

SSA Clubs and Chapters Committee Report February 2018

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Penn Smith provided valuable assistance to several clubs in gaining their 501(c)(3) determinations. He has now retired completely and will no longer provide this service as he no longer carries professional liability insurance. However, we have several chapters with key persons who've navigated this process, so advice and help is available for those considering this opportunity.

As chapters are found to be using non-members for bookkeeping services, the office is providing them with access to the SSA online roster to help them better match their local roster with the SSA roster. Even if a few members renew through another channel, they should be included as secondary members. Matching rosters makes it easier to catch inadvertent lapses.

We are finding that some chapters are not adding new members as SSA members in a timely manner. The SSA policy has been ten (10) working days from adding a member until the dues are received by the SSA office. I reached out to a club and a chapter that shared a number of members. One renewed as a chapter, the other individually, locally identifying members as associates from the chapter. Unfortunately, due to a treasurer change, the chapter was not adding new members to the SSA in a timely manner, so the club was flying/training non-SSA members. This is not consistent with the use of the SSA Group Hull & Liability Coverage, which was in effect for both the club and chapter. They have since corrected the deficiency. Another chapter is found to have notified the SSA of new members, been invoiced for prorated dues and has failed to pay. Thus these members are not SSA members as the 10 working day grace period has passed. The chapter has been notified of this deficiency.

As a result of Cypress Soaring's involvement with AMA EXPO WEST in January, Walt Rogers decided to accept nomination for SSA State Governor for California, Region 12. He is enthused. AMA EXPO WEST is moving to the Pomona Fairplex in November 2018, a few miles west of the the long time Ontario venue. There is talk of a winch demo at the adjacent airport and glider flying demos. AMA is excited as it will allow outdoor flying, including large scale R/C.

Philadelphia Glider Council has taken the lead at having the SSA and soaring represented at AMA EXPO EAST at the Meadowlands in Secaucus, NJ, Feb 24-26. SSA has supplied FAST packages for drawings and handouts. PGC will have a display glider and possibly a simulator.

The Clubs and Chapters Committee will encourage clubs to seek local venues to present gliding and soaring opportunities to youth and the public.