

# SOARING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA HOLDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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J. W. Ames of Toronto was re-elected President of the Soaring Association of Canada at the seventh annual meeting of that body, held in Montreal, 16 February, 1953. Sponsored by the Montreal Soaring Council, the meeting brought gliding enthusiasts from Toronto, Ottawa, Kitchener, Edmonton, Quebec and the U. S. A.

Prominent among the guests was AVM Ferrier ICAO and Mrs. Ferrier; Paul Fournier, Department of Transport; Paul Schweizer, Secretary of the Soaring Society of America, and George Hurren, Secy.-Mgr. of Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Assoc.

The meeting was held for the purpose of electing an executive for 1952, for announcing various trophy winners and to discuss plans for the season's gliding activities. In addition to Mr. Ames, the executives included s/l A. N. LeCheminant, Ottawa, as Vice President, Henry Dow, Toronto, C. B. Jeffery, Ottawa and John Dure, Ottawa as Directors. The latter will continue as Secretary of the Association. Jim Kane, Toronto was re-appointed Treasurer.

Barrie Jeffery announced progress during the year in the earning of FAI Certificates. Thirteen "A" and "B" Certificates were awarded, he said 10 of which went on to earn "C's"; in addition 3 other "C's" were awarded and one Silver "C". One Gold "C" leg and 6 Silver "C" legs had been earned during the year, across Canada.

The British Aviation Insurance Co. trophy, a satin-finish aluminum sculpture created by Emmanuel Hahn was formally presented by AVM Ferrier to Al. Pow, London Ont., for his cross-country flight of 138 miles from Kitchener to Selfridge Field.

The Roden Trophy, donated by Berkley Roden and presented annually to the club operating its equipment with the greatest efficiency during the year was presented to Bro. Hormisdas, St. Michael's Gliding Club, Buckingham, Que., by John Agnew, Montreal, the 1951 winner. Presentation of this trophy, news of which is kept secret until the day of the

meeting proved to be the subject of much discussion and when the winner was disclosed, the selection was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Hormisdas and his group of High School students and graduates has been the subject of innumerable stories in the press and on the air. Quite apart from the many hours of work and fine operation of his gliders which won him the Roden Trophy, the Brother has been the means of forwarding the sport across Canada by



**"THE BALL AND CHAIN"** trophy made and donated to the Soaring Association of Canada by J. W. Ames, president. It is to be presented annually for **"ACHIEVEMENT IN SOARING FLIGHT, ONE CRITERION BEING MARRIAGE"**. Awarded for the first time in Feb., 1952 to W/C D. M. Holman and Mrs. Holman, Ottawa.