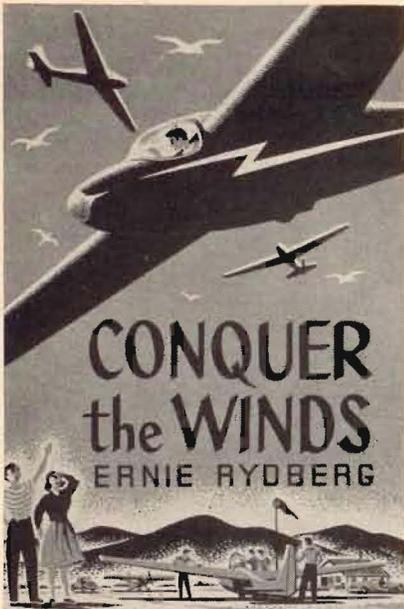


BOOK REVIEW



Published by Longmans, Green and Co., Inc., 55 Fifth Ave., New York 3, N. Y. Price: \$2.75.

Order from your local book store.

A fiction book on gliding and soaring written for the teen-ager. Highly recommended for the children of all soaring families, perhaps as a birthday or Christmas gift. It should also appeal to older enthusiasts.

Background for the story was obtained by association with the San Diego soaring people. Torrey Pines and the Elsinore glideport are the flying sites. An idea of the plot is given by the publisher's review.

"An interest in soaring and gliding points the way out for a boy who is resentful of unfair treatment. Rocky has a chip on his shoulder. When a girl smashes his new car—and runs out—he makes no explanation and takes the blame. His driver's license is taken away. A loyal friend, wise enough to suspect the truth, interests Rocky in gliding. Now Rocky wants more than anything to have a student permit and be accepted in the Glider's Club.

"His friend's sister, Star, helps with her sensible companionship and the know-how on gliding she shares so generously. Unfortunately, Rocky's sense of grievance has prompted him to indulge with some others in a foolish prank. Rocky is a very normal and likeable seventeen-year-old with the right instincts. His fine qualities are balanced against the obstinacy that kept him silent, the petulance that led to the prank. And, of course, when everything comes out the scales are heavily in his favor.

"With Mr. Rydberg the story always comes first, and this is an excellent tale of a keen-witted boy of today, whose adventures move right along. The book contains a good account of gliding and soaring. This is a book chosen for interest, but in its action is a commentary on young problems."

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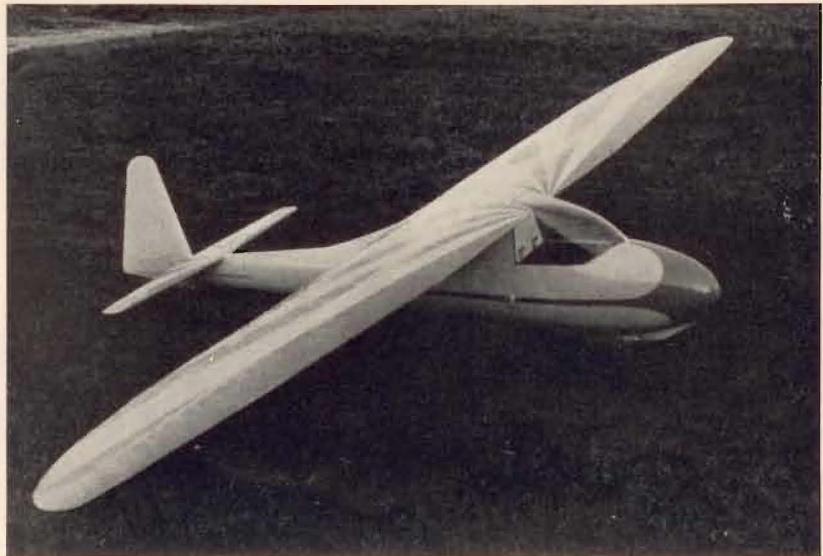
The West must have earned some kind of a new record for encouraging youth. Last year there was Walter Klemperer who earned his Silver C at the age of 16. This year Hugh Bikle and Kenny Briegleb, both 15 years of age, completed their Silver C's on the same day and both in TG-3's. We are proud of them and congratulate them and their proud fathers.

Another testimony to the attraction of western soaring is the flight by three Air Force pilots in a B-47 from Florida to March AFB in California and thence by car to El Mirage where they flew gliders. The day they chose was a windy one and the thermals were absent. Nevertheless, they enjoy-

ed themselves and "bombed" Arkansas on the way home to complete their "training" mission.

The distance of our local soaring sites from Los Angeles (100 miles) has often encouraged members of the SCSA to search for a "close in" soaring site. Progress along this line has been made by Fred Walters who is investigating possible training sites at the Montgomery Ranch in the Simi Valley, just west of the San Fernando Valley, and at the 6S Ranch airport in Mint Canyon, just north of the San Fernando Valley. Both of these sites are within 35 miles of Los Angeles and even closer to residents of the San Fernando Valley. Fred, with the cooperation of the San Fernando Valley Soaring Club's towplane, has organized week-end soaring gatherings to investigate the possibilities of establishing a site that will enable more people to participate in soaring.

Our new SSA Governor for Southern California is Stan Hall, who succeeds Lloyd Licher. We Westerners are real proud to have our own Lloyd Licher appointed as Executive Secretary of The Soaring Society of America. Of course, we miss him in local activities but we know he will do a tremendous job for SSA and we will all benefit from his work.



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