

# Notes and Quotes From Club Bulletins



**"HARRIS HILL NEWS"** Published by Elmira Area Soaring Corporation, Elmira, N. Y. **"SUMMER SOARING PROGRAM.** With the Nationals in Texas this year, the EASC is scheduling a Regatta-type competition to cover a period of eight weekends. The regatta will get under way following the Northeastern States Contest over July 4th. Then the next eight weekends will be open to flying for points. Pilots may choose their best four weekends for final scoring. The Regatta will end with the annual Labor Day Meet. The Rules Committee consisting of Bernie Carris, Jack Wilkins, Bob Distin, Paul Schweizer, Bill Frutchy, and Fred Lawrence, is working on final plans so that the above information is subject to modification. Sunday flying will be informal. The annual Model Glider Contest will be held September 15 at Harris Hill.

**"SPIRALS,"** Bulletin of the Texas Soaring Association. **"SPECIAL MEETING—**A Special meeting of TSA was called Friday, May 18, so that everyone could meet Dr. Paul MacCready, Jr., who has been conducting meteorological experiments at the Grand Prairie airport for several weeks. Dr. MacCready, a three time National Soaring Champion and many time International competitor and working with President Eisenhower's Advisory Committee Control, chose G. P. as a site for testing the effects of silver iodide on cloud formations. Since his experiments are of interest to anyone interested in weather, an invitation was extended to all the meteorologists in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to come and hear his comments."

**"THE CONVECTOR,"** Monthly Bulletin of the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association, Inc. **"Jack Perine Has Sponsor.** Every night for about two weeks Frances would ask Jack, 'Have you written that letter yet? Why not?' Finally he broke down and wrote his boss a note saying that since they were nice enough to let him work for them he would return the favor by letting them pay his way to the Nationals in Texas. Sure enough, the Emerson Research Laboratories (adv.) not only agreed to sponsor Jack as an entry, but thanked him warmly for the opportunity. Not one to let his fellow contestants down (besides his old set is wearing out) Jack added a few lines on his letter which led Emerson to indicate that they would very likely donate one of their larger TV sets as one of the prizes for the contest."

**"FREE FLIGHT"** Publication of the Soaring Association of Canada. **"SAC President Dick Noonan writes the April Editorial.** I might best write about this coming year in more or less the way I see it; namely, that I accepted the job of President on condition that my committee of directors and appointees would do all the work! I myself have undertaken to look into the constitutional changes and suggestions that were asked for at the annual meeting, and to see that these are circulated to the membership at large . . . On your behalf, we have taken the decision to make Free Flight the only publication which we may fairly support. Last year, supporting both our own publication and the American publication SOARING, we got into serious financial difficulties. This year, we are allocating \$75.00 per month to provide you, our members, with FREE FLIGHT as part of your SAC membership, and we leave you to decide whether or not you wish to continue subscribing to SOARING. This matter can be dealt with when your renewal of membership falls due. I would ask you all to get behind Pete Stickland. Write to him about your gliding activities, no matter how trivial they may seem to you—he wants to know what you are doing.

**"THE P. G. C. RELEASE"** Published by The Philadelphia Glider Council, Inc. Messrs Piasecki, Berlin, and Kellett had better move over and stop blocking traffic, our Ben is acomin' fast.

"Well the great day has come and gone and this lousy excuse for a reporter missed it. That beautiful red and white 1-26 resting in our hangar is the work of the proud and beaming Mr. Ben Cohen. I might add that Ben has every right to beam, because he has done a right smart job, and even the Schweizers could be pleased with it had they turned it out in its entirety. Good going Benny Boy and just when are you going to cut loose after some of them there points?"

**"CLOUDSTREET,"** Publication of The Regina Gliding and Soaring Club. **"Air Cadet Training Will Start.** Julien Audette has been working out arrangements with the Air Cadet League to train four top-flight cadets for glider pilot ratings. The scholarships will be given to four hand-picked boys, who show keenest interest and highest standings.

A few cadets will also be picked for shop training. They will work under the direction of a qualified engineer."

**"HAWTHORNE HERALD,"** Published by Spence Air Base, Moultrie, Georgia. **"Instructors Organize Glider Club.** On Feb. 28 several employees met with Mr. Beverly Howard, president of Hawthorne School of Aeronautics, to discuss plans to organize a glider club at Spence Air Base. Mr. Howard offered to lend a 2-place Laister Kauffmann sailplane to the newly organized group if they were interested in rendering the structure airworthy by making some minor repairs and covering the fuselage and wing with new fabric. A great amount of interest was shown when the group held an election of officers at their second meeting on March 5. Officers elected were: Bob McComb, President; Al Patton, Vice President; and Bruce Watson, Secretary-treasurer. A group of five members was also selected to act as a board of directors and to draw up articles and by-laws for the organization. They are: John Coleman, Eldon Shore, Les Williams, Vic Turzanski and R. D. Bowen.

Other members include L. H. Locke, Jim Gould, Harold Borroughs, G. E. Bryan, Earl Pirkle, F. T. Lewis, H. M. Hughes, Ed King, Brax Batson, Louis A. Pierce, and Edgar L. Bricker.

The maximum initial membership has been limited to 20. If some of these charter members should drop their membership due to being too busy to aid in the activities of the club and spending the necessary time in rebuilding work, the maximum will then be fixed at 15 members. At such time that the membership should drop below this figure, the club will accept new applications for membership. Applicants must have a minimum of 200 hours of powered-aircraft flying time, wherein they were the sole operator of the controls or in command of flight. New applicants for membership should contact Ed King.

Although the embryo group revolves around the flight department at the present time, personnel from other departments who desire membership and meet the requirements will have equal chance for membership when and if openings occur.

**"SAILPLANE,"** Published by the Sacramento Soaring Club, Inc. **"THE 7th ANNUAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SOARING CONTEST.** Paul Bikle again proved himself champion in winning the 7th Annual Northern California Contest. As we reckon it, this just about cinches his title to everything west of the Rockies."

"The Napa Soaring Club saw the realization of many hours of hard work when their TG-3 was licensed the first weekend of the contest. Last minute detailing kept the ship on the ground until mid-Sunday, when of all things, the ship was ready to fly and no glider pilots were left on the ground. Finally Ed Butts was located and he checked out the ship, then took Enno (Peck) Pechnik up as the first Napa Club member to have a ride in their pride and joy. The second weekend JAG Smith spent most of both days giving instructions to the Napa Gang."

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