



## **Flight Scheduling**

In much of Minnesota, the soaring season begins in April and continues until the snow flies in November. Most of the soaring activity occurs on weekends when flights are limited to one hour so that others may fly. Members sometimes fly on weekdays so that they can make longer flights and/or cross country flights.

During the soaring season, the club conducts an operation each Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting) including an excellent flight-training program most weekend mornings. There is no charge for the instruction, other than the normal flight charges.

The daily flight schedule is determined by a simple sign-up procedure. As each member arrives at the field he places his/her name on a list. After the conclusion of the scheduled training for the day, regular soaring operations start. At that time, whenever a sailplane is available, the member at the top of the list may elect to fly or to pass and retain the top spot for another sailplane.

## **Other Events**

The club conducts monthly meetings to discuss club business, to entertain, and to educate the membership. Members organize trips with club and private gliders to other airports, such as Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, and more distant locations such as the Wasatch Mountains in Utah. Airport picnics and an annual banquet are also enjoyed by members and guests. Club members also participate in special soaring events such as 1997 15-Meter Nationals, the 2007 Open and 18m Nationals, and the 2007 Region 7 Sports Class Contest, all in nearby Albert Lea, Minnesota.

## **Membership Categories**

Three membership categories are offered. Dues and equity share values are listed below for each category of membership. The annual dues are divided into two equal installments, billed in February and June. MSC is a Charter Club of the Soaring Society of America, MSC dues cover membership in the SSA, and all members receive a monthly copy of SSA's "Soaring" magazine.

## **Equity Shares**

Club members share ownership of the club assets and may vote on club decisions in proportion to their share percentage (Full, 2/3 or 1/3).

## **Membership Types**

### **Active Member**

**Full Share:** \$2,100  
Annual Dues: \$300  
Refund: 75% of current full share  
Flight Privileges: Full  
May sponsor family member

**2/3 Share:** \$1,400  
Annual Dues: \$456  
Refund: 62.5% of current 2/3 share (after 2 yrs.)  
Flight Privileges: Full

**1/3 Share:** \$700  
Annual Dues: \$612  
Refund: 25% of current 1/3 share (after 3 yrs.)  
Flight Privileges: Full

### **Family Member**

Sponsored by Full Share member  
Spouse and/or children under age 23  
Membership Fee: \$100/family member  
Annual Dues: \$60/family member  
Refund: None  
Flight Privileges: Only one member of the family may be on the flight list at a time.

## **Location**

The Minnesota Soaring Club is located 35 miles south of downtown St. Paul at Stanton Airfield in Stanton, MN. Stanton is on Highway 19, midway between Northfield and Cannon Falls. From the Twin Cities, travel south on Highway 52 toward Rochester. At Hampton, follow Highway 56 south to Highway 19. The airport is on Highway 19, immediately west of Highway 56.

## **Flight Charges**

Each flight incurs a tow charge, based on altitude, and a sailplane flight charge, based on the flight duration. A flight record is kept of each day's flights and the treasurer sends out billings every other month.

### **Tow Charges**

\$16 + \$0.45/100 feet of altitude  
(2,000 feet = \$25.00, 3,000 feet = \$29.50)

### **Flight Charges**

SZD-51-1 (Junior) = \$0.40/minute (\$24/hr.)  
SZD-50-3 (Owl) = \$0.30/minute (\$18/hr.)  
ASK-21 = \$0.30/minute (\$18/hr.)  
K-7 = \$0.20/minute (\$12/hr.)  
K-8b = \$0.15/minute (\$9/hr.)

## **For More Information**

For more information about the club or soaring, check out the web sites listed below. The MSC site includes a calendar of upcoming events, recent accomplishments by local soaring pilots, the MSC Handbook (for club procedures and rules), and some fantastic photos of club-owned and privately-owned sailplanes at Stanton.

<http://www.soarmn.com/msc/>

<http://www.ssa.org>

If you cannot find the information you want on the web site, please contact:

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