

# REPORT OF GOVERNORS CONFERENCE

Held August 10, 1950 at the 17th National Soaring Contest

By JON D. CARSEY

The Conference was called at 7:00 A.M. for the purpose of discussing the duties and responsibilities of the Soaring Society State Governors. Those in attendance were:

Arthur B. Schultzy, Illinois  
Nathan J. Frank, Maryland  
Dr. August Raspet, Mississippi  
W. J. (Pop) Krohne, Florida  
J. Shelly Charles, Georgia  
Alexis Dawydoff, New York  
Ralph Watkins, Oklahoma  
Wm. H. Coverdale, Jr., Tennessee  
Jon D. Carsey, Texas  
Fred N. Smith, Kansas  
Chas. Kohls, representing Geo. P. Martin of Michigan

Earl Menefee, representing James Spurgeon of California

Major Floyd Sweet, representing Edward F. Knight of Ohio

Ben Cohen, representing A. B. Milley of Pennsylvania

Paul Schweizer, representing Dick Comey of Massachusetts

E. J. Reeves, Immediate Past President SSA

Discussion was begun with a statement of the purpose of the meeting. Immediate Past President E. J. Reeves, under whose administration the office of State Governors was created, explained that Governors were appointed to create a closer contact between SSA National Offices and Officers and its individual members. He explained that originally the choice of duties was left up to the Governors other than to ask them to contact all members of SSA in their state and provide them with any information and assistance they might require and promote SSA and Soaring in anyway that they could. Mr. Reeves further explained that the original intention was to appoint Governors to serve one year terms and reminded Mr. Carsey that he should make appointments for the coming year. Mr. Reeves also stated his pleasure in seeing the interest exhibited by the Governors in holding what he hoped would be their First Annual Governors Conference.

Next, each of the Governors present were asked to state his views, ideas, and suggestions. Response was enthusiastic, each Governor present contributed to the discussion making constructive and worthwhile suggestions. From all the comment the following definite suggestions were derived and the Conference recommended them as official duties of SSA Governors:

1. Encourage and assist in organizing local groups into clubs and associations.
2. Encourage and assist with local and regional meets and contests.
3. Encourage social and other interest activities within existing clubs and in new clubs.
4. Encourage and assist all clubs and groups in publishing a bulletin or news letter regularly.
5. Seek favorable publicity by presenting articles and photographs of newsworthy happenings to local publications and news services.

6. Prepare a list of all sailplane parts and instruments in his state for the use of anyone who might be interested.

7. Endeavor to interest schools that have vocational training and mechanical arts courses in constructing a sailplane or sailplanes as a class project.

8. Maintain close contact between SSA members and the SSA Officers and Committees.

9. Follow-up each inquiry by interested persons, giving them names of groups they might join and all information that might help them to participate in the activity.

During the general discussion that followed Paul Schweizer volunteered to send notices of each inquiry that comes to the Secretary's office as well as those received by Schweizer Aircraft Company to the proper Governors for them to follow-up.

I think there is no doubt that creation of SSA State Governors offers the greatest opportunity for organized advancement of Soaring that could have been thought of. The Governors are 'on the ground' where the problems and opportunities are, where they can make suggestions and provide information and encouragement to the clubs and members. Their knowledge of the functions of the Soaring Society, in all its detail, and of the requirements for ratings and records, best procedure in forming and operating clubs, the details of conducting meets, etc., can be of inestimable value. Officers of clubs, associations, and individual members are urged to take advantage of this source of information and assistance to enlarge the scope of their activity and to contribute to the accomplishment of the objectives as proposed.

SSA Governors for 1950-51 are:

Southern California—James R. Spurgeon.  
Northern California—Earl O. Menefee.  
Colorado—Joe S. Irvine.  
Connecticut—Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Sr.  
Dist. of Columbia—Lt. Col. Donald Hamilton.  
Florida—Walter J. Krohne.  
Georgia—J. Shelly Charles.  
Idaho—Chas. C. Gelinsky.  
Illinois—Arthur B. Schultz.  
Maryland—Nathan J. Frank.  
Massachusetts—Richard J. Comey.  
Michigan—Geo. P. Martin.  
Mississippi—Dr. August Raspet.  
Missouri—John W. Laister.  
New Jersey—Gustav Scheurer.  
New Mexico—Capt. Al Santilli.  
New York—Alexis Dawydoff.  
North Dakota—Hollis Button.  
Ohio—Edward F. Knight.  
Oklahoma—Ralph A. Watkins.  
Oregon—Richard H. Laws.  
Pennsylvania—Arthur B. Millay.  
Tennessee—Wm. H. Coverdale, Jr.  
Texas—Uel Stephens, Sr.  
Utah—Robert B. Meakin.  
Washington—Harold C. Carson.