman on the club simulator.

## HANGAR DOORS by Becky Kinder

In addition to keeping our planes in excellent shape, **Doug Curry** also knows our hangar doors as well as anyone. He and **Dave Rolley** have each recently taken time to evaluate them. **Bill Gerblick** frequently lends an effective hand in the process, as he so often quietly does throughout our operations.

Maintaining these doors is almost an art because they were designed by Martin Marietta engineers in the '70's [or earlier –Ed.] using old airplane parts, stone knives, and bear skins.

If anything happens to them, replacement would **each** cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Cobbling something new together might be possible, but would likely involve massive efforts, considerable expense, and serious down time not of our choosing.

Several of our members have taken an interest in learning more about them and assisting in their maintenance. Thanks to **Tim** and **Levi Krantz** and **Mike Kinder** for stepping up, and to each of you who participate in their care!

## DONATION FUNDS

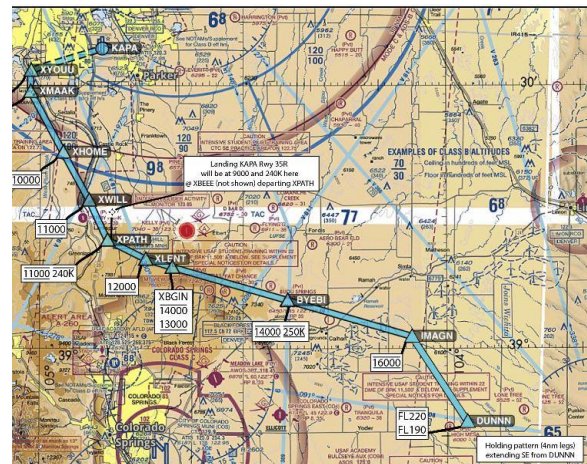
We have two new donation funds active in the club. One fund is for the purchase, upgrade, and installation of a transponder in 840. We have been very fortunate to have been gifted a used Trig TT21 transponder by **Colin Mead**. Thank you Colin! We'll use donation funds to have it sent to Trig to be updated to TT22 standards (more power and compatible with ADS-B).

The second is a project for a movable port-a-potty that can be stationed at the launch end of the runway. This is one of **Bill Gerblick's** pet projects.

You can donate to these funds directly through the new credit card portal. You can also choose to donate your unused A Rate funds to specific donation accounts.

## AIRSPACE UPDATE by Mark Palmer

At the end of September, I was contacted by two members of Denver TRACON. They wanted to discuss airspace issues near Kelly. They were being proactive and wanted to give us a heads up on an increase in traffic into Centennial Airport (KAPA). Traffic into KAPA has increased 20% since pre-COVID levels. A large amount of that traffic is funneled in from the south and east through the DUNN arrival (see map below).



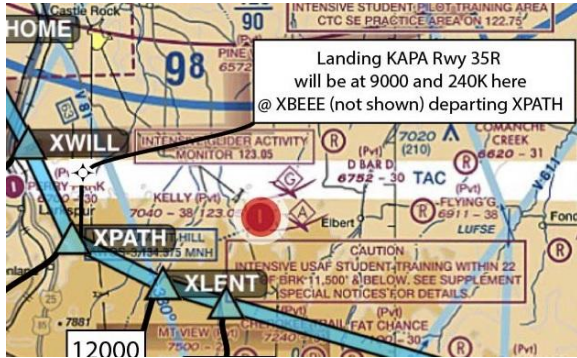
*DUNN arrival. Map courtesy of Stan Bissell*

As you can see, the DUNN arrival runs south of us, then to the west, then turns north for the final approach into KAPA. I told our friends at TRACON that as VFR pilots, flying day VFR, we needed visual landmarks as references. They got the message.

The diagram above is courtesy of **Stan Bissell**, who overlaid the approach on a VFR chart. Check not only the location, but also the altitudes for each reporting point. TRACON came back to me with latitude and longitudes for all the reporting points. If you would like those coordinates to put in your computers, let me know and I will forward them to you.

TRACON wanted to emphasize that they haven't had any issue with gliders to date and no one has reported any conflicts. They just wanted us to be aware that we'll see more traffic.

Note that the DUNN arrival course from IMAGN to XPATH is very close to the course line from Perry Park to Calhan for Proving Ground Tasks 2 and 3! Also note that the turn north, from XPATH to XBEE is between us and Perry Park.



Many thanks to **Tony Garafalo** and **Joe Wolters** at Denver TRACON for reaching out, and to Stan for the map.

### A BIT OF AIRBORNE AIRFIELD HUNTING BY STAN AND VITALIY (from the Citabria)



Circle 8. From the northeast looking southwest.  
Photo by Stan Bissell



Dietrichs. Taken from the north, looking south.  
Photo by Stan Bissell



Pine View. From the north, looking south.  
Photo by Stan Bissell



Note that all three fields are under the outer Class B shelf.



## SHIPS FOR SALE

Have a ship you want to sell? Looking for a partnership? We can list it in *Airworthy*.

**FOR SALE:** 1/3 share in ASW-26E motorglider D2D. Based at KAP. If interested, contact [Gerald Peaslee](#).



*At long last, Jon Stark gets ready to fly his Bell 47. Helicopter mechanic Paul McKenzie is balancing one of the blades.*

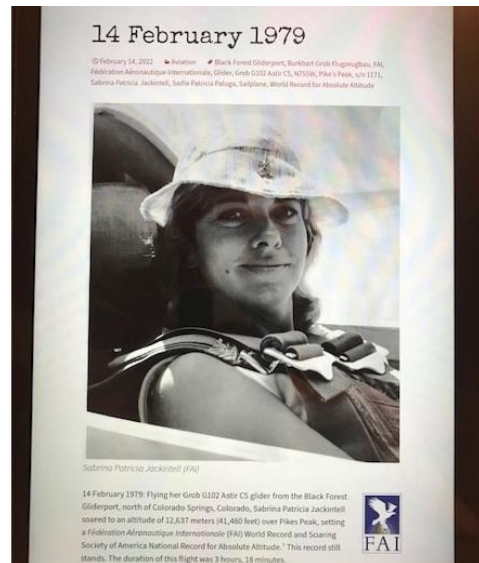
## PHOTOS



*Apparently in Poland there is another method of celebrating your first solo. Dad Ziggy celebrates with son Wojtek. (And several observers also enjoyed seeing this new tradition!)*



*Think you have a hard time rigging? Doug Curry and Paul McKenzie prepare to install the rotor blades on Jon Stark's Bell 47. Photo by Jon Stark*



*Raul Boerner came across this picture of Sabrina Jackintell and asked if we knew her. Indeed, we did know Sib, who still holds the women's world altitude record of 41,460 feet in the Pikes Peak wave.*



*Instructor Stan Bissell celebrates with Berea after her first BFSS solo.*