



The Air Sailing News

March 2020

The Air Sailing News is being relaunched as a monthly (hopefully!) newsletter for the Air Sailing community. Our webpage (www.airsailing.org) remains the go-to source for all information related to the gliderport, but we hope to highlight news and stories to be pushed out to you each month.

Send stories, photos, announcements, classified ads, whatever to: Ty White, tylerwhite52@gmail.com. Thanks!



News Notes

ASI Towplane(s) update - After many decades of Air Sailing and NSA each owning and operating a towplane at the gliderport, our two organizations have concluded that it makes more sense going forward to consolidate all towing at the gliderport under Air Sailing. To accomplish that, Air Sailing purchased Blue Tow from NSA on 20 February. Towing operations have already been fairly seamless, but now all Tow invoices to pilots for tows after Feb 20th behind either towplane will come from Terry Duncan via email.

NSA Annual Meeting – NSA will hold its annual meeting on April 26, just following the ASI Mandatory Safety Brief.

Return of the Silent Auction! – The Annual Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, September 26 at Pinocchio's Bar and Grill in Sparks. This year will see the return of the Silent Auction fundraiser, so start thinking about items or services to be donated for bids. We've already received a JJ Wing Tie-Down Kit, donated by Pat and JJ Sinclair. Contact Ty White – tylerwhite52@gmail.com

Tie-Down Project – John Scott is coordinating the effort to complete installation of trailer, glider and power plane tiedowns in March. David Volkmann will be leading the effort to pour concrete anchors on March 16/17, while John and volunteers will string cable March 30/31. We could use more volunteer help, so please contact John - jjs1533@comcast.net.



Air Sailing Spring 2020 Family Reunion

Our 48th, 49th or 50th Year !!!

Saturday April 25th, 9AM or thereabouts

ASI Mandatory Annual Safety Brief, 0900 the next day, Sunday morning the 26th.

If **you** miss it, the loss will be **for all of us**.

Please plan to come to experience the best attended event of the year, where we meet established and NEW members while working and enjoying that wonderful mid-day meal. Folks fly in from across the nation to experience the incredible comradeship and just be a part of this very successful endeavor. The place will be buzzin'.

No matter how you count it, this Family Reunion marks the count-down to our **50th year of OPERATION**. A remarkable achievement for volunteers, for which we can all be proud!

In 1970, then SSA Pres Bernald Smith and SSA Legal Council/NSA Founding member [the late] Chuck Glattley hiked the barren grounds of Warm Springs Valley setting survey markers for what would become – US. In 1971 ASI incorporated and 1972 we scraped out a runway and had our first flight.

Imagine, if you will, that none of us ever volunteered at our **World Class Gliderport**? Our beautiful home exists solely because YOU choose to make it so. We astound the business world BECAUSE we are so successful as a completely volunteer organization.

The simplest job is important with work appropriate for every age and ability. Volunteer and Project Rambler Cindy Donovan (a member of the Libelle Mafia) is evolving our “to do” lists, including our normal, annual "keep it going" efforts.

Please plan NOW, to come join us on this most comradely fun day, April 25th.

Remember, the World Class Lunch is **FREE!**

How could you say “NO”?

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Air Sailing Calendar - 2020

Dates	Event	Contacts
Mar 28	RV Park Open	David Volkmann <i>Drvolkmann@charter.net</i>
Apr 25	Spring Work Day & Reunion	Cindy Donovan <i>donovan_c@sbcglobal.net</i>
Apr 26	Annual Safety Brief (9:00 am)	John Scott <i>jjs1533@comcast.net</i> Gene Benson <i>gene.benson@gmail.com</i>
Apr26	NSA Annual Meeting (follows Safety Brief)	Marye Anne Read <i>maread4@gmail.com</i>
May 2	Neighborhood Open House	Terry Duncan <i>tduncan11@comcast.net</i>
Jun 1-5	26 th Annual Thermal Camp	Larry Suter <i>Ljsuter@gmail.com</i>
Jun 7-12	34 th Annual Cross Country Camp	David Prather <i>dwprather68@yahoo.com</i>
Jul 12-17	Sports Class Contest	Terry Duncan <i>tduncan11@comcast.net</i>
Sep 26	Fall Trustee Meeting	Terry Duncan <i>tduncan11@comcast.net</i>
Sep 26	Annual Banquet & Silent Auction	Ty White <i>Tylerwhite52@gmail.com</i>
Sep 27	Fall Work Day & Reunion	Cindy Donovan <i>donovan_c@sbcglobal.net</i>
Nov 1	RV Park Closes	David Volkmann <i>drvolkmann@charter.net</i>