

SPRING 2018 REGION 7 REPORT

-Not much has changed since the Fall Report due to the onset of winter here in the upper Midwest.

-Sky Soaring had the winch engine rebuilt and is reinstalling it. It should be operational when the season begins in early April.

-AirVenture- We will be located in the same spot as the last two years (Lots 377&378) just south of the main ramp. Display gliders will be Chris Esselstyn's jet powered self launch HP-18J and Scott Manley's electric self launch Silent Electro 2. EAA has asked us to demonstrate an aerotow, auto tow, and winch launch during the show. I am working on securing the necessary equipment and manpower to make this happen.

-The ChicagoLand Glider Council is holding monthly meetings during the winter months to keep interest up while the snow flies. I have been asked to be the guest speaker for this month. The topic will be "Being a Regional Contest Director".

-The Minnesota Association of Soaring Clubs will hold their annual banquet in St Paul on March 24th. They have asked me to give a quick update on the SSA.

-That is about it until we start flying again in a few weeks.

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