

SSA NEWS

21st U. S. National Contest

Reports from Pete Bonotaux, John Wolfe and Dr. Klemperer and others are of steady progress in preparations for the 21st National Competitions. Pete reports all committees on preparation, appointed and working. Bulletins from some are in the mails to clubs of the country. John reports, among other things, a prize consisting of a complete oxygen system from Zep Aero Company. Dr. Klemperer reports agreement with commanders of March Airforce Base, who had objected to the contest being held within 25 miles of the base. In fact, from what we hear now, these Air Force Officers are doing everything in their power to help. A complete list of committees and their tasks, and maybe something of their progress, may be expected soon, including a report from Hal Smith, chairman of the Elsinore California National Soaring Contest Committee. Make your plans now, to attend.



Official insignia of the 21st Nationals.

SSA Committees

All SSA Committees are now for the first time, headed by chairmen who have expressed a keen interest in the committees' purposes, except the Membership Committee. We may expect definite improvement of SSA activities as a result, if the membership cooperates. The Committees and Chairmen are listed below:

- Contests and Championships—Wm. H. Coverdale.
- Gliding and Soaring Records—F. B. Compton.
- Gliding and Soaring Awards—Howard C. Burr.
- Membership—None.
- Public Relations—Peter M. Bowers.

Safe Flying Practices—Joseph M. Robertson.

Photographic Library—Walter B. Hausler.

Scientific—Dr. August Raspet.

Soaring Statistics—Don C. Ryan.

Technical—Lt. Col. Floyd J. Sweet.
Technical Review Board—Robert G. Joppa.

Youth Air Education—E. A. Kurzawa.

Committee members listed in the 1953 Directory and including a few who have been recently appointed, as a result of a request for suggestions from Club Presidents, will continue to serve. Those responding to the Chairman's correspondence and assisting with committee projects will constitute the committees. Volunteers will of course be welcome.

New Soaring Clubs and Bulletins

SOARING is always glad to report new clubs and club bulletins, but it is particularly glad to announce formation of the SOUTH FLORIDA SOARING ASSOCIATION and their bulletin "Tradewinds." Address for this new organization and publication is: Route 4, Box 588, Miami 43, Florida. Organizers are: Marty Bennett, Fritz B. Compton, Matt Hoffman, Gene Miller and Dave White. They will fly at Mr. Compton's Flying 'C' Ranch, which he says is the "first front lawn gliderport in the country."

Other clubs in the making and their leaders are: Buffalo-Batavia, Stan Smith; Moultrie, Georgia, Bryand W. Denison; Oklahoma City, Robert N. Berry.

One active club that we have been listing erroneously is the DENVER SOARING CLUB, headed by Merv Hicks and Joe Greenbaum. Fred Ruble called our attention to this and informed us that he is in the process of reorganizing the WESTERN SOARING CLUB, also of Denver.

A new Club Bulletin comes from the South Jersey Soaring Society, whose address is RD No. 4, Vineland, New Jersey. Otto Zauner is the club's president and it is certain that he'd like your comments of his club's first effort and would like to receive your bulletin in exchange for his.

Soaring Directory

We had hoped to print a revision or new version of the popular 1953 SOARING DIRECTORY. It has not been done because of the difficult task of assembling the material for it. Ma-

terial suitable for it has come in mingled with other things in bulletins, letters, etc., and we have found the problem of picking it out and assembling it too great. If the correct addresses, names of officers, meeting places, soaring sites, telephone numbers of contacts, etc., were sent to us on slips of paper exactly as shown in the Directory, except with proper corrections, a new Directory could be produced in short order. If you want a new one send the information in on a separate slip for each place that it occurs in the 1953 Directory. And don't omit anything.

Information Regarding SSA

There is an effort to create printed pamphlets regarding the Soaring Society, Local Clubs, methods of organizing clubs, gliding and soaring techniques, etc., for use by members and anyone who would promote soaring. To date the only new thing available is a statement describing the activities of the Society. It is available at no cost from the Society. One or two older items, including "SOARING IN AMERICA" are still available in very limited quantities.

U. S. Flying Statistics

SSA Statistician, Don Ryon, 25 Hartsen Street, Rochester, N. Y., requests cooperation from all clubs and from individuals not connected with clubs in preparing complete U.S. flying records. If records of your flights are not kept by a club, send for blank forms on which to report yours.

Your Membership or Subscription Status

We continue to receive questions regarding membership and subscriptions. You can check your own by simply looking at the address on the envelope in which you receive SOARING. It gives your expiration date as J54 or D54 or which ever is correct.

Civil Air Patrol

Many CAP people are interested and anxious to provide gliding and soaring training for CAP Cadets. Some few have been able to institute a program of training. The most recent one to come to our attention is at Albuquerque, New Mexico, under the direction of Mr. Frederick S. Adams. We'd like to hear of others and would like to be of assistance to all.