

# CHICAGOLAND AIR BUBBLE

— A BULLETIN TO STIMULATE AND FOSTER INTEREST IN MOTORLESS FLYING —  
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## SOARING FORUM TO FEATURE BIG FLIGHT EVENT

ANNUAL AFFAIR TO BE  
AT HOTEL SHERMAN  
FEB. 10 AND 11

Soaring's big annual event in the Midwest will be even bigger and better than before with its SOARING FLIGHT DEMONSTRATIONS on February 10 and 11. Hundreds of followers of motorless flying activities in the central states will attend the open-to-the-public SOARING FORUM in the Hotel Sherman, downtown Chicago, amid splendid exhibits by clubs and new motion pictures of gliding and soaring. Convening on Saturday, late in the day, several hundred friends and members will meet for the FORUM proper, and, being filled with the inspiration taken from sailplanes set up in the hall and from trips aloft via the motion picture film, to say nothing of inspiration from speakers such as Ted Bellak, Art Schultz, Jim Smiley, Stan Corcoran, and possibly even Ralph Barnaby, will see—in the flesh—the following day, sailplanes in flight, demonstrated by many of our Midwest pilots at a nearby airport.

This flight demonstration will show winch launching technique and winter flying skill in precision landing and other surprise events.

The entire soaring fraternity is invited to participate in our FORUM and to come with equipment or without to the demon-

strations. While the event is a regional affair, guests from everywhere are invited. Joe Steinhauser is in charge of the flight events, Bob Blaine is in charge of the FORUM, and Clem Luebker is in charge of exhibits. The council's address is RFD 1, WEST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

This year's events are expected to attract well over the thousand-odd who enjoyed last year's one-day program. Groups from Wisconsin, Michigan (Frankfort and Detroit), Purdue, and South Bend, will be represented in all activities along with many others. Don't forget the dates, February 10 and 11. You're invited!



STEINHAUSER BRINGS  
RHONSPERBER TO  
CHICAGO

Chicago's first truly high-performance sailplane, a RHONSPERBER, came to Chicago last month behind Joe Steinhauser's car. Joe went to New York and bought it from Emil Lebecka, 1938 American soaring champion. On arrival, Joe, anxious to feel her out, airplane towed several times and was delighted at her "poise." Of course we have all known the "Guenther Groenhoff" for some time. Now we're all expecting big things in storm- and cross-country flying this next season. Joe's first job is recovering and refinishing. He also says he'll put a pair of releasable wheels—like those on Riedel's Kranich. The spirit of the birdman for whom it was named should live on as Joe flies on.

### NEWS OF CHICAGO LAND PILOTS

ERNIE LOHNDORF and Willie Heltenberg promise their ship for exhibit at the FORUM in an uncovered condition. Who *isn't* intrigued at the amazing detailed work of a wood structure of the WOLF type? Many of us in the soaring game almost "worship at the altar" of fine craftsmanship. These fellows are doing a splendid job and should fly along with the best of them.

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LAST YEAR'S FORUM AT THE HOTEL SHERMAN

