

SSA NEWS

SEASONS GREETINGS

Since this is the last issue of SOARING to appear before the big annual holiday season, we would like to take this opportunity to extend most cordial greetings for Christmas and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year of soaring endeavor to all of our readers; from the Editor, SSA staff, Officers and Directors.

ELECTIONS - VOTE!

Nominations for the positions of seven SSA Regional Directors in six of the SSA regions have been concluded. Election ballots will be mailed to all voting members in these regions on December 1st. Vote! It is one of the most valuable benefits you receive as an SSA Member. For the regions which are allotted only one Regional Director, it is an opportunity that occurs only once every three years. This year, 70% of the voting membership is involved. Results of the elections will be published late in December in Members' Newsletter #7 and in the Jan.-Feb. issue of SOARING.

1959 NATIONALS

The site and sponsor for the 1959 Annual U. S. National Soaring Competitions will be determined by the SSA Directors from bids submitted to the SSA Contest Board by December 1st. Results should be known in time for announcement in Members' Newsletter #7 at the end of December and will be repeated in the Jan.-Feb. issue of SOARING. The exact dates of the contest do not have to be fixed until six months prior to when it will be. Notice of the dates will be made as soon as possible after they are known in order that vacation time can be arranged for by those who expect to attend.

The Southern California Soaring Association submitted a strong bid to sponsor the contest at El Mirage Field, in spite of the site having been at Bishop, California, in 1958. It is also understood that the Elmira Area Soaring Corporation intended to submit a winning bid. No rumors indicating that there would be contention to host the event in the mid-west have been forthcoming, but it is hoped that one or more capable groups there did bid so the Directors will have a good selection to choose from.

The 1959 National Soaring Champion will automatically be first pilot on the 1960 U. S. soaring team for the Internationals.

EXPIRATION NOTICE

The end of 1959, the last issue of SOARING for this year - time for over half of our readers to renew their SSA memberships. Renewal notices will be mailed early in December to all persons whose memberships expire on December 31, 1958. If the code after your name on your address label contains a 2, you are affected. Try to renew early in order to maintain an uninterrupted delivery of your SOARING's and, for Members, Newsletters. But, whether early or late, do renew and help continue the consistent growth of SSA. Another year like 1958 and we will be on a self-sufficient basis. Increased efforts in the coming year will bring SSA closer to the membership and provide more material and services to help those who are actively in soaring or trying to get started in it. Your participation is necessary.

SSA REGIONAL MEETINGS

SSA members throughout the country are again urged to get together with their SSA State Governors and SSA Directors during the next two months. Area or regional meetings could be organized for the purpose of airing the general soaring situation and making recommendations for the consideration of the Directors at their next meeting on January 31, 1959. If you are unable to attend any such meeting and have something to say on any subject, your Regional Directors are the ones to say it to by phone or mail. Don't be bashful, you can say a lot on just a postal card. Remember, SSA exists for its membership so needs the expression of opinions by the members in order to best serve them.

OLD SOARINGS NEEDED

SSA tries to maintain two complete sets of old SOARING's at different locations so that there may always be at least one in existence. One of the sets has been put into bound volumes and is complete. The second set needs the following two issues to be complete: July-August, 1945, and September-October, 1953.

If anyone has these issues and would like to donate or sell them to the Society, please write to the Executive Secretary.

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

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 28. Used Sailplanes For Sale List. Over 75 ships listed by type. N number, price and owner's name and address, as compiled from 1957 SSA census report forms, ads and owner's notices. Revised frequently.

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.