

**Minutes of the Soaring Safety Foundation  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 24, 2017 at Houston, TX**

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Draft 2. (Minutes taken by Burt Compton over telephone.)

Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM CST in the DoubleTree Hotel, IAH South

Trustees Attending: Rich Carlson,

On speaker phone: Ron Ridenour, Burt Compton, Tom Johnson

Trustees Absent: Stephen Dee

Advisors Attending: Bernald Smith, Pat Costello

**Agenda.** Minutes from Dallas meeting, SEP 2016  
RR motion to approve minutes. TJ second. Passed.

**Trustee Reports:**

Richard Carlson, Chairman's Report.

Blue Book Report submitted to the SSA Board.

SOARING Magazine Training and Safety Articles. Continuing.

Monthly SSF Articles: Voluntary ADS-B compliance in gliders.

Low Energy Landings (European preferred touchdown.)

Separate article in SOARING on ADS-B compliance. TJ draft, copy to Bernald Smith.

Government Liaison articles in SOARING (Steve Northcraft.)

Transition Pilot adding Glider category (Flight Review rule) seeking update from FAA.

OSTIV Track topics at 2018 SSA Convention at Reno, coordinate with Mark Maughmer.

Ron Ridenour, Treasurer's Report & Budget.

Attached. RR submitted reports to Trustees on Feb 23, 2017.

EGU Dues for 2016 and 2017 paid by SSA or SSF?

(RR to confirm with Kathey Pope.)

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**Trustee Reports (continued):**

Burt Compton.

Videos (Maneuvers from the Commercial Glider PTS): Ongoing.  
Pattern and Landings video will be completed soon.

Promotion: "Stop Crashing" letters and envelopes with new SSF logo sent to Pat Costello for mailing in February 2017 to promote SSF programs (FIRC's, Seminars, Site Surveys and the training and safety content on the SSF website.)

Minutes of the SSF Trustees Meetings (2016). Send to Rich Carlson to forward to Brent Eigsti, the SSF website manager.

SOARING article was published in 2016 by BC and Pat Costello.  
"Roll Out and Taxi Accidents."

Steve Dee. No report. Currently based in Germany.

Tom Johnson. Advertisements for SSF Programs in SOARING getting positive feedback.  
Four SSF Safety Seminars in 2017.  
Mailing cards to regional CFIG's promoting FIRC's and Seminars.

**Old Business:**

2017 Budget Approval. BC moved, TJ second. Passed.

Winch Operator Guide - Rich Carlson managing.  
To be reviewed by Don Ingraham and Dave Bullock of the BGA.

2018 SSA Convention Planning.

SSF Display Booth at the SSA Convention at Reno, NV in FEB 27 – MAR 3, 2018.  
BC to manage the Wednesday evening Training and Safety Seminar at the Convention.  
For that SSF seminar we will use in the in-house AV to supply the powerpoint projector and sound system, in order to assure quality powerpoint / video projection and sound.  
(BC requested that this extra expense be budgeted and the SSF Trustees approved at Greenville meeting FEB 2016.)

Program Planning, Flight Instructor Refresher Course - Richard Carlson

5 FIRC's scheduled in 2017.  
(Chicago, IL, Houston, TX, Anchorage, AK, Elmira, NY, Tidewater, VA.)  
Renewal Process.  
RC reports that the FAA TCO to be renewed at least 120 days prior to FEB 2018.

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**Old Business (continued):**

Program Planning, Site Surveys - Burt Compton managing.  
Three in 2016. Two to be confirmed in 2017.

Program Planning, Seminars – Tom Johnson managing.

Advertising Results. See Tom Johnson report.

Stop Crashing Letters. To continue. See Compton report.

SSA Member Survey regarding SSF products and website, as an advertisement mailed to all SSA Members. Pat Costello explained regarding the objective.

Denise Layton advised that USPS mailing to 10,000 members cost about \$3,500.

This survey will also be placed on the SSA and SSF websites.

BC makes motion for Pat Costello to begin this survey, RR second. Passed.

SSF Chair Rich Carlson and Ron Ridenour participated in FAA Webinars in 2016 with Steve Brown of the Boston FAA FSDO.

SSF website: [www.soaringsafety.org](http://www.soaringsafety.org)

Brent Eigsti does day to day updates to the website (articles, minutes.)

**New Business:**

OSTIV Meeting in Cologne, Germany in October 2017.

Spiral Dive recommendations from 2016 OSTIV meeting (Bernald Smith.)

BS recommends that the SSF make the SSA members aware.

If SSF agrees w/Waibel that it's a serious matter, which Rich can further confirm/deny after Europe meeting w/TSP-SDP upcoming this fall, that SSF takes it on to cover the issue in a manner as it deems appropriate, not the least of which is via instructors. The matter hasn't been addressed properly worldwide.

**Next SSF Trustees Meeting:**

In Dallas, Friday, September 8, 2017

in conjunction with the SSA Board meeting on Saturday, September 9.

Venue to be announced.

**Adjourn:** RR moved. TJ second. Meeting ended at 8:14 PM.

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**SSF Financial Reports:**