

CLUB NEWS

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Aeronaut Soaring Club

The Aeronauts, of Southern California, seem to be a soaring club made up of private owners, most of whom got interested in soaring through their club activities. The Club ship, a TG-3, is presently being recovered. A group of three of the members - Bud Mears, Ray Proenneke and Jim Meckoll own an L-K which they keep very busy. Bud Mears recently purchased a 1-26 from Gabby Hansen of NCSA to add another ship to the list. Also, a number of other members have sailplanes under construction. This group is a good example of how club activity is the foundation for more individual soaring interests and growth.

Aeronautical Engineering Society, Inc., M.I.T. Glider Club A Chapter of SSA

The M.I.T. Club now has another regular instructor - famous woman pilot and record holder, Betsy Woodward, who is working at Arthur D. Little Company in Cambridge, Mass. The Club is now an SSA Chapter, in order to take advantage of the SSA insurance program to insure their Schweizer 2-22. A tow car has been acquired and operations have begun at Jacque Istel's airport at Orange, Mass. The airport has three runways arranged as a triangle. On one runway will be gliders, on another will be drag races and on the third will be radio-controlled model airplanes. 2000 parachute jumps are scheduled for the center area this summer! Jacque is Executive Vice-President of the Parachute Club of America.

The Albatross Soaring Club A Chapter of SSA

The newest club in the Chicago area is the Albatross Soaring Club. With eleven very active members meeting at least once a week this group should really grow into something big. At the present they are recovering a member's 1-19 and expect to buy a two-place Cinema for

training purposes. The flying will be done off of Dick Granger's private field just north of Kankakee. Dick already owns a 1-26. These fellows really have the bug and are loaded with enthusiasm already. Those that do not have a glider rating are spending every other Sunday morning in preparation for the written as well as getting familiar with the general flying rules of this country. At least three different foreign countries are represented in this group. Winch tows will be their method of launching and several of the group are already working on building a winch.

Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California, Ltd.

The Second Annual Easter Vacation Soaring Camp was held at Skylark Field, Elsinore, and resulted in FAI badge legs for some and lots of fun and good flying for all. Bud Wemple flew the AGCSC 1-26 but had already earned his Silver C duration and altitude gain the week before. During the Soaring Camp, Don Hamilton earned his Silver C altitude and Dorothea Shultz earned her Silver C duration and altitude, both in the AGCSC 1-26. Helen Dick flew her L-K to Palm Springs (about 50 miles) to complete her Silver C badge. She also took the altitude record for the week at Elsinore - 9200 feet. By the way, Helen and Dorothea are both active tow pilots for the San Diego Club and Dorothea is also an airplane flight instructor.

AGCSC, with the Convair Glider Club giving a strong assist, is sponsoring the Southern California Spring Soaring Contest at Skylark Field in Elsinore on two weekends - May 16 and 17 and May 30 and 31. The contest will be sanctioned by SSA and will consist of four cross-country events - two open days and two task days - with scoring as in the 1958 National Contest. Awards will be given for first and second place cumulative totals and also prizes for the first, second and third place in each day's flying. In addition, an award will be given to the highest two-place scorer and to the ship with highest total points flown by two or more pilots.

Boeing Glider Club

On February 1st, Priscilla Hylton completed her first solo flight in the

club TG-3 at Arlington, Wash. Her training has been strictly glider, her first flight being 23 minutes on an air tow. She was very lucky because this was Sunday and the Cascade Club was flying too, hence she had to buy coffee for both clubs. Other new solo pilots this year are George Loeffers, Al Wilson and Frank Woodward.

Buckeye Glider Club

All collegiate glider clubs seem to have their difficulties and the Buckeye Glider Club at Ohio State University is no exception but they seem to have found a way to get around some of their problems. They could not operate from the OSU Airport and so moved to Marion Municipal Airport. To operate from there is was necessary to open the club to non-students. Then the University would not recognize the club with the non-students. To get around this the club wrote two new constitutions:

1. Buckeye Glider Club Constitution - This took care of students and non-students alike. The equipment is all in BGC's name and they collect for the flight charges. Anyone can hold an office and anyone can join. (The BGC was originally student controlled.)

2. The Ohio State University Glider Club Constitution - The students have their own officers. These officers are not necessary for flight operations but satisfy University requirements, permitting students to participate in inter-collegiate meets and advertize on campus. Both clubs meet at the same time and share the same mail box on campus.

Chicago Glider Club

The Chicago Glider Club announces their officers for this year as follows: Pres., Dick Hawker; V. Pres., Harold Jensen; Operations Chief, Galen Asher; Secretary, Kit Drew; and Treasurer, Bob Hupe.

The Club is interested in finding a replacement engine for their L-5 (185 or 190 H.P.). An Air Force overhauled and pickled engine is just about what they have in mind.

Columbia Basin Soaring Ass'n. A Chapter of SSA

The soaring pilots of Richland, Washington, recently met at the home of Tom Clark and decided to organize formally into the Columbia Basin Soaring Association. During the meeting, Ed McClanahan was elected president and Jim Hard was elected secretary-treasurer. The club