

SSA Director, Region 9, February 2018

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#### Arizona

Randy Acree accepted nomination for additional term as SSA State Governor. Missing SSA Convention due to first wedding anniversary. Arizona Soaring Association is setting up their summer competition schedule.

#### Colorado

Black Forest Soaring Society had a SWOT analysis visit from Jim Callaway and Ken Sorenson with Frank Whiteley tagging along. Since becoming a 501(c)(3) the chapter appears to have made substantial changes and a 180 in their financial position. The Airport Owners Association contributed to upgrading the facility and the meeting room is used to AOA meetings as well as chapter functions. They have a good group of instructors, numbering at least eight at the moment. Their newsletter is being published again regularly. They purchased a new O-540 for their Pawnee which has been installed and had the break-in hours flown (January). They hope to grow. To do so, they will need to reach out into the communities of south Denver, Castle Rock, and Colorado Springs. Some of the instructors are making use of the Mach0.1 Condor Soaring simulator with students. Charge is \$8/hour, which seems sensible.

Colorado Soaring Association. Engine top end and recovering fuselage of Pawnee are much closer to the end, but project has taken much longer than hoped. Still working 501(c)(3) project. Working through south field boundary and easement issues.

High Flights Soaring Club Membership and activity down a bit last year. No camp planned for 2018. Providing tows for CAP with L-23 based there. Chapter has added low time L-23 that was privately owned.

Mile High Gliding Under new management. May lead to new ownership.

Soaring Society of Boulder. New web site. Plans for camp will be made at annual meeting in March. Dalhart, TX, is common venue. Boulder Airport Day will also be a venue.

There are some efforts to bring together some operations at Rifle and/or Montrose, especially for youth programs. Early days.

#### New Mexico

NM Governor Colleen Koenig has plans for some online challenges/contest to draw and share information about the US Southwest Soaring Museum. She also organized a FIRC which was held at the museum in January. Said there was both disbelief and disappointment that Turkey was chosen over Albuquerque for the 2020 World Air Games.

Mike Abernathy, Renny Rozzoni, and Matt Puccetti have been researching and experimenting with Open Glider Network. Early days with interesting results. Mike has also been looking

## Utah

Dan Thirkill has volunteered for another term as governor. Winter soaring seminars are currently running. Utah Soaring Association did a number of winch launches for a large EAA chapter. They were supposed to send information to SSA for follow-up. Need to follow-up with them on this.

## Wyoming

Winch project in Cheyenne.