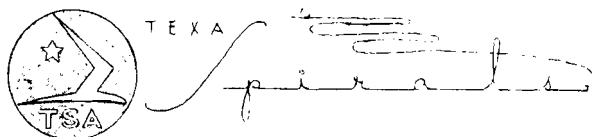


Notes and Quotes From Club Bulletins



"SPIRALS," bulletin of the Texas Soaring Association. "A lot of glider-guiders from across the country are going to be counting on having a good contest waiting them here in Thermal-land. One indication of this is found in the fact that TSA's bid was accepted by the SSA Board of Directors over a very excellent bid put up by the threesome of Philadelphia Glider Council-Thiebolt Aircraft Company-Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association. They offered a cafeteria on the field, a 24-hour weather station, and many other plush features that TSA doesn't have. So it would seem that the promise of Texas-size thermals and plenty of diamonds for the naked gulls on Gold-C's, has given TSA its Third National Soaring Contest in its eight years of existence. So much for the pep-talk. Now let's get with it and run a contest that everyone will remember for many moons."

"AUSTIN AIRINGS," published by the Austin Division of Texas Soaring Association. "WE'RE HAVING A MEET, TOO! Some call it a warm-up for the Nationals, but officially it is the Second Annual Central Texas Soaring Meet scheduled for June 2 and 3. We'll save printers ink and elbow grease and suggest you re-read those inspiring pep talks in SPIRALS. Seriously, this is a big project, and it's going to take work and cooperation from all of us."

"PUBLICATION OF THE SOUTH JERSEY SOARING SOCIETY" "OUR COVER CARTOONS. We have received numerous comments from other clubs and individuals regarding the cartoons that appear on the cover of our Newsletter. . . . The artist is Len Reick, a welder. He has never been in a glider nor seen one fly, yet he is a power pilot. He certainly has a wonderful imagination about gliders. For that reason, we intend to take him up in the Pratt Read and prove to him that we always wear shoes when we fly, we land on a wheel instead of on the pilot's feet, and we do not have a method of flapping the glider wings to stay up."

"THE THERMAL," published by Southern California Soaring Association. "New Soaring Club Now Forming! A new club limited to fifteen members is being organized. The club will begin its activities with a Pratt-Read which has just been rebuilt by the Northrop Aeronautical Institute. The ship will be hangared at Elsinore. The club will be incorporated as a non-profit organization to eliminate individual liability."

"NEWSLETTER 56-2," published by the Soaring Society of Dayton, Inc. "WRIGHT MEMORIAL GLIDER MEET. Plans are under way for the Eighth Annual Wright Memorial Glider Meet. This meet is to be held May 30-June 3, 1956. This year we will again feature seven Junior Events, Seven Senior Events, a Collegiate Team Event, etc. The Senior Division will be open to those pilots holding Silver C's, and the Junior Division will be open to all others. The rules and regulations will be similar to those of previous years. The events will be: Maximum Altitude; Altitude Gain; Endurance; Distance; Distance to Goal; Bomb Drop; and Spot Landing.

"A major change from last year is the replacement of the Paper Strafe event with a Distance to Goal event. It is anticipated that this will be instrumental in Junior pilots making Silver 'C' distance flights and Senior pilots making Golden 'C' distance flights.

"The difficulties in accurately judging Paper Strafe times as well as the congestion caused both in the air and on the ground by large numbers of gliders has made this change advisable. We hope that this action will be generally approved by participants."

"WURTSBORO THERMAL," published by M.A.S.A., Wurtsburg, New York. "A Cold Front Passage came through recently, which was felt and watched by all present at the airport. The field was not quite clear of fog yet and suddenly we heard the hangar doors rumble and all ran outside for a look. Different wind velocities and directions existed at the time over the field and the fog was seen very swiftly lifted out of the valley. The wind was coming down the valley and a roll cloud on the leading edge of the front was coming from the NW. While passing through the wind was so strong that while walking forward on the ice covered ground, one moved backwards! 'Seeing is believing' when watching the visible movement of a cold front."

"TRADEWINDS," published by the South Florida Soaring Association, Inc. "Chas. Abel and John Randall, while trailering the 1-26 to North Perry, stopped in a filling station for gas. Another sporty car drove up, piloted by a young man of about 17 years. He carefully inspected the sailplane, and stated that his father had flown many sailplanes, and that he is taking an executive pilot's course at Embry Riddle in Miami. We hope he will be flying sailplanes with us, as well as the Embry Riddle power planes. His name is *Richard DuPont, Jr.*"

"HARRIS HILL NEWS," published by Elmira Area Soaring Corp., Elmira, New York. "BERNARD L. WIGGIN WINS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AWARD. Barney Wiggin, known to all soaring enthusiasts far and wide was given a citation and the Meritorious Service Award and Silver Medal by the Commerce Department for outstanding work in providing meteorological service for sailplane operations. This is well deserved recognition for all will agree that Barney has certainly contributed to the growth of soaring in this country. All those who have listened to his pre-flight briefings value the great store of information that he has and along with this his quaint humor and home-spun philosophy.

"At the Snowbird Meet, the Hudson Valley Soaring Group was one step ahead of the Department of Commerce by recognizing Barney's contributions by presenting him with the Sargent Award for 1955. One thing that he has done so well is to encourage pilots to be curious about unusual conditions and to try to investigate them. Barney has always been ready to cooperate with any soaring pilot in helping him to pick his weather and various pilots, including many in Elmira, have used his telephone service where he will watch for a good record day and give the pilot a call. All members of the EASC congratulate Barney on this well-deserved recognition and wish him even greater achievements in the future."

"THE P.G.C. RELEASE," published by the Philadelphia Glider Council, Inc. "FREE FLIGHT. Many of you have no doubt received complimentary copies of FREE FLIGHT, the Canadian glider publication. If you have I know that you have enjoyed it as much as I and some of my friends, to whom I have loaned it. A subscription to it is a must for anyone interested in gliding. That guy Superclot is a whiz, he puts my fears right in my mouth. Subscribe and do yourself a favor, and help the soaring movement at the same time."

"THE CONVECTOR," bulletin of the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association, Inc. "M-ASA should have one of its most successful seasons this year. Perine and Lane are going to team up with a reciprocal trade cross country agreement. As the tale got to us, they are going to take turns at flying and retrieving. A mileage check will be kept to help tell who owes who what. Others should follow the example set by these two."

"BULLETIN NO. 8," published by the Michigan Soaring Association. "KUETTNER TALK ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED. Some 58 persons turned out to hear Dr. Kuettner give his talk at the Engineering Society of Detroit last month. It was illustrated by slides and some very fascinating movies of wave clouds. Similar movies will be shown at the museum show. We were glad to see a big delegation from the Toledo group in attendance. A majority of those at the meeting were glider pilots."