

FAASTeam presents:

500 Miles Non-Stop in a Sailplane

All facets of flying have their advantages and special educational skill sets. Explore how Soaring can increase your knowledge base in weather and overall pre-flight planning. This can help improve your safety in your powered flight experience.

Our presenter Rock Swanson, will outline what is called "Free Distance, Straight Out" soaring and discuss a brief history of the unique group he had the good fortune to fly with. He will describe how this flying made a better power pilot out of him and why. Rock started flying powered airplanes in 1960 and sailplanes in the late 80's.

Rock continues to fly powered airplanes but left soaring in 2004. During his soaring days he racked up 63 straight out Diamonds (500km, 311sm or more) and was awarded the World Distance Award which is given for flying the equivalent of the circumference of the earth at the equator (40,000km, 24,850sm) in cross country soaring, one of 46 recipients.....so far. He will address air mass issues that affect all aviators. The big safety point is "Situational Awareness" the need for which is heightened in a sailplane in cross country flight.

Event Details

Sat, Jul 19, 2014 - 10:00 am

EAA Chapter 14, Hangar 1

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