

MATERIAL AVAILABLE

The SSA has a variety of items available on a free distribution basis, unless otherwise specified. Request by item number or name from SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

Item 3. FAI Awards application blanks.

Item 4. SSA membership application blanks. These are in the form of business reply envelopes, making it easy for new applicants to mail in their dues.

Item 5. SSA By-Laws, with Annex of Board and Committee Platforms.

Item 6. SOARING . . . The S.S.A. . . . and YOU pamphlets, telling about the sport of soaring, glider pilot certificates, how soaring is organized, what the SSA is and what it does, and how to get started in soaring. Ideal for answering the questions of prospective soaring enthusiasts.

Item 7. Region lists of soaring clubs and SSA Governors, by SSA region number, as excerpted from the SSA Directory. The list for each region lists all soaring clubs in that region, their addresses, meeting times and places, flying sites and contact persons and the SSA Governors' names and addresses for each state in the region. Add the region number in parentheses after Item 7 when ordering or just the state desired.

Item 8. List giving Availability of Plans, Kits, Partially Completed and Ready-to-fly Gliders and Sailplanes. At present, the list includes only U. S. designs for which details have been obtained, including a brief description, price, manufacturer's name and address. Used equipment is not included.

Item 9. List of Glider Schools and Commercial Glider Operators in the U.S., giving location, equipment, services and prices, where known.

Item 10. List of Books on Soaring, where they may be obtained, prices and a brief description of each.

Item 16. Record Forms. Request from Bertha M. Ryan, 2659 Centinela Ave., Santa Monica, California. Limited supply; please do not request unless seriously expecting to establish new U. S. National or World Class soaring records.

Item 24. Incorporation Procedures—California. Intended to show non-profit soaring clubs the way to incorporate, with specific details for the state of California.

Item 30. Film Library List, as printed in the September-October,

1957, issue of SOARING, with rules governing use of the films. Request from Walter B. Hausler, 67 Fisher Rd., Rochester 11, N.Y.

ACCIDENT REPORTS

All pilots are reminded of their obligation to report any aircraft accident to the C.A.A. where there is injury or damage estimated to exceed \$100.00. C.A.R. Part 62 covers these requirements. In addition, a report of each sailplane accident or incident should be submitted to the chairman of SSA's Flying Safety Subcommittee. This is important if others are to profit from the experience gained from each accident and to help establish more realistic insurance rates for soaring activities. Make SSA reports verbally or in writing to your SSA Governor or directly to the chairman:

Joseph M. Robertson
11024 S. E. 27th Place
Bellevue, Washington

UPGRADES

Subscribers and Associates may be interested to know that they can upgrade or convert to a higher grade of membership at any time to obtain the added benefits that have been recently inaugurated. Subscribers should note that their action should be taken by March 31st in order for their names to be included in the Directory. Those expiring in June need send in only 50c to upgrade to Associate status or \$3.00 to become a full Member. December expirations can upgrade to Associate for \$1.00 and to full Members for \$6.00. Associates expiring in June can become full Members for \$2.50 while those expiring in December must pay \$5.00. The Society needs such support and feels that the services and benefits constantly being added will make the added investment well worth while.

CENSUS - ACTIVITY REPORT

Another reminder for all sailplane owners to complete the forms sent to them for the census and 1957 activity report. If you own a sailplane, or are building one, and did not get a form or need another, please advise the Executive Secretary at Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, California.

SOARING MAGAZINE

Every effort is being made to get SOARING magazine back on schedule as soon as possible. To do this, the next few bi-monthly issues will appear nearly monthly so that by May 1st, the May-June issue should be ready to mail. That issue is expected to contain the 1957 Accident Survey and the rules for the 1958 Annual U. S. National Soaring Competitions. The March-April issue will feature the Torrey Pines Meet, descriptions of two new French sailplanes, "Cross-Country in Nevada," an article on the present and future line of Schweizer sailplanes, and for sure the article on FAI Awards rules and procedures that has been scheduled for each of the last two issues.

The Board of Directors has decreed that the magazine will have more how-to-do-it articles. This is a good idea and such articles should fill the needs and desires of many readers. However, we do not have a stock of them to draw from so they must come from the readers who have been doing the doing. Each such article represents a lot of creative work on the author's part. Anyone who has developed some simple, inexpensive way to do or make something dealing with soaring is earnestly requested to put it in writing, with descriptive illustrations and photographs, and submit it for publication. Efforts of this nature represent significant contributions to the sport and are very rewarding.

Another type of article that has been lacking is the technical kind. Persons so inclined should work up studies they have made, or will make, in brief, easy to understand fashion for the benefit of others in the field. Without scientific and technical articles, readers will get the impression that soaring is strictly a sport, which we know is not true.

Comments have been made, and the editor has been aware of the fact, that activities in California have been receiving predominant coverage in SOARING. Perhaps this is because contributors are easier to reach and more cooperative in that state. Then, too, California has year-round soaring conditions, one-fourth of all the sailplanes in the U. S., and the fastest growing SSA membership. Regular contributions from other areas of the country would be more than welcome, along with an "East Words" column, etc. The editor of a magazine of this nature is quite at the mercy of the contributors. Be assured that there is no bias involved.