

The Soaring Society's Program

The following is a statement of the program and objectives of the Soaring Society of America, Inc.

Basic Objectives

To foster and promote all phases of gliding and soaring on a national and international basis.

Means Employed

Sponsors formation of glider clubs in high schools, colleges, and universities, and wherever there are interested groups, and sends literature, outlines of club operation, sample charters, by-laws, and other information relating to the organization, financing, and operation of glider clubs to such groups.

Encourages and sponsors research and experimental work using gliders, in design, structure, flight techniques, and meteorological studies.

Acts as official representative of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale for gliding and soaring matters in the USA, through franchise agreement with the National Aeronautic Association. In this capacity it sponsors and sanctions the Annual National Soaring Contest, sanctions other contests in which prizes are offered for excellence in various categories of gliding and soaring, issues gliding and soaring certificates, official glider observer certificates, supervises and maintains records in national and international gliding and soaring record attempts.

Encourages the formation of glider schools.

Acts as the liaison contact between the various governmental agencies and the gliding and soaring public.

Conducts conferences devoted to the exchange of new ideas on various phases of gliding and soaring.

Issues an official publication, SOARING.

Specific Program for Immediate Future

I. At the present time the USA holds *no* international records in gliding or soaring. The SSA proposes to disseminate information and to foster contests and record attempts with a view to bringing to the USA world records in the field of motorless aviation.

II. To urge the Congress to enact legislation which will give gliding and soaring the backing which it needs and deserves.

III. Better Federal Regulation by assisting the CAB through proposed revisions to CAR's, preparation of data for handbooks, specifications, texts and syllabuses for courses of instruction in all phases of gliding and soaring.

IV. To work for the increase in number of "approved gliding schools" with a view to making glider training available to as many G.I.'s as possible.

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