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Will You Help?

Since its founding in 1932, the Soaring Society has existed largely through the efforts of a few interested persons, at considerable personal sacrifice. It is now up to each and every present member of the SSA to do his part so that we may continue their good work. For eight years they kept the Soaring Society alive and now the time has come when it must and will stand alone!

To guide our ship to the port of success, where the Soaring Society can be a self-supporting organization, will require the wholehearted support of all. It is your organization and your magazine. If each member will actively contribute to the extent of rounding up one or more new members, we will reach our goal. We will be self-supporting and better able to perform the duties which you look to us to perform. Will you do your share?

Besides increasing our membership roster, there are other ways by which the present members can materially aid the SSA. One way, and probably one of the most important, is to contribute each month some news of what you are doing either as individuals or clubs. It is the newsy little items about the goings on in the soaring fraternity that makes "Soaring" your favorite publication. Let's have each of the 48 states represented in the April issue!

Along the same lines, it is necessary to have four or five feature articles each month dealing with record or unusual flights, descriptions of new soaring sites, operations procedure, new developments in ships and equip-

ment, safe flying, meteorology, and innumerable other subjects. If you have done anything unusual or outstanding, write it up and send it in to the editor. There are hundreds of readers of "Soaring" who will be interested. It is through profiting from the experience of others that more rapid progress can be made in motorless flight.

A Word of Explanation

Perhaps a word of explanation is in order at this time, to answer the many queries which have been made by the members.

About the middle of January, the Washington Office of The Soaring Society of America was closed and a few weeks later some of the files and equipment were removed to the secretary's office. There has been mild confusion for the last two months due to the lack of a full time man on the job. The secretary is gradually working out from under the burden of mail which has accumulated. This in part accounts for the failure of many members to receive an immediate reply to their letters, also the lateness of the magazine and the necessity for combining two issues. It is hoped you will bear with the officers, who are working on a gratuitous basis, in their endeavors to carry on the work of the SSA.

To facilitate handling of letters from the members, it is requested that all letters pertaining to news, subscriptions, inquiries concerning clubs, sources of information, and matters of like nature, be written to the secretary. All matters regarding policy and subjects which require executive action should be addressed to the president. The addresses of the president and secretary are contained in the box on this page. This will insure a more prompt reply to your letters.

It has been decided that the SSA will no longer handle books, glider accessories, instruments, or any such merchandise. Therefore, it is requested that all members refrain from sending orders to the SSA. There are recognized distributors of such equipment located throughout the United States, and it is hoped that in future issues of "Soaring" these distributors will advertise so that the members may know where their closest source of supply is located.

It is hoped that this brief explanation of the facts in the case will answer a great many of the questions which have been in your minds since the annual meeting.

Technical Note

Just released by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics is Technical Note No. 753, entitled "Measurement of the Forces Acting on Gliders in Towed Flight." Credit for this most helpful information goes to Dr. Wolfgang Klemperer who cooperated with the NACA. Since the NACA does not like to distribute such reports promiscuously, it is requested that only those who have need for such data write for this report. For those who are interested in a general way, efforts are being made to seek permission to reprint an abstract of the report in the April issue.