

# SSA NEWS

## E. M. G. A. M. WINNERS

The end of the E. M. G. A. M. contest brought a flurry of new Members just prior to the March 31st deadline. When tallies were counted, John W. Williams of San Diego, California was declared the winner. John had a total of 15¼ equivalent members to his credit, most of them from his club, AGCSC, Ltd. John has been awarded a Life Membership in SSA and will also receive a copy of the book "Soaring Pilot" and a gold SSA lapel button.

Runner up was Howard Burr of Elmira, New York, who also had fertile ground to harvest in EASC. Howie was responsible for 13¼ Members. In a very gracious gesture, Howie has transferred the Life Membership he won for this effort to that long time friend of soaring in the Elmira area, Mr. Earl Southee. Mr. Southee was an early President of SSA, many time Contest Director of the Elmira Nationals and recipient of the Warren E. Eaton Memorial Trophy in 1955.

Winner of the Peravia barograph that was donated by Dave Stacey as a third place prize was Julien J. Audette of Regina, Sask., Canada. Julien is to be commended for his efforts on behalf of SSA in a foreign, though neighboring country. He signed up a total of 12 Members.

Fourth place went to C. Lee Rosche while Harold P. Bovenkerk, Robert L. Moore and Alan H. Schmid tied for fifth.

As a result of the efforts of these and many other SSA Members, the SSA voting membership is now over

1000. If we do not slacken our drive to continue the expansion of SSA membership, it will not be long at all before our original goal of doubling it will be met.

## NEW LIFE MEMBER

George E. Cavaiani of Miami Springs, Florida, has added his name to the ranks of SSA Life Members. His membership, together with the two awarded as prizes in the E. M. G. A. M. contest, makes a total of 39 in that category. George is an active soaring pilot who owns a Schweizer 1-23D. He first joined the Society in 1955, earned C no. 1225 that year in Schweizer's 1-26, Silver C no. 240 early in 1956 in his own ship in Florida, and Gold C no. 52 with diamond goal in the 1956 Nationals at Grand Prairie, Texas. As one of Fritz Compton's airline pilot converts, George is indeed a valuable asset to the sport and SSA.

## MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

The recently inaugurated SSA newsletter, mailed bi-monthly to all voting members, is being very well received. As fill-ins between issues of SOARING, they go a long way toward satisfying the desires of most soaring enthusiasts to keep up with what's going on in SSA and the sport of soaring. Many items and tid-bits, for which there is not space in SOARING or which are not appropriate for the general magazine reader, are covered in a concise, fast moving manner. If you are not on the mailing list for these newsletters, it is because you are not a full Member of SSA. It is a simple matter to upgrade; try it, with the realization that you are adding valuable support to the national organization.

## SSA REGIONAL MEETINGS

Members should be thinking about planning and attending SSA regional membership meetings between now and the Nationals. The purpose of such meetings is to emphasize the recently created 12 SSA regions and the regional representation the Members have on the SSA Board of Directors. Possible agenda items for the August 7th Board meeting should be discussed and transmitted to the Regional Directors involved for consideration by the Board. The SSA Governors and Regional Directors will be organizing these meetings some time in June or July so expect to hear from them for details of meeting time and place in your area.

## NATIONALS DAILY BULLETIN SERVICE

A daily bulletin service is being offered by the organizers of the 1958 Nationals, similar to the one provided by SSA last year. Subscription fees are \$1.00 for first class mail service and \$1.50 for air mail service. This will bring a bulletin for each contest day giving daily and cumulative standings and a description of the day's soaring and other activity. Mail your order now, with remittance made out to the Bishop Chamber of Commerce, 236 N. Main St., Bishop, California. Don't depend on newspaper coverage or word of mouth rumors on Meet progress. Get the facts straight from contest headquarters every day. Send your dollar now.

## 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 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



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