

# We Must Cooperate

**W**E HAVE often been called the gliding and soaring fraternity, not that we are a clique with a cold shoulder for all others but, because of our teamwork—our ability to work together.

Glider pilots are not born with more of the milk of human kindness or a better appreciation of human values, we become conditioned by our ability to think in terms of our fellow mates. The very technique of glider operation calls for the close cooperation of a group so that one of the group may fly. Let one person of this interdependent group renege on his obligations, then flying is impossible for that group.

And because gliding and soaring is still the pioneering phase of aviation for the man in the street, this interdependence is nationwide.

Any self-centered, self-seeking action by any local group anywhere has its effect upon the rest of the gliding and soaring fraternity. Perhaps our numbers will become so great that any selfish action by any segment will not affect the rest but, until that time, we must cooperate.

The pilots, the manufacturers, the glider schools are part of this inter-related picture and there must be close integration for the success of the group. Any action which is at the expense of any part of our fraternity will bring only temporary reward, for the hurt done will affect us all.

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