

SSA NEWS

DIRECTORS TO MEET

One of the semiannual meetings of the SSA Board of Directors will be held in Elmira, New York, on June 30, 1959, the day before the National Soaring Competition begins. Although it is to be a short, one day session, the agenda will be a full one. Important items to be considered include the following:

Election of officers for 1960.

Election of five Directors-at-Large for calendar year 1960.

Consideration of providing for a second category of formal affiliation with SSA that will make it more attractive for large organizations to become affiliated.

Receive and review reports of officers and committee chairmen. These will include the Treasurer's summary of SSA's financial status, the Election and Allocations Committee's survey of membership distribution (possibly indicating a few changes in Regional Director allocations to be in order), the Publications Committee's projects, etc.

The results of the Board meeting should appear in next month's issue of SOARING.

1959 DIRECTORY PUBLISHED

The 1959 SSA Soaring Directory has recently been published and mailed to all voting members of the Society. Its 72 pages list SSA Officers, Directors and State Governors, details on the 96 soaring clubs in the U.S., a map showing the location of the clubs and SSA regional bounda-

ries, world and U.S. national soaring records, U.S. holders of F.A.I. soaring badges (Silver C and above), and the complete SSA membership roster as of March 18, 1959. The size is 5 x 8½ inches again, handy for carrying along as an aid in contacting other soaring enthusiasts when away from home.

Distribution is limited to SSA members only. Voting members receive free copies, Associates and Student Members may purchase them for \$2.00 each. Members are requested to prevent their copies from being misused as a mailing list for commercial purposes not connected with soaring.

NEW "SOARING IN AMERICA"

The SSA Publications Committee announces a new edition of the "Soaring in America" booklet. Intended as an illustrated description of American soaring and the SSA, its 18 pages contain many photographs of the best-known sailplanes. The text dwells on such subjects as What is Soaring?, What Keeps Them Up?, Can I Do It?, How Much Does It Cost?, How Can I Get Into Soaring?, Gliding and Soaring Clubs, the SSA, and F.A.I. soaring badge requirements.

The cover features a photo of Pete Bowers, the main author of the text, soaring his 1-26 over the Columbia River basin. Copies are 5½ by 8½ inches and are priced at 15 cents each. Soaring clubs may obtain quantities of ten or more for 10 cents each. Every soaring enthusiast should have a copy to help explain soaring to the uninitiated.

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 soaring 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. New equipment only.

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 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 1958 SSA census report forms, ads and owner's notices. Revised frequently.

Item 30. Film Library List, with rules governing use of the films. Request from Walter B. Hausler, 67 Fisher Rd., Rochester 11, N.Y.

Wade Steinruck of Spring Valley, Calif. (near San Diego), ready for take-off in his SCS-1 sailplane. Eight years a'building as an original design (with help from Al Cordas), this ship made its first flights early this year. Of all metal construction with excellent workmanship, it has a span of 42 ft. (6 ft. center section), wing area of 132 sq. ft., aspect ratio of 13.4 length of 17.5 ft., empty weight of 300 lb and gross weight of 550 lb. Dive breaks are plates in aft hatch fairing that hinge out over wings.

Photo: Rose Marie Licher

