

**Minnesota Soaring Club**  
**3239 Winding Creek Road**  
**La Crescent, MN 55947**  
February 26, 2001

Dear Member;

The FAA has proposed expanding the Class B airspace at the MSP airport. Public meetings on January 9 and 13 provided opportunities for the FAA to explain the issues of concern and the proposed expansion. The meetings were well attended. Attendance included many Minnesota Soaring Club and Redwing Soaring Association members and other friends of soaring; some of them presented comments.

**The Minnesota Soaring Club, Stanton Airport, and our friends at Bensons Airport will be seriously affected if the Class B expands to a 30 nm radius with a floor at 4,000' MSL from 13 nm to 30 nm.**

Pilots wishing for the FAA to modify or withdraw the proposal must submit written comments as specified by the FAA no later than March 13.

The Minnesota Soaring Club urges you to do the following:

1. Follow the issues on the web site if you can:  
[http://www.soarmn.com/class\\_b\\_expansion.htm](http://www.soarmn.com/class_b_expansion.htm)
2. Sign and mail the enclosed comment or your personal variation of it to arrive not later than March 13, 2001.
3. Encourage others to monitor and comment on this issue.

The Club will send its response, of course, and will include information regarding the number of people represented. Nevertheless, it is important that you and others send your independent responses. We are advised that the number of letters received will count.

If you choose to write your own response, feel free to use any part of the club's response. Make your comments constructive, respectful, logical, and non-emotional. Summarize on one page, if possible, and support the summary with full explanations. Avoid writing anything that our friends, including those involved in aviation activities other than soaring, may find objectionable, in order that we can work with them in a User's Group Committee to find mutually acceptable solutions.

We are confident that the FAA will modify its proposal, based on friendly conversations with local FAA personnel and inputs from knowledgeable people at SSA and AOPA. We are fairly confident the FAA will form a User's Group that will include our representative. We doubt the FAA will withdraw the proposal completely.

Please send a letter to the FAA!

Regards,

Red Haines  
President