

Notes and Quotes From Club Bulletins

THE *Connector*

"CONNECTOR," Monthly bulletin of the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association, Inc. "The South Jersey Soaring Society has been having quite a bit of fun with their new winch. Wire breaks which seem to be the plague of most winch operations have been the least of the troubles—in fact it seems as though the Jersey winch is an ideal spring manufacturing machine. That's if you're interested in springs six inches in diameter and a hundred feet long. With a skilled pilot and a 20 MPH surface wind they have been getting up to 2760 feet. With no wind and without trying for altitude they have been getting 1100 to 1200 feet. This is on a 5000-foot line. Their unit uses an Olds engine with hydramatic—a tension unit is used to gauge towing speed. Although they are having a few difficulties it sounds as though they have found the answer to getting more flying per dollar and getting a lot of ships into the air. Once they get used to using the winch it should be possible to get 2000-foot and better launches with good consistency."

"Was Texas too much for Pete Stickland? There has been no issue of FREE FLIGHT down this way since the Nationals. . . . Saw a note in the SCSA THERMAL mentioning a visit from Pete. Is it possible they've kidnapped him? . . . Canada should never have let him escape. Seriously, we hope that there is nothing wrong with Pete and that another issue of FREE FLIGHT will be coming out soon. It is a darn good magazine and Pete has been doing a wonderful job."

"THE THERMAL," Publication of the Southern California Soaring Association, Inc. "On Thursday, January 24th, 1957, Dr. Wolfgang B. Klemperer's friends and co-workers at Douglas Aircraft Company gave him a dinner party at the Fox and Hounds Restaurant in Santa Monica on the occasion of his celebration of 20 years with Douglas. Dr. Klemperer is to be envied for his vast number of friends that were in attendance to give honor to him and Mrs. Klemperer. . . . Soaring people in attendance were John Graves, Dick Eldredge, Tom and Marilyn Priestly, Jane Harvey and Bertha Ryan. Dick was called upon to enumerate a few of Dr. Klemperer's accomplishments in soaring and his work with SCSA. . . . Dick's final comments were as follows: 'To we who fly gliders, there is no one individual who has contributed to the enjoyment of our sport more, more often, or with more effect, than our friend, Dr. Klemperer.'"

"NEWSLETTER 57-2," Published by the SOARING SOCIETY OF DAYTON, INC. "Starting a new season always presents a challenge. At the moment we can look back on seven years of progress. . . a record of complete safety. We can do it again with the cooperation of every member. As usual this season we start with new members not yet familiar with soaring, old members who need refreshing on procedures and spectators that we must protect. . . . 'Be Sharp! Keep the SSD Safe, Secure, Solvent and Soaring! It's a better organization because you are a member!'"

"SAILPLANE," Publication of the Sacramento Soaring Club, Inc. "Plank Progress. More and more interest is being expressed in Bob Baker's Plank Project. Bob has completed the nose ribs and is starting on the trailing ribs. John Flynn is starting the fuselage construction and Vic is assisting in the technical phases. There is every reason to expect that the Plank will be ready for the air this spring."

"The rest of the club members are anxiously awaiting the completion of the Plank. If it is as successful as preliminary reports indicate, it may be the answer to many of our operational problems."

"AUSTIN AIRINGS OF THE TEXAS SOARING ASSOCIATION," "The Austin Division of the Texas Soaring Association now and hereby claims to have among its members, the youngest Private Glider Pilot in the United States. On March 6th, William Brazelton Snead, who was 16 on December 9, 1956, was awarded his Private License. He will give reasonable consideration to any proposals for endorsing breakfast foods, razor blades, what have you. . . ."

"THE DOPE," Newsletter of the Rochester Soaring Club, Inc. "Commander Nick Goodhart writes from England that he was glad to hear that the United States had made a bid for the 1958 World Soaring Meet. He would like an attempt to take the World Soaring Champion Title from Paul MacCready in the United States."

SOARING BRIEFS

Of interest to all soaring people everywhere will be the June issue of FLYING MAGAZINE edited by Mr. Gill Robb Wilson. This issue will feature soaring, and shows George and Margaret Downsborough with their *Hummingbird* in beautiful color on the front cover. Soaring will also be the subject of the editorial written by Mr. Gill Robb Wilson. In addition there will be articles by Paul MacCready, Charlie Abel, some "experiences" by Alex Dawydoff, Assistant Managing Editor of FLYING, and well known to soaring people, and an article by Betty Loufek titled "I Learned About Flying From That."

To be featured in such a prominent magazine as FLYING, with its large circulation, should create more interest in our sport and should swell the ranks of the clubs throughout the country.

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The Weather Bureau has issued instructions to all its aviation weather observing stations to report lenticular clouds and rotor clouds whenever observed and where in the observer's judgment there is a possibility that they are due to terrain effects. These cloud forms are considered to be of major concern to aviation because of the turbulence associated with them. Forecasters, briefers and pilots may now have a greater awareness of mountain, and low level atmosphere waves.

Lenticulars as a class have been reported by weather observers for better than fifty years. Explorations by the sailplane have proved that those induced by surface affects are different from those that rise from relatively smooth undulations in the free air flow at high levels; different and dangerous, hence they will now appear in the hourly line-up of aviation weather reports.

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The Connecticut Valley Soaring Association held a dinner meeting at De Pasquales Restaurant in Hartford on February 1st.

Members and their guests were fortunate in having *World Champion* Dr. Paul B. MacCready as guest speaker. Dr. MacCready, Sr., Paul's faithful crewman, showed his slides of the recent international meet and Paul, Jr. added his personal comments and answered questions on soaring techniques.