

# SSA NEWS

## AFA ADVOCATES GLIDER FLYING

If you are not a member of the Air Force Association, you probably are not aware of the following which is an extract from the 8th annual proceedings:

"I, Julian B. Rosenthal, Secretary of the Eighth Annual National Convention of the Air Force Association, held at Omaha, Nebraska, on the 19th, 20th and 21st days of August 1954, do hereby certify, that the following Resolutions were duly adopted thereat by the authorized delegates to said Convention:

"... WHEREAS, one of the primary missions of the United States Air Force is an adequate flying training program; and

"WHEREAS, the problem of interesting the youth of the nation in a flying career with the United States Air Force is extremely important; and

"WHEREAS, a vital necessity exists to promote interest in aviation at the earliest possible age; and

"WHEREAS, the expense involved in actually participating in flying activities is too excessive for this younger generation from a personal standpoint.

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Air Force Association recommends to the United States Air Force that it undertake a vigorous program to organize and instruct the youth of the nation in a Glider Flying Activity designed for those under the age of 18 years."

## CARSEY RE-ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF NAA

At the annual meeting and election of officers held in Washington, D. C., on October 11, Jon D. Carsey, immediate past president of the SSA, was re-elected a vice-president of the National Aeronautic Association.

The NAA by-laws stipulate that the president of the SSA shall serve as an ex-officio member of the NAA Board of Directors. Floyd J. Sweet attended the meeting in this capacity.

The NAA is about to embark on an expansion program which will make it truly an organization representative of U. S. aviation.

## SSA COMMITTEES

The following committees have been appointed by the President with the approval of the directors. (As mentioned in the last issue of SOARING, there has been some reorientation to limit the number of committees and a grouping of similar functions in the roll of subcommittees.) These committees are:

### CONTEST

#### Sub-Committees and Chairmen

Chairman .....	W. S. Ivans, Jr.
Rules .....	Paul Bikle
Records Homologation .....	F. B. Compton
Reports and Statistics .....	Don Ryon
International .....	Hugh Whitney

### TECHNICAL

#### Sub-Committees and Chairmen

Chairman .....	Robert C. Kidder
Airworthiness .....	Arthur B. Schultz
Airman Rules .....	William C. Briegleb
Operations .....	Ray Parker
Flying Safety .....	Joe M. Robertson
Communications .....	George Downsborough
Performance .....	R. H. Johnson

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

#### Sub-Committees and Chairmen

Chairman .....	Peter M. Bowers
Historical .....	Walter Setz
Film Library .....	Walter B. Hausler

### RESEARCH

#### Sub-Committees and Chairmen

Chairman .....	Paul B. MacCready, Jr.
Aerodynamics .....	Bruce H. Carmichael
Meteorology .....	Bernard L. Wiggin
Structures .....	Ernest Schweizer

### AWARDS

#### Sub-Committees and Chairmen

Chairman .....	Ralph Barnaby
FAI Awards .....	Howard E. Burr
Perpetual Awards .....	Dr. W. B. Klemperer
Special Awards .....	William H. Coverdale, Jr.

### PUBLICATION

#### Sub-Committees and Chairmen

Chairman .....	Jon D. Carsey
Editor, SOARING .....	Robert C. Forbes
Contributing Editor .....	E. J. Reeves
Technical Review .....	Robert Joppa

### MEMBERSHIP

Chairman .....	Jack Perine
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### YOUTH AIR EDUCATION

Chairman .....	A. J. Redway, Jr.
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## SO WE FLY

If you read our annual report to the FAI which was published in the last issue of SOARING, you may wonder at the statistics. While the figures admittedly were estimated,

they did report actual statistics based on a 57% return of a questionnaire submitted to SSA member clubs. The total number of gliders checks very closely with the CAA records and the number of hours is probably the most accurate estimate which has been submitted to the FAI in many years. so few gliders we do so much flying. We have six Diamond C's, more than any other country in the world; over 40 Golden C's and nearly 200 Silver C's. We hold eight International records. If we are able to do this with fewer than 200 gliders, what would happen if we were to take up soaring seriously in this country?

## GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

While other nations subsidize their glider program financially and otherwise, we have a most tangible form of subsidy from two of our federal organizations. These are the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the U. S. Weather Bureau. Both are most cooperative in furnishing technical specialists at our regional and national contests as well as working with the committees of the society throughout the year.

All who attended the Elsinore contest are aware of the contributions of Mr. LeFevre of the CAA and Mr. Aldrich of the Weather Bureau. The Weather Bureau also made Mr. B. L. Wiggin available to our International team.

Both CAA and the Weather Bureau have acknowledged our letters of thanks. This type of cooperation is perhaps one of the best subsidies soaring can have.

## GOODHART SCORES AGAIN

Cdr. Nick Goodhart, Air Engineer Officer to the Naval Staff of the British Joint Services Mission, Washington, D. C., has had a big hand in the design of a new British carrier landing system.

Nick is well known to the U. S. soaring fraternity as an expert with a sailplane. His resourcefulness is also well known, so it is probably to be expected that he would use the tools at hand to demonstrate a new idea.

With a secretary's lipstick and mirror, he was able to demonstrate the practicability of using a large mirror as an automatic signalling system to replace the familiar hand signalling methods of the Landing Signal Officer.

Nick is an active member of the Middle-Atlantic Soaring Association.