

WARREN E. EATON AWARD



Paul Schweizer



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One of America's most coveted soaring awards, the Eaton Trophy, is given each year to the person or persons, who in the opinion of the Committee made the most outstanding contribution to the advancement of the art, sport or science, of motorless flight in America.

The Committee designating this honor each year, consists of the entire membership of the Board of Directors of the Soaring Society of America. Nominations for the award are received during the year and in advance of the National Contests. Announcement of the award and presentation of the trophy is made at the final awards banquet at the conclusion of the national soaring contest.

The Award has been established in memory of Mr. Warren E. Eaton of Norwich, N.Y., by members of his family. Mr. Eaton, a successful manufacturer, was an early day aviation enthusiast. He was one of this country's first business men pilots, utilizing the airplane in connection with his business and pleasure travels. Mr. Eaton's interest in the sportive as well as scientific phases of aviation, led him quite naturally to motorless flight. And it was in this phase of aviation that he gained national and international fame. It was his interest and many valuable contributions to gliding and soaring in this country, that established him as one of the greats in the field of motorless flight and reverts his memory to all soaring people in America.

The Eaton Trophy is of solid silver and was executed by the noted sculptress, Sally J. Franham. The Trophy show in relief spirally ascending cumulus clouds above which Mr. Eaton's famous 'Falcon' sailplane soars. A true work of art, a thing of beauty and a joy forever is this trophy created in memory of the founder of the Soaring Society of America.

The recipients of the Eaton Award for 1953, Mr. Ernest and Mr. Paul Schweizer are so well known in American and world motorless flight circles, that it is not necessary to elaborate on their fame here. Also their contributions to the art, sport and science of motorless flight, not only during the year 1953, but all down through the years, would in itself fill a sizeable volume.

During the time of Mr. Warren Eaton, the Schweizer brothers were known, first as high school lads with a very keen interest in glider flying, and then a bit later as undergraduates in one of the nation's leading technical colleges. Here they were studying aeronautical engineering and bringing to the national contests in the summer, gliders of their own design. It is certain that Mr. Eaton must have been greatly encouraged in seeing the activity of these two young scientists. He must have then seen that others and especially the youngsters of this nation, were developing their skills in the field of aviation and that they would carry on in good fashion, the work he had started in the founding of the S.S.A.

Mr. Eaton did not live to see the Schweizers become the nation's leading designers and builders of high performance and training sailplanes. He probably did not then visualize the important place they were to take, not only in the gliding and soaring movement in this country but in aviation design and manufacture generally. It is certain that Mr. Warren E. Eaton would be the same as all friends of soaring have joined enthusiastically in conferring any honor on two modern day Wright Brothers, Paul and Ernest Schweizer.

No greater honor can be bestowed by the Soaring Society of America.

No more worthy persons could have been selected as recipients for this or any other recent years.

of people and kept the chairs provided for the purpose, filled with "visiting firemen."

SSA, in addition to the exhibits mentioned, displayed new items made using the new SSA emblem. They included: Gold and Silver lapel pins, 5" and 10" Decals for cars, ships and trailers 3" Shoulder Patches for caps or jackets, the "BGA" tie and scarf to match, the Soaring Directory, the new binders for SOARING, SSA memberships and SOARING subscriptions.

These items proved to be highly popular and kept Kathy Beuby, Naomi Setz, Bertha Ryon, (and sometimes Wally Setz, Harold Fawcett, E. J. Reeves and Jon Carsey) very busy "taking care of the trade."

More than \$600.00 worth of these items were sold during the ten days of the meet, including a big one cent

sale, (everything was reduced one cent) on the final day.

The new gold lapel pins proved to be the most popular. They are a beautiful dark blue enamel with SSA and the laurel leaf border in glistening gold. They signify membership in the Society only, having nothing to do with "C" awards, so all members and



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their families are entitled to wear them.

Other items almost as popular were the ties and the decals. Many persons bought ties for themselves and friends, and many cars, ships and trailers were decorated with decals before the contest ended.

The complete stock of a very popular and the most useful item SSA has developed, the SOARING DIRECTORY, was sold out. (We hope we have a new and revised one soon). Which reminds us—we are indebted to Paul Schweizer's Secretary for preparation and production of the Directory. As stated above it is the most useful thing we've ever had. She and Schweizer Aircraft Co., rendered the activity a most worthwhile service in its preparation.

"The Tent" proved to be a very valuable and pleasant addition to the usual features at the Nationals.