

SSA NEWS

ELECTIONS COMING UP

All voting members of SSA in regions 1, 2, 5, 6, 11 and 12 are reminded that they will be electing new Regional Directors soon and should be thinking about who they would like to represent them for the next three years. Each of the listed regions will elect one Regional Director: except 12, which will elect two. The areas involved include California, Nevada and all states east of the Mississippi River except Wis., Ill., Ind., No. N.Y. and W. Pa.

Nomination ballots will be sent out in November. Each voting member may nominate one voting member from his region for each vacancy. Persons who receive three or more nomination votes will have their names on the election ballots, although write-in votes are permitted. Get behind your "favorite son" candidate to ensure his name appearing on the ballot. Election ballots will be mailed out in December. Results of the election should be made known before January 1st.

SSA TREASURER RESIGNS

LCdr. Ted Sharp, SC, USN, who has been SSA Treasurer for the past year resigned effective Sept. 30, 1959. He turned the books and accounts over to Bertha Ryan of Santa Monica, Calif., Treasurer-elect.

Ted leaves the Los Angeles area on Nov. 1, 1959, for sea duty, serving as Supply Officer, on the Staff of Commander, Carrier Division THREE, presently in the USS Bon Homme Richard.

SSA SOARING CALENDAR

The SSA Soaring Calendars will soon be ready for distribution to organizations, clubs and individuals. The calendar features 12 fine photographs of sailplanes flown in the United States.

Cost of the calendars are \$1.00 each, but clubs and organizations may purchase these calendars in lots of 25 or more for 50 cents each and resell them for \$1.00, thus raising funds for their pet projects, purchase of equipment, paying off their sailplane, etc. They also make excellent Christmas presents of modest cost. Try selling them to power pilots and others around the local airports. They will stimulate interest in soaring.

Place your order now with the Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

TEAM FUNDS NEEDED

Fund raising plans are now under way to help defray the expenses of the U.S. team's participation in the 1960 World Soaring Championships, to be held in West Germany next June. Paul A. Schweizer, chairman of the SSA International Team Subcommittee is coordinating these activities. Individuals wishing to contribute should make their checks payable to "SSA International Fund" and send them to Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

REBATE CHECKS MAILED

Checks totalling \$318.00 were mailed in October to 13 SSA Chapters as their annual partial SSA dues rebate. Chapters with 100% voting members and Student Members of SSA are qualified for this rebate of \$2.00 per Member and \$3.00 per Family Membership.

If your club was not one of the 13 you should consider having it become an SSA Chapter. Other major benefits of such status include qualification to insure club-owned sailplanes under SSA master policies and reduced contest sanction fees.

ASH CHAPTER AVAILABLE

At long last orders can be taken for the first chapter of the American Soaring Handbook, on aero towing, which is now being printed. It is available at the attractive price of seventy-five cents per copy from the Executive Secretary's Office, P.O. Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

This Chapter, written by Tom Page with collaboration by Gus Briegleb, Steve Bennis, Howie Burr, Joe Robertson, Art Millay and Guy Storer, was edited by Alice and Bill Fuchs. The layout work has been done by Lee Smith of the Industrial Design Department, Syracuse University. Illustrations were drawn by Gene Planchak, and Frank Severy, Jr., of Pasadena Lithographers supervised the printing.

The Publications Committee and President Doc Selvidge have spared no effort to make this publication a worthy contribution of the SSA to soaring. Additional chapters covering subjects such as radio for sailplanes, auto and winch towing, training programs, and other phases of soaring are already in the process of preparation and should be forthcoming in the next few months.

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.