

An Editorial

The Value of Glider Time

WE of the Soaring Society of America have just cause for being jubilant. The new Civil Aeronautics Administration regulations for pilot certification, effective July 1, 1945, recognize the principle that glider flying is of real value.

From this date forward, a glider pilot may offer solo glider flight time for part of the required flight time for a powered aircraft rating.

On December 22, 1944, the Civil Aeronautics Board wrote, "We believe your suggestion of crediting solo glider time toward a powered aircraft rating is sound." From then on, the going was comparatively smooth, culminating in the new regulations.

This marks an important milestone in the life of the Society, one we have been working toward for years. Words alone could not have achieved this result. To every pilot who has conscientiously flown wisely, sanely, and safely, thus building up our enviable record for precision flying with minimum accidents, goes part of the credit for this victory.

These new regulations are not all we desire, but we have every assurance that the Society's suggestions in the future will be given careful consideration.

It is our individual responsibility to prove, by our future flying, that a background of glider flight time is an important asset.

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