

public address system. John was in town for the Old Timers get-together and with a little persuasion took over for several days as M.C. for the tower.

He is one of the really old timers in soaring and no matter how routine the operation, Johnny can make it sound like the most thrilling episode of the day. He has performed for the past five years in this capacity at the Wright Memorial Glider Meet and the Midwest Contest.

It is performances like Johnny Nowak's that really make the contests interesting for the spectators.

REQUESTS TO CAA

During the last month, four requests have been forwarded to the Civil Aeronautics Administration for action.

The first is a request that CAR 43.46 be amended to eliminate the launching of motorless aircraft by towing aircraft from the category requiring special permission of the Administrator. This, of course, would not remove the requirement that the tow hitch be properly installed and inspected and the pilot properly certificated for the operation.

The second request in the same category is that CAM 43.46-3 (c) (3) be rescinded in its application to the towing of gliders. It presently recommends a commercial certificated pilot which is an undue hardship on those clubs owning their tow planes and utilizing their own members as tow pilots. The great majority of these pilots have private certificates with power and glider ratings. It has been suggested to CAA that a minimum experience qualification only be required.

The third request has been that in as much as the Flight Instructors Manual, CAM 100, is presently to be re-written, a section be devoted to instruction in gliders.

The fourth request is that the Administrator authorize that certain of the Aviation Safety Agents be assigned to glider schools for indoctrination and qualification in gliders in order that they may better perform their duties.

Informal discussion with members of the Administration's Washington Office have indicated that sympathetic consideration will be given these requests.

100% CLUB

The Soaring Society of Dayton has already come through 100 per cent with its membership renewals to June 1956. All those belonging to the SSD are either Members or Student Members of the SSA.

From the large number of Student Memberships received, it appears that the Purdue Glider Club and the Ohio State Glider Club must also be close to 100 per cent.

The SSA needs more of this kind of support. How does your club stand?

GOOD SPORT

The following letter was received by the President:

c/o B. J. S. M.
Washington, D. C.
1800 K Street N. W.
18 July, 1955

The President
Soaring Society of America
3541 North Utah Street
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mr. President:

It was an honor and a privilege to be allowed to fly in the Twenty-Second U. S. National Soaring Championships, and I am sure I speak on behalf of Alberto Araoz as well as myself when I say how appreciative we are of the friendly acceptance of foreigners in your National Championships.

I was, of course, very happy indeed to be able to place at the top of the list, and understood fully that there was no question of being the U. S. champion. It was, therefore, a delightful surprise that the SSA should have awarded me a special silver cup, and through you I should like to thank the whole Association.

Yours sincerely,
signed
H. C. Goodhart
Commander, R. N.

In recognition of the splendid sportsmanship and accomplishment of Cdr. Goodhart, the SSA procured and had engraved a silver dish which was presented to him at the 1955 awards banquet.

Cdr. Goodhart has been a very active member of the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association for several years. His tour of duty with the British Joint Services Mission is up this month and he will be returning to England. Our very best wishes go with him and we will certainly miss him.

RECORD CLAIMS FORWARDED TO F.A.I.

The record claims of Miss Betsy Woodward, for National and International Feminine altitude records, have been reviewed by the National Aeronautic Association, and forwarded to Federation Aeronautique Internationale, for international approval.

When approved, these claims will constitute new national and international Feminine, Class D.1 Records, Absolute Altitude 12,232.6 Meters, 40,133 ft., and Altitude Gained 8,575 Meters, 28,133 ft.

Betsy's flight was made April 14, 1955, at Bishop, Calif., in Pratt-Read Sailplane N 63195.

FAI AWARDS

Howard Burr, Chairman of the FAI Awards Sub-Committee, reports that seven persons have earned their "C" certificates since January of this year, making a total of 1,218. They are: Donald D. Watt, Rawson K. White, Harold D. Hutchison, Harold Drew, Arnold K. Wilson, Roderick C. Hill, Jr., Rex C. Richards.

The following completed the Silver C requirements for a total of 219: Eugart Yerian, G. S. Thomson, Oakley D. North, Jr., Earl F. Brooks, Harold P. Bovenkirk.

Five persons have qualified for Silver C legs and one for Golden C leg. No Gold or Diamond C awards were made during this reporting period.

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September 23, 24, and 25th

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