

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is, indeed, a signal honor to serve the membership of the Soaring Society of America as President.

I realize full well the obligation which goes with this honored position and, at the same time, feel weak in the thought of following such able and prominent personages, who, in the past, have served this Society with such distinction.

With the aid, counsel and assistance of the Board of Directors, whom you have chosen, with a Champion by my side as the Society's General Manager, and backed by the ever growing number of loyal members, I feel very confident of the successful ongoing of Soaring in America.

The Annual National Soaring Contests have just been completed, and the magnitude of those events will become known nation and worldwide as the printed and spoken word gets around. Along with this greatest National Meet has come a number of new faces to the directorate of The Soaring Society of America. It may, therefore, come about that many members of the Society, and others, will assume that those newly elected to the Directorate were responsible in a major degree for the success of this Great National. Let me here and now correct any such erroneous impression.

The success, therefore, for bringing about in all its details, this Annual National Meet at Wichita Falls, Texas, is to the everlasting credit of the Society's distinguished immediate past president, Capt. Ralph S. Barnaby, and his able Board of Directors. They are a part of that group of loyal and enthusiastic S. S. A. members who throughout the lean and weary war years, held on against a multitude of adversities, and brought this Society to its preeminent position of today. The Founders of the Soaring Society of America, every member and every friend of Soaring can be justly proud of their accomplishments.

I fervently believe that a new day has dawned for Soaring in America. I'm sure that the "acorn" of soaring which was planted in 1932, with the founding of S. S. A. has grown to a sturdy oak. By proper cooperation and application of effort, I feel sure that we can, in the not distant future, help this movement to spread its branches and become the mightiest giant in the soaring world.

E. J. REEVES

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