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A Message From The New President

TO HAVE been elected president of the Soaring Society of America when so many others of proven ability were probably available is an especially high honor that I shall endeavor to merit as have my excellent predecessors. My endeavor will be to seek out the predominating desires and wishes of the membership and attempt to lead in the effort to accomplish them.

Observations throughout my acquaintance with Soaring indicate that, while we probably should be content to enjoy the pleasures of the activity selfishly, every meeting, conference, or conversation of Soaring people is on the subject or evolves into the subject of expansion. Another observation has been the need of acquainting ourselves with the Soaring Society's purpose, functions, and limitations which would result in closer cooperation and better results. Another, of course, is the problem of providing more adequate financial support.

To accomplish some of these has undoubtedly been the object of every administration. However, it appears that their accomplishment has been left almost entirely up to the Officers and Directors. It is the hope of this administration to enlist every SSA member through the SSA Governors, in a concerted effort to speed accomplishment of not only the expansion apparently desired but other things that will add to the pleasures of the art and science of motorless flight.

Let us begin with a limited but definite set of objectives—objectives for the individual members as well as for the Officers and Directors—objectives that every thinking member will recognize as desirable and every interested member will work toward accomplishing; namely,

1. To increase interest in SOARING through local club and association activities.
2. To realize more from the Soaring Society of America by contributing more to it.
3. To develop a greater and more dependable means of financial support for the American Soaring Society.

A great deal can be said about methods of attaining our aims through these objectives, but to put it briefly: Membership can be increased by organizing small groups into clubs, by publishing a regular monthly bulletin or news letter, and by making it very convenient for partially interested people to learn more about Soaring and to become active.

To realize more from the National Organization is to realize more from one's own efforts. The Soaring Society is you and I. Whatever we contribute we will benefit by. Weaknesses should not be criticized but should be strengthened by those to whom they are apparent.

To gain a greater source of financial support is not a new objective, nor can it be easily or quickly accomplished, but it is entirely within the realm of possibility. The solution again rests with all of us. When we have developed or proven that we are making a contribution to aviation, education, national defense, or general public interest, then financial support will be forthcoming. Plans, ideas, and suggestions will have to be numerous and will have to be screened, modified, perfected, and put into practice.

With the aid and assistance of every member of SSA together with counsel of the Board of Directors, I feel very confident that Soaring will go forward in 1950-51.

JON D. CARSEY

Help!!

There must be plenty of precedent for a new editor to start his stint by yelling **HELP!** and this greeting is to be no exception. First, a specific plea that arises out of the experience of publishing this first edition which is a month later than it should be because the essential copy did not come in.

Please, you contest organizers, when you appoint the operating personnel, appoint a reporter who will keep up with activities and official results from day to day so that a report can be sent to soaring the day after rather than a month after. Please don't wait until the fagged contest director recovers and has time to make a report. There have been several Meets held this summer, formal and informal, on which there has been no report in Soaring. Notable among the omissions is the West Coast Championship contest. Let's have the news! In case you have not seen the address, here it is:

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