

# Two New Clubs Formed - Two Meetings Reported

Two new soaring clubs, one in California, and one in New Jersey have been reported.

In addition, word of two meetings, one between the Soaring Society of America, the Elmira Area Soaring Corp., and the State Department, and the other the annual meeting of the Soaring Association of Canada.

The new California club is The Elsinore Soaring Association, Inc. which was formed through the joint efforts of the Valley Glider Club of Burbank and the Associated Glider Clubs of San Diego, Calif.

The Elsinore club has leased the Lake Elsinore Airport for use by the members of the club. The field will be operated exclusively as a Gliderport and as a non-profit organization.

Pete Bonotaux is the acting chairman of the group.

Three other new clubs, the Boulder Soaring Club of Glendale, Calif., the Valley Glider

Club of Burbank, Calif., and the Lake Village Soaring Club of Lake Village, Indiana, will be reported in the July-August issue of Soaring if the complete information is received in time.

Officers of these clubs are urged to send Soaring complete material on the clubs for the next issue.

The South Jersey Soaring Club has named **Otto Zauner** as its president. The group has already secured several sailplanes and are on the lookout for another. Some 150 flights have already been made.

**Paul Schweizer**, secretary of the Soaring Society of America, has reported to "Soaring" on the annual meeting of the Soaring Association of Canada held in Kingston, Ontario, on March 14.

**Al Pow** was elected the new president of the Canadian group and he, **A. LeCheminant**, **John Agnew**, **John Dure** and **Jack Ames** elected directors.

On April 8, a special meeting was held with State Department Representatives and the Soaring Society of America and the Elmira Area Soaring Corporation to determine whether the State Department, the Elmira Group and the SSA should submit a bid for the 1954 internationals.

The second point on the agenda was the discussion if a bid were presented, what assistance could be expected from the State Department in conducting such a meet. Thirdly, if no bid was presented for the 1954, what assistance could SSA expect in sending a team to the 1954 International, which probably would be held in England and France.

Difficulties in obtaining entry permits for foreign participants was one problem which **Paul Barringer** of the State Department outlined to the group. Another, there were not any available funds for support of soaring meets in either this country or in a foreign one.

On the basis of the meeting, it was decided not to submit a bid for the 1954 International.



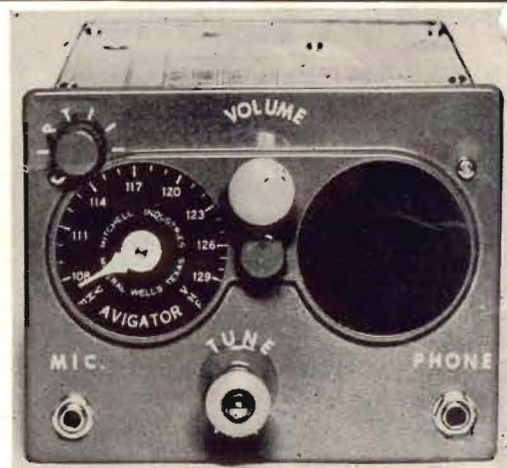
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