

1957 DIRECTORY

The 1957 SSA Soaring Directory has been printed and mailed to all persons of Member status or higher. Because of the partial transfer of SSA records to Los Angeles in April those Members who have recently renewed through that office will have their Directories mailed in mid-August.

The Directory has 64 pages this year. It lists Officers; Directors and their addresses; Committee and Subcommittee Chairmen and their addresses; SSA State Governors and their addresses; the 73 Soaring Clubs of the U. S. with their addresses, officers, meeting times and places, flying sites, contact person's addresses and telephone numbers; the current World Class and U. S. National soaring records; holders of Diamond C's and Gold C's; Life Members; and the membership roster as of April 30 (all but subscribers to SOARING), alphabetical by states with name, address, membership code and expiration date.

This a book you can't be without. In a handy 5½ by 8 size, it is easy to carry around so that you know who your soaring associates are both at home or away.

Distribution to other than Members is limited to Associates and Student Members for \$2.00 per copy. Address requests to SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

RYAN NEW RECORD CHIEF

An important recent change in the SSA Table of Organization has been the appointment of Bertha M. Ryan as Chairwoman of the SSA Record Homologation Subcommittee. She succeeds Lloyd M. Licher who is now busy as SSA Executive Secretary and Editor of SOARING.

In his tour of record processing Lloyd has worked toward clarification of the rules governing record attempts, establishing standard procedures and the creation of a more complete set of forms for use in filing record reports. These working tools will enable Bartha to provide one of the most important services to SSA Members. Consult your 1957 SSA Directory, pages 18-22, for a list of the current World Class and U. S. National soaring records. Feminine Multi-Place records begin half way down page 20. There are still many record categories that have not had any mark established, most likely be-

cause few or no attempts have been made. The 200 km triangular speed course is note-worthy in this respect.

If an attempt at making or breaking one of these records appeals to you write to Miss Ryan for a copy of the FAI Sporting Code and some sets of SSA Record Forms. Miss Bertha M. Ryan, Chairwoman, SSA Record Homologation Subcommittee, 2659 Centinela Avenue, Santa Monica, California.

FAI AWARDS

Effective immediately, all future applications for the FAI Awards should be submitted to: SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif. The work which Ben Shupack has been doing in Malverne, N. Y. has been transferred to the office of the Executive Secretary. Ben is due many thanks for having done this work in the past. It is such unselfish volunteer work as that which has enabled the SSA to grow as much as it has.

Now that a full time office staff is available to process the FAI Award applications it has been decided to issue all C pins from the central office only. Those key people around the country who have been previously authorized to issue C pins on the local level are requested to return them to the Executive Secretary together with a record of those issued in the past and numbers assigned, if possible.

NATS DAILY BULLETINS

Although the only general notice advertising the daily bulletin service for \$1.00 at the Nationals came out quite late it nevertheless brought a fair response. Strong, enthusiastic demand resulted in an additional air mail service for 25 cents extra. The regular ones all went by first class mail. 52 people were so served while 13 received theirs by air mail. Numerous complimentary sets were sent to prominent people and after the contest complete sets were sent to each U. S. club and some foreign exchange publications.

It is hoped that next year sufficient advance notice will be given to a similar service and that a larger circulation will result. It could be rewarding enough to pay the expenses of a person attending the contest who would have only the responsibility of writing, printing and mailing the daily bulletins.

There can be little doubt that daily bulletins sent by direct mail are the best way to keep up with progress during the Nationals. In spite of providing the major news services with daily results very few papers in the U. S. pick it up to print. As it exists, soaring does not have reader interest in the general public. Keep this in mind when the service is offered in 1958 if you pine to know what is happening and the grapevine does not suit your needs.

SSA'S NEW ADDRESS

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the recent change of address for SSA. The office of the Executive Secretary is the only address to use for most of the business of the Society, new applications for memberships or subscriptions, renewals, changes of address, complaints of no magazine received, sale of merchandise, FAI Award applications, back issues of Soaring, everything to do with Soaring magazine including story and photo contributions, letters to the editor, display and classified advertisements; glider census information, towplane release installation information, annual activity reports and all club and exchange publications for SSA and the editor of Soaring.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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as SSA Officials and Directors, and ardent supporters of the art, sport and science of motorless flying in America and elsewhere.

Final markings in the great 8th National of 1937 gave Richard Du Pont the Championship for the third time. Peter Riedel was high mark man but being a national of another country made him ineligible, of course, for the U. S. title. No foreign participant in the U. S. Nationals was to duplicate Riedel's feat until Commander Nick Goodheart of Her Majesty's Royal Navy showed so brilliantly in the 22nd National of 1955.

Final score of the top twelve pilots:

1 Peter Riedel of Germany	196
2 Richard DuPont (Champion)	182
3 Chester Decker	178
4 Emil Lehecka	178
5 Harland Ross	172
6 Lewin Barringer	171
7 Bob Auburn	150
8 Art Schultz	142
9 Chas. Tubbs	101
10 Bronius of Lithuania	88
11 Youston Sekella	55
12 Floyd Sweet	47