



A Soaring Renaissance And The Winch Revolution

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The Advantages of Winching

There are many ways to get a glider in the air, but none are as thrilling, cost effective and as time efficient as winch launching. After a mere couple seconds of launching like a kite a thousand feet in the air, you push over and experience one last thrill before releasing.

Besides being incredibly exciting, winch launching can be a powerful source of income for a club or commercial operation because of such low operation costs. Winch launches only cost about 54 cents per launch. This allows the operator to lower costs and increase business while still increasing profit margins.

In addition, winch launching is an excellent training tool in regards to time efficiency. It is possible to do five launches on a winch in the time it takes to do one launch behind a tow plane. This makes it possible to reach the average number of flights taken to get the private certificate (50) in less time. Not to mention the fact that this increases the amount of business that can be conducted in a given period of time by five times as much; this makes winching a great tool for practicing circuits. In fact, because of the intensity of the launch, the student becomes much more responsive, therefore making them more skilled in all areas of flight.

Our Friends the Canadians

Our most recent contract here at Romans Design involved us with the Canadian Air Cadets for the fabrication and delivery of 11 winches. In the mere past year, 7 of them have been manufactured and shipped to various locations in Canada ranging from the West to East regions. With 100% satisfaction, we are currently awaiting an extension to that contract for another 10 set of winches.

Along with the demand for more winches, the Canadians are also big supporters for Roman's creation of a Retrieval Winch and Flying Pitot (more on that in future issues).

A Hanger in Jacumba

Roman Wrosz, an active member of the Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California, has created a bond and a club has been reborn. With the hard work of the members of AGCSC and with their purchase of a Romans Design winch, the club has been prospering like never before. The club is thriving with its new equipment, the addition of 3 beautiful gliders, and the recent plan approval to create their home base in Jacumba Airport, California.

AGCSC is currently based in Jacumba, where they are working alongside with Roman for the building of a new hanger. This hanger is to be 5,000 square feet in size.

It is our pleasure here at Romans Design to work towards a brighter future for the Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California as we both look towards Jacumba, for a place to call home.