

# The USUA Insider



## Member News and Information Fall/Winter 2002

### USUA LOWERS MEMBER DUES!

Because of recent increases in magazine subscription prices, USUA was forced to pass along these increases to members. To help equalize the burden, in an unprecedented move, USUA Board Of Directors voted to lower member dues from \$30 to \$25 yearly. USUA vows to do everything in it's power to keep dues fixed at this \$25 rate. A selection of magazines have also been added (at substantial discounts) for the members to choose from, or to opt to not receive any at all.

***The following is an excerpt from Directors Memo in the December 2002 Ultralight Flying! magazine issue written by USUA President Scott Severen describing this action—***

The theme for the Board meeting was "Times - they are a changing" or "Have it your way" or "You speak, we listen." I'm not sure which one best fit, but together, they paint a big picture. It was clear to me that this board has a priority to be more responsive to our members. Some things are new, although most of the discussions concerned reconnecting and revitalizing what we know and what we do.

The impact of some decisions takes place immediately like lowering USUA annual membership dues \$5.00. In the past, USUA

has responded to cost of living increases, higher operating, acquisition, publishing and mailing costs by absorbing and, finally, passing some of the costs on to our members. Earlier this year, USUA established annual USUA membership dues at \$30.00.

Well, times are changing. The economy is tough. Even by offering outstanding savings on multiple magazines (which will continue to be provided with USUA membership), signature item discounts and money-saving incentives in several programs, some of you said the cost of membership was too high. Therefore, the USUA board approved a 17% reduction in annual membership dues to \$25.00.

However, the Association continues to need your help. We are taking a gamble that we are providing enough value for things that are important to you and that by lowering the cost to participate, that you will renew and bring at least one new member with you. It is a numbers thing. Lower dues mean we need more members to provide the same amount of income for services and educational materials. I am hoping you will continue your support to USUA and help us grow. Please visit [www.usua.org](http://www.usua.org) or call USUA at 301-695-9100 and renew!

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### MERCHANDISE DISCOUNTS- FOR MEMBERS ONLY!

USUA now offers 10% discount to you, our members, on all USUA signature items from our Flying Store. We believe that you deserve special recognition for your continued support of USUA.

Signature items include USUA apparel, USUA owned books and pamphlets- *and more.*

Just look for the SIGNATURE ITEM icon next to the item on the website, Or the

***USUA SIGNATURE ITEM***, on the USUA

Flying Store merchandise list, showing that the item qualifies for this discount.

If you order using a credit card, your charge will reflect the savings on these items. If you pay by check, you will receive a refund of the discounted amount. Pretty simple, huh?

USUA realizes that saving money is important to our members. It is to us too. That's why we are pleased to offer these discounts to you- the members of the United States Ultralight Association!

ORDER BEFORE DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR HOLIDAY DELIVERY!  
CALL 301-695-9100

## USUA Flying Store

*New Gift Items Just In Time For The Holidays!*

### Ultralight Pocket Knife



#### USUA SIGNATURE ITEM

Just the right size! All metal and 3 inches long. Features eight tools- knife blade, bottle opener/screw driver, can opener, cork screw, Phillips screw driver, file and scissors. With convenient ring attachment and USUA wings logo. A perfect stocking stuffer!

**\$8.95 + S&H (USUA Members pay 10% less on this item!)**

*\*CALL USUA FOR EXTRA SPECIAL CLUB & BFI DISCOUNTS ON THE ULTRALIGHT POCKET KNIFE!*

### USUA Wings



#### USUA SIGNATURE ITEM

Beautiful and stylish metal USUA wings are now available to show off one's pride in being a part of ultralighting. These 1 7/8 inch long gold and black emblems can be worn on hats, shirts, lapels or anywhere else one can secure the two-pin backing. Instructors can present a set of wings to newly graduated students. USUA clubs may wish to offer a set to new members. USUA wings can make the perfect gift!

**\$10.95 + S&H (USUA Members pay 10% less on this item!)**

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### Ultralight Flight Simulator



PC only. Microsoft® Flight Simulator 2002 game required.

Want to fly something really fun and different in your Microsoft® Flight Simulator 2002 game? How about getting back to basics and flying low and slow with really cool, high-quality ultralight and light-sport aircraft!!

Some superb features of these high-quality models include: Accurate Visual Modeling, animated propeller engine and flight control surfaces, wheel float ski & amphibious landing configurations, recordings of actual ultralight engines, dynamic virtual cockpit with working instruments, GPS navigation aid and more!

Aero-Works Aerolite 103 Ultralight **\$9.95 + S&H**

M-Squared Sprint/Sport 1000 Series **\$14.95 + S&H**

M-Squared Breeze 2 Series **\$14.95 + S&H**

Flightstar II SL/SC Series **\$12.95 + S&H**

**NEW! EIPPER-FORMANCE MX- 2 AXIS \$9.95 + S&H**

### The World Directory Of Leisure Aviation- 2002-2003 Edition



The ultimate resource for virtually **ALL** in production Air Sports aircraft.

**Over 1000-** Ultralight Airplanes, Ultralight Trikes, Ultralight Sailplanes, Microlights, Paragliders, Powered Paragliders, Powered Parachutes, Hang Gliders, Homebuilts, Gyros, Helicopters, accessories and more! Pictures, prices, specs, manufacturer info... it's **all** here!

**\$14.99 + S&H**

### MORE WITH LESS PAUL MACCREADY AND THE DREAM OF EFFICIENT FLIGHT

#### Paul Ciotti

Author Paul Ciotti follows MacCready to southern California, where he entered 1 1970's subculture that included hang-gliding daredevils, eccentric designers and renegade aerospace executives. Ciotti tells the story of these individuals, their passionate interactions, inspirations and failures and, most important, the love of efficiency that that impelled them, under MacCready's leadership to build lightweight, low-

powered machines. An excellent read- Humorous *and* factual. **\$26.95 + S&H**

## PARACHUTES, PARAGLIDERS NOW IN USUA TRAINING PROGRAM

### Other BFIs Welcome To Convert To USUA

In response to USUA members wishing to give or receive training in ultralights other than airplanes and trikes, USUA has opened the program to accommodate all categories.

USUA-registered flight instructors (BFIs) can now add new categories such as powered parachute and powered paraglider to better serve members in their area who wish such training. In addition, other BFIs giving training in any category ultralight wishing to convert to the USUA training program can do so simply by providing the following to USUA:

- Copy of USHGA, EAA or ASC exemption
- Copy of registration for 5 pilots trained
- USUA membership
- One-time \$50 processing fee\*

BFIs who convert to the USUA program will enjoy the status that comes with the longest-running highest quality FAA-recognized ultralight program. They will also receive training material discounts up to 40% off and a free referral and listing service.

USUA's program, known for its uncompromising high standards and fairness, is consistent with much FAA pilot and

instructor criteria making USUA-registered BFIs best prepared if they decide to convert to FAA's proposed Sport Pilot instructor certificate.

"By opening up the program, this larger professional group will create more visibility and accessibility for ultralight flight training thereby enhancing safety," said USUA Director of Safety and Training, Tom Gunnarson. "Above all, this will help maintain the integrity of ultralight training and help increase safety while improving business for instructors and flight schools across the country."

Pilot and instructor candidates who wish to register through USUA may gain credit for any previous flight training credited by simply providing an initialed knowledge and proficiency checklist and logbook copies. Transition information and forms may be found on the USUA website at The transition form may be found in the forms section of the website, or by contacting USUA at (301) 695-9100.

*\* Initial USUA BFI registration expiration will match submitted exemption copy. Normal USUA BFI renewal process and fees apply.*



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## Grunloh Takes National Championships Crown

Trike Pilot Dan Grunloh captured the Gold Medal for his performance in the combined single seat class at the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. National Microlight Championships in Springfield, Kentucky. He beat out five other pilots who came from four different regions of the country for the coveted honor. Fellow trike pilot Don Cooney took Silver. Paul Wells, the highest placing fixed wing pilot, took the Bronze.

Championships organizer David Hempy

called eight tasks over a three-day period challenging pilots in navigation, economy and precision flight. Increasingly inclement weather into the weekend hampered the number of tasks but enough were flown for national steward Jack McCornack to declare the championships valid.

For the first time in sanctioned U.S. microlight competition, Global Position System (GPS) flight recorders were used to track flight paths for the purpose of scoring.



Medal winners, left to right: Paul Wells, Bronze; Dan Grunloh, Gold; Don Cooney, Silver

### 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. National Microlight Championship Results

Place	Name	Address	Aircraft
Gold	Daniel Grunloh	Loda, IL	Air Creation Fun Racer
Silver	Donald Cooney	Knoxville, TN	Concept Aviation Prowler
Bronze	Paul Wells	Crowley, TX	CGS Hawk Arrow
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Jacobs	Samaria, MI	Sorrel Hiperlight
5 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Hoskins	Eules, TX	RANS S-14
6 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Richardson	Yoe, PA	Quad City Challenger

**Congratulations to the pilots and championships staff for their achievement.**

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## Beware of New TFRs

FAR Part 103.20 was revised on October 11, 2001 to include all applicable reference to Temporary Flight Restrictions. Ultralight pilots are responsible to know about airspace restrictions before flying.

One of several incursions into restricted airspace surrounding Camp David recently, reportedly involving ultralights, has heightened awareness of this activity. USUA has met with U.S. Customs officials (in charge of responding to airspace incursions) to discuss proactive measures to educate and inform those on both sides of the issue.

"USUA is playing an active role in this

process to assure better understanding and minimize any government action that could take away our freedom to fly for fun," said USUA Executive Vice President Tom Gunnarson. "Ultralight pilots must do their part as well."

Ultralight pilots are urged to carefully check notams in their area. The USUA website provides guidance on how to access safety and airspace information. A search for "September 20, 2001 – Alert" will bring up directions for contacting and talking with an FAA briefer or going online to the DUATS website where up-to-the-minute airspace information from FAA is available.



**We Don't Need No Stinking Chairlift...  
United States Ultralight Association**

## Member Magazine Subscription Rates

As a USUA member, you receive outstanding discounts on popular aviation magazines because USUA's buying power, based on membership size, allows us to negotiate better rates. One thing USUA cannot control is the possibility that a magazine may raise their rates to USUA. This may affect the total amount a new or renewing member may pay for combined membership dues and a magazine subscription of his or her choice.

A recent example was the increase in subscription rates by USUA's official member publication, *Ultralight Flying!* Magazine. This happened not once, but twice in the same year. With the first subscription increase in April, combined USUA member dues/UF subscription was increased to \$51.95. A number of USUA members made it clear the combined cost was too high.

In response, USUA lowered annual member dues 17% from \$30.00 to \$25.00, bringing back the combined price to \$46.95. Unfortunately, the day after the new lower dues were announced, UF informed USUA they were again going to raise subscription prices to USUA.

As of December, members will pay \$24.95 for an *Ultralight Flying!* magazine subscription, up \$3.00 from before. Even at the higher rate, this is still a great deal as it saves members \$12.00 off the normal subscription rate.

USUA will continue to keep USUA membership dues low, allowing you to select from an increasing number of products and services you want at discounted rates. And we will continue to negotiate with vendors and suppliers to bring you the highest quality and the best price. That's USUA—Working For You.