

# ***SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DOUGLAS SOARING ASSOCIATION, INC***



## Club Information as of February 2006

The Southern California Douglas Soaring Association, Inc. is a merger between The Douglas Soaring Club (DSC) which was founded in 1952 by and for employees of the Douglas Aircraft Company, and the Southern California Soaring Association, Inc., which was founded in 1935 to provide facilities and organization for the promotion of soaring for members in the Southern California area. It is a non-profit corporation and a chapter of the Soaring Society of America, Inc and is located at California City airport.

### **Dues Structure:**

Regular dues for all active full members are presently \$60 per month, currently scheduled to increase the lesser of the CPI or 5 % per year in October of each year. An initial one-time basic initiation fee of \$300 is charged, which covers unlimited use of all the aircraft. Limited active memberships are available for a reduced initiation fee of \$150 and reduced dues of \$30 per month; limited members are restricted to flying L-13 Blanik. In addition to dues and initiation fees, all active members are required to be SSA members. Funds from dues provide for insurance, tie-down, rent and normal maintenance and replacement of support equipment.

### **Other Costs:**

Flight instruction time, for student members and for check flights, is provided by club instructors or authorized designees, typically at a rate of \$40 or less per hour paid directly to the flight instructor. Club flight instructors may choose to have their monthly dues waived for any month in which they have provided a specified minimum amount of flight instruction to other club members at no cost to those members. Club flight instruction can also be obtained from Caracole Soaring instructors for a fee (typically \$40/hour) payable to the instructor. There is no charge for club aircraft time. To be eligible to fly club aircraft, every 6 months members must pass a check-flight administered by a club flight instructor or authorized designee. All members must be signed off by a club flight instructor before acting as PIC in each new aircraft type. Club flight instructors typically do not charge for these types of checks. Club instructor availability varies, and prospective members should check with club instructors for their schedules.

All aircraft are fully insured with (currently) a \$350 deductible. In the event of an insurance claim, the member acting as PIC is typically responsible for paying the deductible. All aircraft have full liability insurance. The member is also responsible for all tow plane costs; tows usually being obtained from the field FBO, Caracole Soaring. Typical tow rates are: 1500ft = \$35, 2000ft = \$43, 2500ft = \$50, 3000ft = \$58, \$16 per 1000ft after 3000ft.

Aircraft may be booked for cross country (all day) flights by members certified for cross-country by giving suitable notice and paying a nominal fee per day.

### **Club Equipment:**

The club currently owns four aircraft and trailers:

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| 1) N99965 - L-13 Blanik; 2-place, 28:1         | 2) N786G Grob 103 Twin II Acro, 2-place, 37:1 |
| 3) N617J - Schempp-Hirth Discus; 1-place, 42:1 | 4) N69BG Grob 102 Standard III; 1-place; 33:1 |

Most aircraft have radios and full oxygen systems. The club also maintains 6 parachutes, oxygen masks, and 2 barographs for badge flights. All club aircraft are normally based at the California City airport (10 mi. north of Mojave on I-14). Caracole Soaring ((760) 373-1019) is the FBO on the field.

### **Additional Items:**

Two-place club aircraft are booked ahead of time in two hour blocks through Caracole Soaring; members who book ahead have precedence over members who do not, otherwise, club aircraft are typically taken on a first come first served basis. Unless you are qualified and signed off for cross-country flying and have booked the aircraft for an extended cross-country flight, a 2 hour maximum flight time should be observed if other members are waiting for the aircraft. Club meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at Cal City airport. Members are expected to keep the ships clean, help with work projects such as preparation for annuals, and participate in special work parties when needed.

For more information, see our website: <http://www.netmeister.net/~scdsa/> or contact: Larry Jolly (Club President) @ 714 675-7878 (LJolly@aol.com) or Rob Kaptein (Secretary) @ 310 478-6265 ([robka8@cs.com](mailto:robka8@cs.com))

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Membership categories available as of 8/2005

Category:	Full	Limited	Owner
One time Initiation fee	\$300	\$150	\$150
Dues as of 2/2005	\$55	\$30	\$30
Max hours per month	No restrictions	No restrictions	8
Max Accumulated hours	No restrictions	No restrictions	12
PIC in which Aircraft	All	Blanik	Blanik and Grob103
Attend Club Functions	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vote	Yes	Yes	No
Hold office	Yes	Yes	No
Upgrade to Full member	N/A	Pay difference	Pay difference
Downgrade from full member		1 per 12 months	1 per 12 months
SSA Membership	Required	Required	Required
Age	No restrictions	No restrictions	No restrictions
Club rules and Bylaws	Comply with	Comply with	Comply with
Other restrictions	None	Blanik only	Must own licensed & airworthy glider.