

fun and good soaring in 1963, making many FAI badge legs and record flights. Russ Perkins and Charlie Bing each made Gold distance and Diamond goal in the two Weihs. Dick Berry racked up the first Gold altitude leg for TSC in his 1-23D. Our "bird" earned a Silver badge for TSC's lady member, Pat Barber, the first to fly all three Silver legs in the TSC TG-3A. Frank Barber flew two Silver legs in our TG-3A but did the third (endurance) in a Weihe. Ken Brugh floated around for hours on end in his Weihe making his Silver altitude and endurance and also flew the distance triangle but didn't have anyone at the turn points to verify for him. Our newest member, Milford Byerly, has soloed the "bird" and sports a new B badge now. Milford is the only Tarheel who has more retrieves than flights to his credit. He always seems to be around when someone calls in from the "boondocks." Since TSC has no trailer for the TG we have always tried to avoid "off airport" landings but it finally happened for the first time. (Not a bad record, at that, once in over 600 hours of flying!) Nyal Williams got shot down on a distance attempt but picked a lovely field on the county prison farm that made an air retrieve possible. Wonder if he gave the inmates any ideas of building a glider and bungee as a means of escape?

A lot of our soaring friends made various legs at Burlington, too. T. I. Weston got Silver distance and endurance, Franklin Farrar made his endurance, Mitch Pettyjohn also made endurance, and Charlie Gordon got Silver altitude during our last season. Emerson Ford set some kind of record for consecutive long flights in the Tarheel "bird" by logging 22 hours in four flights. Last but far from least, our friend Ben Greene made us all proud with his display of airmanship and sportsmanship by setting the World goal record last summer and by making a fine first showing at the Nationals. Ben is our new SSA Regional Director and we couldn't ask for a finer representative.

Charlie Bing has made a set of charts illustrating the soaring awards and ratings earned by all of the glider guiders at Burlington. These will be placed in the "soaring corner" of the pilots' lounge at the airport. Already on display are an SSA calendar, TSC membership roster and Russ Perkins' picture of his Weihe looking down on the pack.

With another new soaring season about to unfold we wonder what new records and legs will be flown out of Burlington. We are convinced that diamond flights are possible in this area as some of our adventuresome ones hope to prove soon.

Anyone who wants to come fly with us, just talk soaring or help run wings will get a hearty welcome from TSC and the Burlington bunch.

Patricia Barber, Secretary

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A Chapter of SSA**

Wing Tips is the name of the WSSA publication and we intend that it will be a monthly. We want the Association to become the focal point of local soaring activities.

As January 1st marks the start of a new year, so we too have made a fresh start with a new slate of officers with Al Uhalt as President. He promises to write a column each month to be known as the "Front Cockpit" which will act as a sounding board for his views on club activity.

Basically in his first column, Al points out that this is our club, and as such, all of us should take a part in running it. We are glad to report that most of those contacted in regard to a specific job have been only too willing to do it. We intend to use a lot of delegated responsibility and authority and with various MIC (Members in Charge) of different projects, we expect to be off and running with the first of the Cu's.

We are pleased to report that we have managed to obtain a reduced rate on Cessna 140 flying from Brandiger Aviation.

A new members' manual is in course of preparation. Stand by for the first chapters.

P.J.H.

The WSSA membership has now increased to over 20 members which equals the number of the original founding group. The officers for the coming year are: President, Alfred H. Uhalt Jr.; Vice-Pres., John L. Henderson; Secretary, John R. Fullerton; and Treasurer, Joseph J. Shilling.

Definite plans have already been formulated in order that the WSSA will be the focal point of soaring activity in New Mexico. Last year we added only one Silver badge to our group, that of Col. H. C. Godman. Others hope to have their name listed in this column during the coming year.

The year, successful as it was, also brought great sadness to our group with the loss of one of our members, Capt. Daniel M. Johnson, in a sailplane accident at the Alamogordo Municipal airport on Oct. 6, 1963. Plans are underway for the establishment of the Daniel M. Johnson Memorial Award, to be given annually to the WSSA member who has made the greatest contribution of soaring during the preceding year. This will be the highest honor that WSSA can bestow upon an individual member and we are certain that the recipients will accept this award in the same spirit.

James Riva

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New Clubs

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Las Vegas Valley Soaring Assn., Inc., c/o Harry Bell, 36 View Manor, Riviera Veg Las Vegas, Nevada

This is another new club which was organized in Las Vegas by a group of persons who did not know about the new Southern Nevada Soaring Assn., mentioned in last month's "Club News." The two groups have since combined forces under the heading title and should be in the air as soon as a clean, licensed two-place trainer has been purchased. Cliff Pratt is the president, Chuck Downs is chairman of the board and Harry Bell is acting secretary. Meetings are held at Thunderbird Airfield. Jack Beadle, who has an L-K and lives in nearby Beatty, Nev., attended the last meeting, as did Rich Egleston who has moved to Las Vegas from Southern California where he accumulated much experience with the Soarcerers.

S.E. Michigan Soaring Soc., B. D. Maule Airport, Napoleon, Mich.

This group has been in operation since mid-1962 using a Schweizer 2-22 and 1-26. Recently, one of our younger members, Sylvia Randall, soloed the 2-22 on her 14th birthday. We have never read of another girl doing this so perhaps it is an important first in American soaring. Sylvia's flight was a winch tow to 900 feet. She had been taking lessons for five months from our instructor, Raymond Maule.

We are trying to get all our members to join SSA so we can become an SSA Chapter.

HAROLD S. NEWMAN

12,000-FOOT GAIN

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let down, and no sky was visible above when I was under all the clouds and running for home in a light drizzle that had begun in the lift over our ridge.

The wave window did reappear again in the late evening, but no one tried to reach its exhilarating lift. Two hours in the air and an unforgettable experience. We have just begun to explore the Allegheny wave. This day's lift was weaker than we have found on previous occasions. Next time oxygen will be needed.

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