

# PROGRESS REPORT

From a wartime low of less than 400 members our ranks have gradually swelled until we are now almost 1000 strong.

A year ago the SSA had 580 Active Members and 235 Associate Members. As of December, 1947, we had 630 Active Members and 300 Associate Members.

The Society owes its existence to those of you who have stood by it when the magazine was behind schedule and to those of you who have contributed generously beyond the minimum dues to its support both financially and by deed.

The immediate future now looks bright. By selling the Society's two Fratt-Reads and its L-K, \$1,350 was obtained. The contribution drive of last fall was answered by donations totalling \$976 from eighty members living in twenty-four different states. These receipts have made it possible to pay off the expense incurred in printing the brochure, the roster, and 5000 extra copies of the May-June, 1947, issue of SOARING, and in addition has left a little money in the bank.

This, added to current membership receipts, has provided sufficient funds to publish the magazine through June of this year when new funds will be received from members who pay their dues on the basis of the fiscal year.

Our promotional campaign has already started to bear fruit. We here wish to extend greetings to those who have recently joined the SSA and extend the hope that they will join with us in actively participating in the great sport of soaring.

If the Society is to have a solid financial footing in the future so that it can continue to represent the gliding and soaring movement and continue to aid in its development, our membership must be still further increased and those who feel they can contribute additional funds are heartily encouraged to do so.

The SSA at present operates on a gross income of \$3,600 annually. The lion's share of this, or \$2,500, is required to publish the magazine. Secretarial help comes to \$700 annually. The remaining \$400 is hardly enough to cover the cost of office space, office supplies, stamps, gliding and soaring pins, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Actually there are many things the Society should do to advance the sport and aid its members that it simply cannot afford to do. Were sufficient funds available, up-to-date color movies could be procured for rental to members and member clubs; the magazine could be more voluminous and contain more photographs; a full time secretary could be employed to expedite the handling of correspondence.

To date, pleas to our members to aid in signing up new members have not been overwhelmingly successful. There has always been an excellent response from a few, but it is the actions of the majority that will tell the final story. If the SSA is to have its future sure, its Active Membership must reach the 1000 mark in the not too distant future.

This can be accomplished if every present member follows these three practices.

1. WHEN YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES OR IS ABOUT TO EXPIRE RENEW PROMPTLY—PREFERABLY AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OR ONE OF THE HIGHER GRADES. (Note: This issue is being sent to 100 Active Members and 50 Associate Members whose membership expired December 31, 1947. We need your continued support.)

2. SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER EVERY TIME YOU GET A CHANCE. (Note: If you know a glider pilot who isn't a member get him to join up at once.)

3. INTRODUCE AS MANY PEOPLE TO THE SPORT AS YOU CAN. (Note: When you don't have the opportunity to convince a prospect personally send in his name and address to us and we'll follow up on it.)

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