

SSA NEWS

DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Mid-Winter SSA Board of Directors' Meeting was held in New York City on Friday, January 31st and Saturday, February 1st. There was a very good turnout of Directors, with 14 of the 25 attending in person and another six by proxy. Actions taken that are of interest to the general reader of SOARING are described below. A more comprehensive summary was sent to all SSA voting members early in February, as Members' Newsletter #1.

It was decided to begin publication of a bi-monthly newsletter which will be mailed to all voting members. This will help fill the gaps between issues of SOARING until a monthly magazine becomes feasible. As another benefit to full Members, it should induce more people to become actively associated with the Society.

The Executive Secretary was rehired for an indefinite period of time and will continue to edit SOARING magazine until a separate editor can be afforded.

Subscriptions to SOARING will no longer be available to individuals in the U. S. The magazine may now be obtained only as part of one of the various grades of SSA membership. Subscriptions now in effect will be allowed to expire normally but will not be renewable.

An insurance plan for SSA full Members and Chapters (clubs with 100% SSA Membership) was inaugurated. Details are given on page 16.

A decision was made to proceed with the American Gliding and Soaring Manual. This will be a comprehensive training and operations manual with each phase written by authorities in the field. It will probably be published on a subscription basis as loose-leaf bulletins, with some items appearing as the center spread in SOARING magazine.

The air space problem was discussed at some length and resulted in a rule being made that will prohibit instrument flying in all future contests sanctioned by SSA. Joe Anthony was appointed as chairman of an Air Space Committee to look after soaring interests where government legislation is concerned.

In the future, the current U. S. National Soaring Champion will not take part in the seeding for the U. S.

Soaring Team for the Internationals and will automatically be number one man on the Team.

The Film Library was authorized to purchase eleven new films.

Actions on an affiliation structure between SSA and the many U. S. soaring clubs was tabled to the next Board meeting pending further study of the problems involved.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the time of the Nationals in Bishop, California.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

No, the address of SSA has not changed again — just a constant reminder of the new address:

**The Soaring Society
of America, Inc.
Box 66071**

Los Angeles 66, California

This is the address to use for all routine business of the Society and everything to do with SOARING magazine. The only exception is that, when a particular Officer or Committee Chairman is being addressed, correspondence should go directly to him.

NEW SSA GOVERNORS

The list of Governors in the 1957 SSA Soaring Directory contained a number of blanks because the positions had not been filled at the time of printing. The President, Paul Schweizer, has since selected people for these states as follows:

California: Robert E. Smith, 4317 Westlawn Ave., Los Angeles 66, Calif.

Idaho: Louis S. Stur, Box 148, Sun Valley, Idaho.

Iowa: Leighton Misbach, Algona Municipal Airport Commission, 614 S. Minnesota St., Algona, Iowa.

New Mexico: Louis J. Falconi, Rt. #1, Box 233, Roswell, New Mexico.

Oklahoma: Frank M. Scott, 3626 S. Sandusky, Tulsa 5, Oklahoma.

Washington: Peter M. Bowers, 13826 Des Moines Way, Seattle 88, Wash.

Wisconsin: Gunter W. Voltz, 3841 N. Port Washington Ave., Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin.

SSA Governors assist in the promotion of soaring activity by serving as sources of information on soaring sites, sailplanes, tow planes, and other equipment and facilities in their designated areas. Contact them for help on your soaring needs and problems.

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Walter Hausler of Rochester, New York, is the latest person to join the ranks of SSA Life Members. His membership makes a total of 36 in that category and points out that there is room for many more. Walt has been connected with soaring for many years. He earned U. S. C. Badge number 947 in September of 1950 while flying the Rochester Soaring Club's TG-3. His most significant contribution to Soaring has been the establishment and management of the SSA Film Library, from which practically everyone in the sport has benefited.

1958 SSA SOARING DIRECTORY

The 1958 issue of the SSA Soaring Directory is now being prepared. It will appear sometime in May and be mailed free to all voting members. Copies will be made available to other classes of members at \$2.00 each. The Directory can be one of the most useful items a soaring enthusiast has. In handy pocket size (5½ x 8 inches), it lists the SSA Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen, Governors, all soaring clubs in the U. S. (addresses, meeting times and places, soaring sites and addresses and phone numbers of contact persons), World Class and U. S. National soaring records, U. S. holders of FAI Soaring Awards, and the complete SSA membership roster by states as of March 31, 1958. Make sure the information on you and any club you are associated with is presented the way you want it. Send all information in by the end of March to: SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, California.

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