



Fleet Update

After another marathon discussion at their quarterly meeting on July 2, the SVS Board voted unanimously to put the Super Blanik up for sale. None of the Board members could guess how long it may take for a sale—it could take several months. They established an asking price of \$35,000 including its trailer. **Alec Bateman** is handling the inquiries and listing on *Wings and Wheels*.

Piggy-backing on **Jim Garrison's** report at the April quarterly Board meeting, **Hal Loken** presented several financial options for buying a new ASK-21. **Jim** has been in touch with the US representative of the German manufacturer, Schleicher.

Schleicher is not very busy right now and there is a possibility we could have delivery of the ASK-21 by September or October! It usually takes a minimum of six months from order to delivery, so this seems to be a good time to place an order. Also, the value of the euro is as low as it has been in recent months, so this also makes it a financially advantageous time to make the order.

The Board will present its rationale and plan for purchase and answer questions at a special called meeting on Wednesday, July 14 at the Old Trail Golf Club in Crozet. The meeting will be hosted by the Social Committee.

This is an exciting time for SVS! Present members are all reaping the benefits of those early members who started the Club and made financial contributions to have the tow plane and gliders we all currently enjoy. The Board feels that now it is time to help our current and future members with an updated glider that will carry the Club forward for many more years.

Some Specs:

Length: 27 ft, 5 in—6 in shorter than the Super Blanik

Wingspan: 55 ft, 9 in—2.5 ft longer than the Blanik

Payload: almost 100 lbs > Blanik

Max Speed: 175 mph

Max Glide Ratio: single crew 33.5
Rate of Sink: 128 ft/min versus
161 ft/min in Blanik



An ASK-21, the kind being considered by SVS

Jim Garrison in rear seat
of ASK-21 at Caesar Creek

JIM GARRISON for DIRECTOR!

WE ALL HAVE AN IMPORTANT
DECISION TO MAKE AS
SSA and SVS MEMBERS

In a few days, we will receive an important letter from the SSA—a ballot to elect a new Regional Director. Please read AND RETURN your SSA ballot, and consider voting for our own **Jim Garrison!** **Jim** has been nominated to represent the combined Regions II and IV as Director for the next two years. The due date for returning the ballot is July 30, so be sure to get your ballot in the mail before then. **Jim** does have competition—*Diane Black-Nixon* from New York is also running for Director of the new combined regions. It is very important for everyone in SVS to send in their vote in a timely manner.

Ed: Many thanks to Jim Kellett, member of Skyline Soaring, who has so ably represented us for the last eight years. He did a splendid job of keeping us all informed of the SSA and regional happenings. He leaves big shoes to fill, and we know our Jim Garrison would do that well.

USELESS INFORMATION

"I see you at my 3 o'clock position."

"I'm at 3000 AGL."

"I'm taxiing to the hangar."

"I'm at the pattern entry point."

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK on
the radio so your transmissions
are truly informative.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

ROSTER CHANGES

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DELETE

Mr. & Mrs. Hunter C. Johnson

The next meeting of the
SVS Board of Directors
will be on

Friday, July 2, 2010
Tom Belt's Fontana Clubhouse
Charlottesville, VA

**ALL members are invited and
encouraged to attend all Board
meetings!**

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\$\$\$\$ Proposal

As previously reported, the Board had tabled a motion at its April meeting to establish a fee for late payment of dues. At its July 2 meeting, the Board voted **NOT** to establish a fee for late payment of dues at this time.



July 17 Festival of Flight

The SVS Board voted to once again participate in the *Festival of Flight* sponsored by the EAA. This year it will be held on Saturday, July 17 at Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport (SHD).

The Board voted to have a static display of at least one glider. **Ron Coffey** offered to display his PIK-20 and the Club will likely have the 1-26 on display. Circumstances will determine whether or not SVS will conduct any flight operations at SHD. Normal operations will go on at W13 on that day. Some members volunteered to talk with the public about soaring and pass out information from SVS and SSA.

Last year's *Festival of Flight* at New Market Airport was an overwhelming success by every measure. The EAA members gave over 100 Young Eagle rides to youngsters.

The EAA needs help to make operations run smoothly. If you plan to attend and would be willing to help the EAA activities, please let someone on the field know you are available. Let's all help give a good impression of General Aviation as SVS ambassadors!



CAP Program?

The Board asked **Jim Garrison** to contact the CAP powers-that-be to ascertain if they have any interest in pursuing a relationship with SVS to get youth into gliders. Such an association would be consistent with one of the purposes of SVS.

The SVS by-laws state that one purpose of Shenandoah Valley Soaring (SVS) is to:

"Engage in and promote the sport of glider flying and soaring in Virginia, including citizen and community education and preservation of the sport, art and science of soaring and provide a framework for sponsorship of events of interest to the aviation community and a mechanism for contact with, and cooperation between, other soaring organizations;"

from Shenandoah Valley Soaring, Inc., *By-Laws, Article II — Purpose*

Tie-Down Increase

Eagle's Nest Flight Service has increased the monthly tie-down fee for N7780S (Mail Truck). Effective July 1, the fee will increase from \$40 to \$50 per month—a 25% increase.

Pawnee Report

Walter Grooms and crew replaced a patch on the upper engine cowling that had been made years ago to cover a small crack. He used a heavier gauge aluminum to assure that the crack will not reappear.

Walter also complied with an Airworthiness Directive (AD) that involved an inspection of the horizontal stabilizer. All was found in good order.

Walter enlisted the help of **Hal Loken** to do some cosmetic "plastic surgery" work on the Pawnee wingtips. Wear and tear, sometimes called "hangar rash", plus age led **Hal** to remove the wingtips and do his fiberglass magic. He was so pleased with the results that he had the finish painting done by a professional automobile painter. They are beautiful!

Art Salatin of Eagle's Nest Flight Services addressed an engine roughness at certain RPMs that had been present for some time. He originally diagnosed the problem as carburetor, but found that a leaking gasket was the culprit. Replacing the gasket restored the engine to its usual smooth running operation.

Trailer Readiness

At the suggestion of **Tom Belt**, each of the members responsible for specific glider trailer maintenance was asked to inspect them for readiness for the road.

Tom noticed a low tire on one of the trailers.

Thanks for the reminder, **Tom!**

Maintenance Contract?

SVS offered to discuss a contract with Eagle's Nest to provide maintenance for all SVS aircraft. This would include routine maintenance, plus annual inspections, etc.

SVS proposed paying a monthly fee plus all parts and fluids. Eagle's Nest was not interested in pursuing the matter.

Data Logger Donated

The Cambridge 302A GPS data logger donated to the Club by **Hal Loken** is now in **Alec Bateman's** court. He will do what is necessary to house it in a container to make it portable and accessible to a power source.

The Cambridge 302A flight recorder combines a GPS receiver, barograph, and memory in a single instrument. Flight logs produced by the Cambridge conform to the secure flight recording requirements of the International Gliding Commission (IGC) of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) for SSA and FAI badge and competition badge flights. The logs are designed for review and analysis using PC based flight reconstruction software which displays aircraft position, altitude, airspeed, and flight path. When the instrument is ON, flight recording is fully automatic, it begins when the glider starts to move, and continues until at least two minutes after the aircraft stops moving. Pilots cannot erase flight logs.

Many thanks to **Hal** for his very generous and beneficial donation and to **Alec** for getting it ready to use.



Buick Report

The Buick is filling a needed role in providing additional ground tow duties as well as chaperone duty around the airport. It has reduced private vehicles on the airport.

The Buick radio is sporting a new external speaker box built by **Frank Hall**. The VHF radio has not been used for transmitting due to a lack of a proper antenna. One has been donated by **Hal Loken** but has not, yet, been installed.

SVS TOWS & Aircraft Use - 2010

2010	# days operating	Total Tows	Blanik N922SB	SGS 2-33 N7780S	SGS 2-33 N3619T	SGS 1-26 N7713S	Non-SVS operated	Sight Seeing glider rides
June	10	83	30	32	11	6	4	8

July 2010 Tow Pilot Schedule

Sat 0930 7/3/10	Sun 1100 7/4/10	Mon 1100 7/5/10	Sat 0930 7/10/10	Sun 1100 7/11/10	Sat 0930 7/17/10	Sun 1100 7/18/10	Sat 0930 7/24/10	Sun 1100 7/25/10	Sat 0930 7/31/10
Hal	Larry	Matt	Graham	Graham	Graham	Larry	Hal	Matt	Hal

Board Meeting Officer Reports

Vice President Report

Vice President, **Tom Belt**, reported he has had a lot of activity involving new members' enrollment in the SSA and payment of their dues.

He reported a change in our insurance coverage for tow pilots. The need to pay a fee for a new "named" tow pilot has been eliminated.

Tom has been representing SVS at Charlottesville's "Fridays After Five" events. We have had a few visits to SVS as a direct result of his efforts.

Secretary Report

Ben Johnson reported that SVS issued seven gift certificates and conducted forty sight-seeing rides in the second quarter producing an income of over \$3800. A portion of this income goes toward paying off our long-term debt.

Ben showed the board the latest copy of First Flight Certificates that are being sent to glider ride folks.

He also reported that updates for Member Notebooks have been delivered or sent to all members.

Treasurer Report

Hal Loken reported that there was one member whose dues were delinquent by more than three months. He reported that checks were sent to eight flight instructors for the fees collected for them the first and second quarters.

He also reported that the advanced payment for tows was very successful. \$5235 was paid in advance by twelve members and were given a total credit totaling \$523.50 (10% of the advanced payment).

President's Report

Graham Pitsenberger reported that he has been having dis-

cussions with two potential new tow pilots.

He also reported he is evaluating options for the newsletter. Some alternatives are reducing its frequency, printing in black, selling ads, getting sponsors, sending some by email, etc, etc.

Graham reported that the development and progress of the Virginia Glider Association has come to a crawl over the summer. The VGA is made up of the six Virginia glider clubs. At their organizational meeting, a coordinator was selected and he has just been overwhelmed with his career duties.

Other Board Reports

Social Committee

Jeanne Pitsenberger thanked **Hal & Sarah Loken** for hosting the June 5 social at their estate.

She reported that SVS will not be able to use the Fontana Clubhouse for a pool party this year. The committee is looking for an alternative event.

She suggested that the Club's tents need attention—perhaps a good cleaning or replacement.

Membership

Jeanne reported that SVS has ten new memberships in the second quarter while losing one membership. As of June 30, SVS has fifty-nine memberships with twenty-three students in various phases of training.

There were 115 instructional flights during the second quarter.

Instructors

Coordinator **Mike Moses** reported that all is going well. It is a challenge to keep up with all the new students. He is still trying to evaluate a "poor man's" angle of attack (AOA) system installed on the side of the gliders that may be useful for the learning process.

Cross Country & Badges

The board established a position on badges. The official SVS position is:

SVS members are "encouraged" to earn the SSA ABC and Bronze badges in preparation for cross-country soaring.

Weekday Operations?

At its meeting on Friday, July 2, the Board discussed how to better notify members about unscheduled weekday flying. **Jim Garrison** accepted the challenge of reducing the discussion and consensus to paper.

In the future, we will try get more notification and information to everyone for informal weekday operations.

Weekday operations are most commonly held to take advantage of good soaring days and we will continue with this policy as a goal.

However, from now on, we will try to get notices out more than a day in advance (with confirmations the night before) and let members know the expected weather and if an instructor will be available.

As an example ---
On Wednesday morning we might put out a notice that says....

Expected cold front passage on Wednesday night will produce good soaring on Thursday. Tow pilot and instructor will be available beginning at 11 AM Thursday. Predicted winds at W13 are 10-15 mph from the NW.

[Ed: Thanks to **Jim Garrison** for writing this protocol.]

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow."

Mary Anne Radmacher
American writer

Jim Garrison Competes in 18 Meter National Contest

Jim Garrison entered his ASG-29 in the 2010 18 Meter National Contest held at the Caesar Creek Soaring Club in Waynesville, Ohio. **Ben Johnson** went along to “crew” for **Jim** and provided the photos below. He did a great job keeping us all informed with daily email reports and photos from the contest.

Jim finished 16th overall (out of 27 contestants who made scores) after several “washout” days due to rainy and stormy weather. Out of ten contest days, only four could be counted because of the inclement weather. Congratulations, **Jim**!! You are a magnificent role model. And thanks to **Ben** for the wonderful reporting and photos.



Trailers lined up next to cornfield



Alpha Echo all put together



Tow plane on right drops rope as yellow tow plane takes off with glider



Jim & Wendy wait



In the cockpit and ready to go!



Alpha Echo takes off



And back for a landing



The grid for takeoff

HELP NEEDED!

The CFIs are still finding that the aircraft just cannot get themselves out of and back into the hangar. As the old saying goes, “Many hands make light work.” More hands and bodies are welcome to help with this necessary task.

Movers and Shakers Dozen Principles

1. It takes ten years to be an overnight success.
2. Don't let thinking, over-analyzing, future planning, or what-ifs, get in the way of taking action and doing something.
3. Commit to being of service first. In all your interactions, keep the mantra, “How can I help you?” firmly rooted in your mind.
4. Every job is a self portrait of the person who does it. Auto-graph your work with excellence.
5. Folks who never do any more than they get paid for, never get paid for any more than they do.
6. Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.
7. You cannot plow a field by turning it over in your mind.
8. Many an opportunity is lost because a man is out looking for four-leaf clovers.
9. Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.
10. The person who is waiting for something to turn up might start with his/her own shirtsleeves.
11. Nobody ever drowned in his own sweat.
12. The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is nothing boring about SVS! One would think that having only quarterly board meetings would be an indication that this Club is not very active. That just is not true! Our members who are responsible for maintenance and our various committees are functioning, or at least planning, all the time.

After many, many months and much research, discussion, and evaluation, the Board has decided to upgrade our fleet. Members can be proud of the diligence and dedication the fleet upgrade committee and the Board have committed to this task over the last several months. This decision was not easy. All nine Board members participated fully and came to unanimous decisions. Committing our Club to such a big change caused each to be thoroughly convinced that this is a wise decision for SVS's future. Not only did they examine the many facets of this decision, they each also pledged financial commitment.

It is encouraging to see the military invade SVS! We have new students from Fishburne Military Academy's summer program and two U.S. Marines from the Fredericksburg area. The latter have been accepted to flight school in Pensacola. SVS will be giving them a good aeronautical foundation.

The unprecedented oppressive heat of the last several weeks has been an inducement to members to climb into our gliders and seek cooler temperatures aloft! It is hard to believe that just four months ago we could not get the hangar doors open due to snow and ice!

Graham

The Newsletter photos (in fact, everything) look great on the internet

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COMING ATTRACTIONS!

TBA: End of Summer Social



Fleet Upgrade + Vote for New Director + Board Reports
