

CLUB NEWS

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Antelope Valley Soaring Club A Chapter of SSA

The AVSC practised up for sponsoring the West Coast Soaring Competition, held at El Mirage over Labor Day, by co-sponsoring the Air Fair at El Mirage over the Fourth of July weekend. This affair was a huge success and in spite of El Mirage being 100 miles from Los Angeles, approximately 1000 cars and 200 airplanes visited during the weekend. The opportunity to show soaring to all these spectators was not missed and many believe the soaring part of the Fair far outshone the Experimental Aircraft part.

The Club has added Schweizer 1-26 #100 to its fleet of two TG-3's. This flashy white and gold ship arrived in time for the West Coast Competition and promises to bring many hours of soaring enjoyment to the members of AVSC.

Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California, Ltd.

The AGCSC statistics for the month of June are as follows: 200 members, two private glider licenses issued (Bud Wemple and Ronald Delp), two commercial glider licenses issued (Howland Quimby and Dorothea Shultz).

Central Texas Glider Council

Sunday, July 26th, was a BIG day at Georgetown. The Club's very own Stinson L-5 tow-plane is finished and flying! Thanks to Ned Snead, Bill Young, and several others who have worked so hard on this project! The weather was just right. The Flying Dutchman L-K made the first flight of the day, taking a student from the University of Texas for a dual instruction flight. A good thermal was found at about 1200 feet, where they released tow, and were at 4000 ft. in 6 minutes. The student got an hour of dual instruction. It *looked* like they flew to Austin, Lake Travis and up to Eddy (they modestly admitted

turning a few miles short of those turn points).

Speaking of modesty — Ned Snead, Georgetown July 4th contest ace, commented, "Oh, it was fun, but there wasn't much to it!" after soaring the 1-19 to 5700 feet, cruising from one cloud to another, and flying all around the L-K and TG-3 for an hour and a half! All this with the canopy off . . . He finally came down because the "whole cockpit got full of cold air." He won the Fourth of July contest, soaring to his goal on two days when almost everyone else fell out of the sky. Even for a Chief Flight Instructor, these are examples of superior somethin'-or other besides luck!

Chicagoland Glider Council

During the month of June the longest flight (161 miles) was made by Jensen, highest altitude (8500 feet) by Johnson and best duration (2 hours) by K. Drew. On June 7th there were two Silver C altitude legs earned at Chicagoland Airport— by Bob Gaulke and Charlie Flaglor. The outstanding flight of that day was Bob Hupe's, his first cross-country. Bob left Prosperi with Aurora as his goal, but arrived early over his home there and then headed for Rockford. After making Rockford with ease he headed back, and managed to get as far as Sycamore Airport. This flight lasted for six and one half hours and a total of 150 miles flown. Congratulations to Bob on this flight and for earning two legs of his Silver C.

Long Island Soaring Ass'n., Inc.

The first picnic of 1959 was really a fine feast and a grand time was had by the 35 people that attended. The food was really delicious and a Gourmet's delight. Anyone who went away not completely stuffed was just exhibiting his willpower, and there weren't many in this category.

The club 1-26's made 25 flights during June. Harry McDiarmid was checked out in one of them. No. 1 1-26 was at Wurtsboro for the month of July and then was scheduled to attend the Philadelphia Glider Council Open House.

Nevada Soaring Ass'n. Inc.

The soaring weather in the Reno area has been exceptional in recent months. Members fly the club sailplanes from the dry lake north of

Stead Air Force Base using a club owned Buick for auto tow. Ridge soaring has been excellent and there has been good thermal soaring.

Ralph Grinnell and Walt Lockhart moved from Nevada to California this Spring. The club has greatly missed them and has enjoyed having them come back on several weekends for soaring. Walt demonstrated the TG-3A at the Susanville Air Show in June. He put on a wonderful show, soaring in the vicinity of the airport for over an hour and reaching more than 10,000 feet several times in good thermals.

Ed Blalock has logged a lot of hours in his brand new Nimbus by moving his trailer to the dry lake and flying weekday evenings as well as weekends. He has made some elegant flights, including one X-C to Gerlach, Nevada, a town 110 road miles north of Reno. His enthusiasm is contagious and he finds time to help the new members as much as he can.

Harry Green soloed in July. He is the second member without power experience to learn to fly in the Reno area. The first member to do so, Ralph Grinnell, now has his private glider pilot certificate.

Ben Moore has been grounded all year by an old leg injury. All the members are pulling for the old break to heal properly so he can get back in action. Action in the air, they mean, as he has remained one of the most active members otherwise.

Rochester Soaring Club, Inc.

The best soaring during May and June occurred on June 6th at Batavia, when all three of the club ships were in the air at one time. Cid Carvalho flew the 1-26, John Seymour and James Dutton were flying the 2-22, and Alex Bilaniuk and Ed Seymour were in the TG-3. The Waco was not finished and Howard Weissleader had arranged with the Middlesex Valley Flying Club to borrow their Stearman for the first four days of operation at Batavia. This was a real Club operation and all the ships made at least a 2000 foot altitude gain. This was also the Tenth Anniversary of the first Rochester Soaring Club flight, and the Club was celebrating.

There are eleven pilots checked out in the 1-26 so far. Don and Gretchen Ryon, Allan Melendy, Howard Weissleader, Seymour Hesch, Cid Carvalho, Kai Gertsen, Irving Wischmeyer, John and Ed