

MID-GEORGIA SOARING ASSOCIATION
CROSS COUNTRY READING LIST AND WEB LINKS

BOOKS

- **UNDERSTANDING THE SKY** : Dennis Pagen ISBN 0-936310-03 *
- **THE ART OF THERMALLING made easy** : Bob Wander
- **CROSS COUNTRY SOARING**: Helmut Reichmann ISBN 1-883813-8
- **ADVANCED SOARING MADE EASY**: Bernard Eckey ISBN 978-0-9807349-0-4
- **SOARING BEYOND THE BASICS**: Dale Masters
- **THE SOARING ENGINE, Vol one**: G Dale ISBN 978-0992827007 *
- **KAI GERTSEN** Desperate to fly. Intro Cross Country. Off Field Landings. Thermalling* Free download on Cumulus Soaring Website

* == Highly recommended as first buy.

WEATHER LINKS

- Windy.com - Soundings, Radar and Wind info (free service):
www.windy.com
- Dr. Jack RUC and NAM models, graphic (currently unsupported, free service):
www.drjack.info/BLIP/univiewer.html
- National Weather Service - NWS Forecasts (free service): <https://www.weather.gov/ffc/>
- Aviation Weather Center- TAF's, Prog Charts (free service): <https://aviationweather.gov/>
- XCSkies - RUC, NAM, and GFS models graphic (paid): www.xcskies.com/myxcskies
- Skysight – Interactive maps and soaring forecast features (paid): www.skysight.io
- Meteo Blue - Very Good and highly recommended—Check Meteogram and Multimodel (free service) https://www.meteoblue.com/en/weather/forecast/week/monroe_united-states-of-america_4209884

VIDEO LINKS

- Outlanding Field Selection: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXlmj2rGkf8&t=751> A “must view” if you want to go XC

- Outlanding video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtJQfC_RESA A lot of “what not to do”.
- Thermalling:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5WoZTN0kvE> A mechanical method
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzUo89eAPsU> A better method

OTHER LINKS

- See You flight analysis program: (paid but you can get a time-limited free trial version):
<https://www.naviter.com>