



PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The Soaring Society of America is a National organization the purpose of which remains today as it was stated at its inception: "Developing a group of enthusiasts with a rich fund of practical knowledge into a basic national organization, and to broaden the sport of gliding and soaring to include its potential of worthwhile services for the benefit of American aviation development."

Accomplishments toward this purpose in the past have been numerous, and they will continue, as the potential is even greater now than in the founding years.

CURRENT SPECIAL OBJECTIVES are:

1. The establishment of a Gliding and Soaring Trust — or Foundation.
2. The development of gliders or sailplanes suitable for quick and easy construction by high school classes and by others who are being trained in the manual arts.
3. Recognition of the sailplane as the efficient and economical method of screening and training pilots during the pre-enlistment age.
4. Providing every American boy with the opportunity to get into aviation — A National Air Youth Program.

To accomplish those objectives, the Society's principal function is to bring together for the free exchange of data, experiences and ideas, all people who are interested in the development of aviation in America, and particularly those who are interested in Motorless flight.

The work is carried on by the Society's many committees, including its Scientific, Technical, Youth Air Education, Contest Committees and others. Annual meetings are held by these committees as well as membership meetings during the time of the National Soaring Contests. Results of the work of the committees are reported at this time as well as through papers published in SOARING Magazine and other national aviation publications.

The Society is a member of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale through its affiliation with the National Aeronautic Association and is the governing body for sporting motorless flight in America. It is also the American member of OSTIV (Organization Scientifique Et Technique Internationale Du Vol A Voile) which is the scientific section of FAI. It is through this affiliation that the Society covers international results in all phases of aerodynamic research, design, development, tests and applications for recommendation in the broad field of aviation.

HISTORY The Soaring Society was founded as a national organization in 1932 by such leaders in business and aviation as Warren Eaton, Captain Ralph S. Barnaby and Richard du Pont. These men, and others who have followed them, recognized the broad possibilities of motorless flight in the development and progress of aviation. They also realized that motorless flight possessed the unique advantage of being a sporting activity that could also contribute valuable information and services to industry and the American Youth. Evidence of the soundness of their thinking lies in the fact that many of aviation's engineering, scientific and administrative leaders of today have progressed to their positions of leadership from a beginning in sailplanes and Soaring Society activities, and many features of today's high performance aircraft were discovered, tested and developed on sailplanes.

The Society believes that it can continue to serve aviation as it has through the years, and that at this particular time, it can render a service of inestimable value through aviation education.

MEMBERSHIP There are six types of membership open in the Society. They are listed with accompanying advantages and privileges below:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

1. Active Membership Card
2. Full Voting Privileges
3. A Voice in Determining all National SSA Policies
4. SOARING Magazine (bi-monthly)
5. Booklet "Soaring in America"
6. Booklet "About the Soaring Society"
7. All Regular and Special Bulletins of the Society
8. Free Admittance at all National Soaring Contests
9. International FAI Sporting Licenses upon application and FAI Gliding Badges (when earned)
10. Current list of all gliding and soaring groups in the U. S. A. and Canada (Annual)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP (Same as Active Membership)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (Same as Active Membership)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

1. Associate Membership Card
2. Booklet "About the Soaring Society"
3. Booklet "Soaring in America"
4. SOARING Magazine
5. Some SSA Bulletins and Announcements

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

1. Student Membership Card
2. SOARING Magazine
3. List of U. S. and Canadian Soaring Clubs
4. Booklet "About the Soaring Society"
5. Booklet "Soaring in America"

SPONSORING MEMBERSHIP

1. SOARING Magazine
2. An engraved Certificate suitable for display
3. Any, or all, of the items listed under Active Membership, upon request.

PUBLICATIONS The Society publishes a bi-monthly magazine, SOARING, which includes complete information of American motorless flight activities as well as limited news of world soaring. It also covers meteorology and other subjects of interest to both motorless and powered aviation. It also includes many of the scientific and technical papers resulting from research involving the sailplane. Pictures and illustrations of all these subjects are numerous in each issue. Subscription to SOARING Magazine is \$3.00 annually.