

Sailplane Workshop 2009 AMA Class C Sanction #09-0218

The Orange County Silent Flyers of Pine Island, NY AMA Club #2481, will host a one day "Sailplane Workshop" on Saturday, October 10, 2009. Our flying site is located in Orange County, NY and is a huge "World Class" sod farm.

The workshop will be limited to 35 AMA licensed pilots. Registration is on a "First Come, First Serve" basis. Our club must respect the wishes of the land owner as to the number of people walking on the sod. Therefore only registered pilots may attend. No spectators will be allowed on the field. Registered pilots may "not" bring a guest with them to the field. We do not want to lose our privilege of flying at this location.

We are encouraging anyone who wishes to take their pilot skills to the next level to attend. Experienced pilots will be available to work with novice pilots in all aspects of soaring flight. Experienced pilots will have the opportunity to fly and chat with a "National Champion and F3B USA Team Member" and an expert ESL (Eastern Soaring League) pilot.

The landing fee is \$20.00, non refundable. There will be one pilot per frequency excluding 2.4 GHz. to avoid frequency conflicts. The total number of pilots can not exceed 35. The fee would include donuts, coffee and lunch at the field. The event would run from 8am to 4pm. Pilots may continue flying at the field after 4pm.

Presenters:

Mike Lachowski (ML) of NJ, 2008 NATS Soaring winner in RES and Unlimited Sailplane, ESL Expert Pilot and member of the 2009 USA F3B team.

Steve Lucke (SL) – Expert ESL Pilot and a member of the North Jersey Soaring Society

Workshop Topics:

- CG (Center of Gravity) – what it means and how it affects flight – ML
- Reading the Air – Where to find the thermals – SL
- Thermaling Techniques and Search Patterns – SL
- F3B and F3J – introduction - ML
- Winch, Zoom and Hi Start Techniques – for Novice Pilots, "Woodies" and RES – ML & SL
- Winch and Zoom Techniques for Unlimited planes – ML & SL
- Landing Techniques – RES and Unlimited – ML & SL

- RES and ‘Woodie’ plane setups – ML
- Unlimited Plane setups – ML and SL
- LSF “Soaring Accomplishments Program” – BC (Aspirant forms will be available at the field).

The workshop format includes a 20 minute seminar with a 10 minute period for Q & A.

It is possible that certain seminars would be conducted simultaneously.

All of the presenters will conduct demo flights and describe what they are doing in real time.

After the seminars the field would be open for flying. Each pilot must team up with another pilot and time/spot for him and flights will be limited to 5 – 10 minutes at the discretion of the Contest Director. 2 - 25 foot diameter “Landing Zones” will be provided.

Workshop presentations and demo flights will be conducted in the morning. The flight line will be open to all pilots following lunch.

Three winches and retrievers will be available at the field as well as hi starts.

Pilots are encouraged to bring an EZ-UP (if you have one), chair, bottled water and all your “flying stuff.” If you look on “Google Earth” and put in “Transport Lane” Pine Island, NY (37 25’ 19.1”N 122 05’ 06”W) you will get a feel for the size of the field. The field is approximately 65 miles west of New York City.

The following motels are within 15 minutes driving time of the field:

Comfort Inn
2247 Greenville Tpke. and SR 23
Port Jervis, NY 12771
845-856-6611

High Point Country Inn
1328 State Route 23 North
Wantage, NJ 07461
973-702-1860

For registration information, please go our web site, www.orangecountysilentflyers.org or contact me. Registration is open at this time.

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