

SSA NEWS

CAR PART 20

The current revision of Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations has recently become available and has been reviewed by the Technical Committee of SSA.

The Technical Committee previously submitted its comments on August 22, 1955. Many of the recommendations were incorporated in this revision which became effective August 23, 1956. However, since the format was considerably changed, to the advantage of the reader, it becomes apparent that several major deficiencies still exist.

The following information has been transmitted to the CAB with a request that an immediate amendment be issued: Changes—Paragraph 20.121—Additional aircraft ratings. (a) Category rating. An applicant for an additional category rating in gliders shall:

(1) Have had at least two hours of flight instruction in gliders, from a qualified instructor, and not less than 10 solo flights including 360° turns.

(2) Meet the appropriate aeronautical knowledge requirements.

(3) Pass the appropriate flight test.

Paragraph 20.95 Aeronautical Skill. This paragraph to read identical with paragraph 20.105 with the exception that the tolerance in paragraph (b) shall be "... beyond and within 200 feet of a designated point or line."

WORLD COMPETITION

On December 20, 1956, the Society through the U. S. national aero club, National Aeronautic Association, filed with the FAI a formal request that the U. S. be nominated as host nation for the 1958 World Gliding Championships.

The Gliding Commission of FAI will meet in Paris February 4 and 5 for the purpose of considering the offers from the member nations of FAI.

NEW LIFE MEMBER

The latest to join the SSA Life Membership ranks is Stone B. Jones, Wagner, South Dakota.

Mr. Jones is the 36th person to choose this means of insuring the perpetuation of the Society with his contribution to the Life Membership endowment fund.

ELMIRA SELECTED FOR 1957

By the majority vote of the SSA Directors, Elmira has been selected as the site for the 1957 U. S. Annual National Soaring Competitions. The selection was announced by William S. Ivans, Jr., Chairman of the SSA Contest Committee.

Bids were received from the Texas Soaring Association, Southern California Soaring Association and Elmira Area Soaring Corporation.

The dates of the contest have not been selected, but it is expected they will be announced soon.

CARSEY RE-ELECTED NAA VICE PRESIDENT

At the annual meeting of the National Aeronautic Association at Kansas City, Jon D. Carsey, SSA Director, was re-elected a Vice President.

The SSA was represented at the meeting, held December 3-5, 1956, by President Floyd J. Sweet.

ANNUAL REPORTS

It is hoped that all clubs and gliding associations will submit their annual reports as quickly as possible. Forms for these reports may be obtained from the Secretary, Box 71, Elmira, New York.

Each year the reports are more accurate in detail and it is hoped this year's reports will begin to show the picture of the true amount of activity in the U. S.

All groups are urged to give the submission of these reports the highest priority.

NEW NATIONAL RECORD HOMOLOGATED BY NAA

Distance to a Predetermined Destination (Goal): Single-place, Lyle A. Maxey of Downey, Calif., from Grand Prairie, Texas, airport to Wichita, Kansas Municipal Airport. Distance: 340.52 miles (548.01 km.). Date of Flight: August 1, 1956.



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