

Unite to Soar

Gliding and soaring clubs can play a tremendous part in expanding the sport of motorless flight. By cooperating on a volunteer basis real enjoyment can be derived from the sport at lowest cost. Glider clubs are one of the best ways that we can help American youth take to the air.

Before the war there were 150 glider clubs in the U. S. A number of these are now active again, and new groups are organizing. There are today perhaps 30 or 40 operating soaring clubs across the country.

To aid those groups already established, and to encourage others to form, the SSA plans to publish in future issues of SOARING data on all soaring organizations. So that the Society can serve as a clearing house for this type of information, it is requested that representatives of ALL groups mail in the roster on page 17 as soon as possible.

Further, we now have a set-up whereby clubs, etc. may become Chapters or Affiliates of the SSA. *All groups are strongly encouraged to associate themselves with their national organization in this manner.*

A Chapter is an integral part of the Society. It may use the phrase "*Chapter of the Soaring Society of America*," "*Chartered by the SSA*," etc., on its letterheads and other printed matter as well as in its contacts with the public and the press. An Affiliate is directly associated with the SSA and may use the phrase "*Affiliated with the Soaring Society of America*." When approaching an individual or organization outside its local set-up, it is a material benefit for a group to be able to refer to a direct tie-in with the national soaring organization.

Chapters and Affiliates can obtain the use of such SSA films as are or become available without cost other than the cost of shipping. They may serve as distribution points for "C" pins, coordination points for State Records.

They may obtain special cooperation from the SSA with regard to small meets of the type that do not normally require a sanction. A copy of each issue of SOARING will be sent to the group for use in the club room and filing in its archives. Additional benefits are under consideration.

Any group every Active Member of which is an Active Member of the SSA may become an SSA Chapter. Any group 50 per cent of whose members are Active Members of the SSA may become an Affiliate of the SSA if it has a minimum of 20 SSA Active Members. Applications for becoming either a Chapter or an Affiliate may be made by submitting a list of the names and addresses of the organization's members. The list should indicate the status of each individual in the club, council, or association, etc. If possible, names of SSA Active Members should be indicated with a check mark. (*Get those holdouts in your group to join the SSA!*)

We are looking ahead to a nation-wide network of soaring groups to stimulate local activity and aid the parent organization in developing gliding and soaring.

You can help.

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