

### to THE NATIONAL AERONAUTIC ASSOCIATION Calendar Year 1956

#### SSA TREASURER RESIGNS

Our Treasurer for the past six years, E. J. Reeves, has tendered his resignation as of June 1, 1957.

E. J. has served faithfully for nine years and has been responsible for much of the success in revitalizing SSA since World War II; first for three years as President of the Society and since then as our Treasurer and financial advisor. He also has been a member of the Publications Committee and shared the responsibility for the regular appearance of SOARING. For several years he was responsible for a feature column in each issue.

At the last meeting of the Directors, E. J. indicated a desire to be relieved of his duties and the Directors approved the appointment of Treasurer-elect, Dr. Harner Selvidge who will fill E. J.'s unexpired term.

The Society will ever be in debt to E. J. Reeves for his unselfish contribution of time and effort to our interests.

#### CONTEST BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

A subscription service to the daily contest bulletins at the National Soaring Championships is available this year for \$1.00 to all members or others who want to receive daily contest news and results while it is going on. This should fill the need of those who bemoan lack of good newspaper coverage of the event. All mailings will be by first-class mail. Contestants and crews will receive free copies at each pilot's meeting. Send your dollar to the office of the Executive Secretary, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, California any time prior to the contest. Provisions have been made to forward all orders to Elmira each day by air mail. Just enclose a note, "Contest Bulletins," with the name and address to be used for mailing.

#### EXPIRATIONS

If there is a J57 code on the address stencil used in mailing this issue of *Soaring* it indicates that your membership and/or subscription to SSA and *Soaring* expires on June 30, 1957. You will not want to miss the coming year which is expected to bring marked increases in membership benefits and frequency of the

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Soaring certificates and FAI badges awarded:	
C certificates .....	68
Silver C certificates .....	32
Diamond C badges .....	3
CAA Glider ratings earned:	
Private glider certificates .....	61
Commercial Glider certificates .....	27
Glider flight instructor certificates .....	4
Glider rating to private power certificates .....	20
Glider rating to commercial power certificates .....	7
Glider rating to instructor certificates .....	1
Flying hours .....	
Hours from aero tow .....	8,195
Hours from auto-winch tow .....	5,341
Hours from auto-winch .....	1,150
Launchings .....	
From airplane .....	17,744
From auto-winch .....	8,531
From auto-winch .....	9,213
Equipment	
Club owned gliders .....	69
Individually owned gliders .....	196
Club towplanes .....	15
Club winches .....	16

NOTE: The above statistics are based on incomplete reports and represent approximately 80 per cent of the year's activity.

Number of clubs .....	63
Number of sanctioned contests .....	7

#### Outstanding Achievements:

Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Jr., won the World Gliding Championships for 1956 and William S. Ivans, Jr., finished in 5th place. The team of Kempes Trager and Eugene Miller finished 4th in the two-place World Championships.

Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Jr., has been selected as the 1956 recipient of the Lilienthal Medal.

#### American Records Established; Single Place:

1. Speed for 300 Kilometers over a Triangular Course: 13.949 mph (70.720 kmph), Paul F. Bikle, Schweizer SGS-1-23 Sailplane, N91877. El Mirage-Joshua Tree-Daggett-El Mirage, California, course, July 21, 1956.
2. Distance to a predetermined Destination: 340.52 mi. (548.01 km), Lyle A. Maxey, Kerns Sailplane, "The Jenny Mae," N34K, Grand Prairie Airport, Grand Prairie, Texas to Wichita Municipal Airport, Wichita, Kansas, August 1, 1956.

#### Multi-place:

1. Distance to a Predetermined Destination: 248.073 mi. (399.24 km), Harold D. Hutchinson, pilot; Bryant Denison, passenger; TG-1A Sailplane, N58353, Grand Prairie Airport, Grand Prairie, Texas to Tulsa Municipal Airport, Tulsa, Okla., August 4, 1956.
2. Distance to a Predetermined Point with Return to Point of Departure: 217.038 mi. (349.29 km), Harold D. Hutchinson, pilot; Elmore Hoggard, passenger; TG-4A Sailplane, N58353, Grand Prairie Airport, Grand Prairie, Texas to Breckenridge, Texas and return, August 8, 1956.
3. Speed for 100 Kilometers Over a Triangular Course: 11.023 mph (66.021 kmph), Harold D. Hutchinson, pilot; Elmore Hoggard, passenger; TG-4A Sailplane; N58353, Grand Prairie-Russell Field-Denton Field-Grand Prairie, Texas, course, August 9, 1956.

#### 1956 National Soaring Contest:

Number of days of Competition .....	9
Number of Competitors .....	45
Total distances flown in competition .....	42,200 miles
Longest flight .....	394 miles