

An Editorial

Opportunity For Research

ON July 4th of this year, motorless flight research was given tremendous impetus when Laister-Kauffmann Aircraft Corporation presented the Soaring Society of America with a two-place sailplane to be used exclusively for research.

The full significance and worth of this gift is apparent only when it is realized that this is the first and only soaring research glider in this country. With this facility our Director of Research, Dr. August Raspet, will be able to investigate the fundamental problems implied by the definition that soaring is the science of extracting energy from the discontinuities of the atmosphere. The precise knowledge thus gained will enable us to make serious efforts to better international soaring records. The contributions of gliding and soaring to aviation will be accelerated and of even greater importance.

This creation of the opportunity for research is an outstanding event in the past decade of flight without power.

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