

Portmoak *hors concours* (for kicks). The team of Nick Goodhart and John Williamson won at Nympsfield, Sgt. Andy Gough, RAF, won at Dunstable and the team of W. Tonkyn and B. Davey won at Portmoak. The weather was quite poor at all sites but some creditable flights were made, including a number from Nympsfield of 181 miles.

CVSM TO MEET IN PARIS

CVSM, the FAI committee on soaring, will have its next meeting in Paris, France, sometime during March. SSA will be represented by Capt. Ralph S. Barnaby who is a vice president of the committee.

Agenda items include selection of the host and site for the 1960 World Soaring Championships and making final recommendations to FAI for recipients of Tissandier Diplomas for soaring and the Lilienthal Medal for 1958.

SAILPLANE CALENDARS

Persons interested in obtaining year around, wall-type inspiration may do so for \$1.00 which will bring them a 9½" x 13" 1959 wall calendar featuring a large, different sailplane photo for each month. The calendar is the work of Lt. Cdr. Ted Sharp, editor of the Southern California Soaring Association's THERMAL and SSA Treasurer, as an SCSA project to help pay off the balance owned on SCSA's 1-26. Copies may be ordered from Ted at 4624 Placidia Av., North Hollywood, Calif.

The calendars have been such a success that plans are being made to issue them next year as an SSA project. They make excellent gifts and are just the thing to have placed at airports and other locations where potential soaring enthusiasts will see them.

CANADIAN NEWS

The Edmonton Soaring Club "wound up" a very successful year's operation with its first annual banquet on Dec. 17th in Edmonton's Cathayan restaurant. About 40 pilots, wives and lady friends attended.

After the supper, club president Ed Cymbal talked briefly on some of the highlights that made the soaring season so successful. Although no significant financial surplus was evident, the club has no debts. Thanks were given to all those who had contributed to the success of the club. Special thanks were given to Dan Hemsworth and Dave Harrington of Wetaskiwin, who provided the airport and facilities for the soaring operation. Following this talk, Chris Falconar gave a summary of the year's training program climaxed by the presentation of three international FAI C badges for soaring proficiency. Recipients were Ed Cymbal, Ross Grady and Ken Lewandowski. The C certificates and badges are issued by the Soaring Association of Canada in Ottawa for the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, the world governing body for flying records and awards.

Ed Cymbal then introduced the guests, Peter Walker, Regional Supt. of Air Regulations for the Federal Department of Transport (D.O.T.), and David Harrington of Airspeed Ltd., Wetaskiwin.

Later in the evening, Edmonton comedian Floyd Bracket put on a most amusing and well applauded show.

Member's Projects

Two more Cherokee II gliders are under construction by Ivan Horvath, Leo Csizsarik, Lorant Fazekas and Luis Lutyte. As a couple of these enthusiasts do not understand English too well, the plans were translated to Hungarian — probably the only set available in a language other than English!

Club members are also doing some repair and maintenance work on both club ships, the TG-2 and BG-6.

Don McLaughlin and Chris Falconar are engaged in building a BG-12A. This is actually a company project (Falconar Aircraft Maintenance) which will serve as demonstrator for BG-12A's to be finished here for sale.

—C. B. Falconar

SOARING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Items listed in bold face type are to be sanctioned by SSA.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1, SSA Board of Directors Meeting, Denver, Colo.

Feb. 21-22, 13th Annual Pacific Coast Midwinter Soaring Championships, Torrey Pines Gliderport, San Diego, Calif.

March, CVSM Meeting, Paris, France.

April 17-18, Third National Conference on Aviation Education, Mission Inn, Riverside, Calif.

May 9-18, British National Soaring Championships, Lasham Soaring Center, Alton, Hants., England.

May 24, Alberta Soaring Contest, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada. (43 mi. S. of Edmonton.)

May 29-31, Memorial Day Soaring Meet, Columbia Basin Soaring Ass'n., Vista Field, Kennewick, Wash.

Mid-June, Soaring Contest, Taft, California.

July 1-10, 26th Annual U. S. National Soaring Competitions, Harris Hill, Elmira, N. Y.

July, U. S. National Model Airplane Championships, California.

Sept. 5-7, Labor Day Weekend Soaring Meet, Chicagoland Airport (on Rte. 45, 3.8 mi. N. of Wheeling, Ill.).

ITEMS FOR CALENDAR

This is the time of year when soaring clubs and organizations decide on their program of activity for the coming soaring season. It would be a great help to everyone in their vacation planning if the dates of all soaring contests, meets, regattas and open houses could be determined as soon as possible and published in SOARING's calendar of events for the March-April issue. Conflicts in the scheduling of events could also be noted and resolved in time for all concerned to receive proper notice.

There are many seemingly annual events that have occurred fairly regularly over the past years but with different people in charge of each organization each year, it cannot be assumed that they will be repeated. So please notify SSA as soon as the details of your event have been decided upon.

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