

## CNAO MEETING

The President and Secretary of the Society attended a meeting of the Conference of National Aviation Organizations in Washington, D. C., on November 28, 1955.

Of particular interest was a discussion on Aviation Incentive with presentations by Dr. Evan Evans, Executive Director of the National Aviation Education Council; Wiley Wright of the CAA; and Mark Savage of the Ohio State Aviation Board.

Mr. Savage discussed the gliding program which has been instituted in State Universities of Ohio and showed some interesting colored slides of activity at Ohio State University.

The State of Ohio has shown great foresight in instituting such a program, since it may well lead to a significant contribution to stimulating youth interest in aviation.

## SSA COMMITTEE CHANGES

Fritz Compton, who, for several years, has been most effective in homologating National and World "Class" records for the SSA, is enjoying a well earned relief from this task.

He has been succeeded as Chairman of the Records Sub-Committee of the Contest Committee by Lloyd Licher. Lloyd has done a splendid job on the last two records, as well as serving as Secretary of SCSA and SSA Governor for Southern California.

John Graves has accepted the invitation of the Chairman of the Technical Committee to fill the job of Chairman of the Airworthiness Sub-Committee. John has recently returned from several years in Europe as a civilian employee of the USAF and fills the vacancy which occurred on the death of Art Schultz earlier this year.

## SSA-AMS MEETING

Departing from a procedure which has been followed for a number of years, the SSA will not hold a joint session with the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences at its annual meeting in January. It was determined by the Chairmen of the Technical and Scientific Committees that there were no suitable papers to be presented at this time.

The Scientific Committee does have a series of papers which it will present jointly with the American Meteorological Society during the IAS meeting, which will be held January 23 through 26 in New York City.

# SIX MONTHS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

by CATHERINE HILLER, *Treasurer, N.E.S.A.*

The six months between May 1 and November 1 of this year have been six months of achievement for Soaring in New England.

The New England Soaring Association, Inc. was organized during this period on a healthy and permanent basis with 50 paid-in-advance members, the sport of soaring has been introduced to literally thousands of persons in New England and ratings among the flying members were bettered to the point where the N.E.S.A. membership list reads like a "who's who in soaring in New England."

## The Club Organizes

In May, with the election of officers and the incorporation of the as-



Catherine Hiller relaxes beneath the wing of her Waco tow-plane with her two dogs, "Jocko" the Dachshund and "Petey" the Cocker.

sociation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the club was off to a good start. Hiller Airport in Barre, Massachusetts, was chosen as the home base, the airport added a WACO 2F to its previously owned Canadian Fleet for towing purposes, and was certified by the CAA as an approved glider school for Private, Commercial and Flight Instructor courses.

Two meets were held, one in June and the second a three-day meet over Labor Day week-end and both meets were extremely successful. The first introduced soaring to visiting pilots and drive-in guests and fifty "first rides" were given. The fall meet was a pilots' meet with two contests listed,

a spot landing contest, won by Donald Taupier, NESA, and a duration flight won by Ted Pfeiffer of the Wurtsboro Club. An awards banquet wound up the week-end and tows for the three days totaled ninety-six, a remarkably high count in spite of the rather poor weather on all three days. Three news-letters "Up Drafts" were compiled by the secretary and mailed to a list of three hundred interested persons. A club emblem was chosen and graces the Association's stationery and Hiller Airport was named as a goal flight out of Elmira in July.

The club officers are Earl Brooks of Hartford, Connecticut, president, Connie Ripley of Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, secretary, and Catherine Hiller of Barre, Massachusetts, treasurer. The directors are Sture Blom, Cambridge; Lillian Brooks, Hartford; James Klein, Wakefield, and Donald Taupier, Holyoke. It is interesting to note that all of these men and women are also members of the American Soaring Association.

## The Association's Headquarters

Headquarters of the New England Soaring Association at Hiller Airport are located in the extreme eastern edge of the Berkshires and are in the geographical centre of New England. The airport has a single strip 4,000 foot runway and, except during flight tests, no winch or auto tows are permitted because of the heavy flow of powered aircraft in and out of the airport. Thus far the airport has been able to successfully co-ordinate powered and non-powered flight.

Overnight sleeping quarters in Wing-Over Lodge, a snack bar, restaurant, large 70 by 100 foot cement swimming pool and camping out sites together with ample tie down area have given the sport of soaring a boost in New England, mutually beneficial to both soaring and the airport. In October the Pratt-Read loaned to the association by Earl Brooks was ready for action following a re-cover job and at the close of the season in November four hundred tows were recorded by Kenneth Ladd, Instructor and tow pilot, and two hundred hours had been inscribed in some thirty log books.

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