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TO INCREASE INTEREST

By JON CARSEY

This "piece" is the first of three intended to elaborate on the subject of my "message" published in the July-August issue and the duties adopted by the SSA Governors at the August 1950 Conference, also published in the same issue of SOARING. It is not written for the Officers, Directors and Governors alone, but for every member of SSA. Co-operation of each and every member is necessary to accomplish the gains desired and the popularity Soaring deserves.

The objects proposed for special effort under this administration appear to have been given approval by the Officers, Directors and Membership. While official approval is still to be had, it is expected at the Mid-Winter Directors meeting, probably to be held in Memphis in February. Confident of official approval, an attempt is made here to do some "out loud" thinking of procedure and methods toward attainment under the first objective:

TO INCREASE INTEREST IN SOARING THRU LOCAL CLUB AND ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

It is hoped that these remarks will cause you to do additional thinking on the subject and that you will make your thoughts heard also, by your actions as well as comments.

Activities including projects, tasks to perform, goals to attain and accomplishments to be proud of, PARTICIPATED IN BY ALL MEMBERS, is the life blood of any club. Active and going clubs are positive evidence of this. Inactive clubs, and there are a great number of such Soaring Clubs, are so for the reason that interest did not continue among members, and new members were not attracted because the leaders, not necessarily the officers, but the leaders did not propose and lead the way in endeavor that would provide exciting pasttime and satisfaction of the natural desire for personal accomplishment.

In more convenient sporting endeavor leadership is natural without concentrated effort but if we desire a more universal interest in the Art of Motorless Flight, organized special effort must be made.

Every group no matter how small should be organized into a club. Not clubs of three or four whose only activity would be to own and fly a sailplane, but clubs whose membership would include all who are interested, whether it is in flying, construction, engineering, education, scientific investigation or just plain

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