

Soaring Goes South

SOARING has moved—and is still slipping around in the Mississippi mud trying to get settled. Effective January 1, 1950, we were given the editorship of SOARING by a unanimous vote of the directors of the SSA. We asked for the job, and we got it! Now, as a preface to our first issue, we'd like to outline our plans and hopes for the magazine.

First of all, the issues will continue to come out every other month, at least for the present. While this particular issue is behind schedule, all succeeding ones will reach you on the first day of the second month. In other words, the March-April issue will be out April 1. Along with keeping the magazine prompt, we plan to publish UP-TO-DATE news of soaring activities all over the world. Contest results will appear soon after the cessation of hostilities.

The material to be presented will be varied. There will be stories of outstanding flights, technical articles, how-to-do-it notes, and news from members and clubs. A word about the technical papers. While many members howl long and loud about this, it is our sincere opinion that a majority of the SSA wants to know about improvements in design, flying technique, and related topics. Certainly we cannot hope to improve our sailplanes or flights if we ignore these advances. However, all such articles will be carefully edited so as to make them clear and straightforward, with a minimum use of mathematical formulae and symbols.

Several new features are initiated in this issue. Among these is a "catalog of sailplanes." Each issue will present at least one outstanding design. At some future date we hope to combine all of these into a separate volume. *Soaring Reviews* is included to help keep you abreast of what is appearing in other publications concerning soaring, especially those in French and German.

What do you think of all this and of this issue? We'd like to know. The editorial offices of SOARING are now located at 410 S. Jackson St., Starkville, Miss. Please tell us what you like and dislike about the magazine. But more important, we'd like to hear about and see what YOU are doing. Send us news of your activities and pictures of yourselves and your equipment. Please type your letters double spaced. It will save us a lot of work.

Lest we are deluged with correspondence we can't handle, we hasten to add that all membership renewals, general SSA correspondence, etc., should be sent to the Society's secretary, Paul Schweizer, Elmira, N. Y.

Lastly, we wish to commend Richard Comey for the high standards he maintained for SOARING, and thank him for his excellent cooperation in helping us get set-up.

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